

**MINUTES September 19, 2024, 5:30-7:00 pm**  
**Citizens' Climate Lobby –1912 Center Fiske Room, Moscow** or via Zoom  
(Zoom link and contact info for individuals mentioned below are at the end of this Agenda)

**Introductions**

Krystal Fairfax, Paul Spencer, Simon Smith, Mary Dupree, Judy Meuth, Brooklyn Cousins, Marilyn Von Seggern, Azdren Coma, Mac Cantrell, Bill Engels, Shannon Scott, Leonard Garrison, Trish Hartzell, Kyle Yoshida, Bill Voxman, Margaret Davis, Malcolm Anderson, Trish Carter-Goodheart

**Values Statement:** We are committed to creating a consensus for and the steps needed to achieve fair, effective, and enduring climate change policies, and to a process that is inclusive, non-partisan, and respectful of diverse points of view.

**Announcements**

- An assessment of the Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024, which has been introduced in Congress. Some worries that it may not have impact have been countered by modeling that shows it will reduce US carbon emissions by up to 25% by 2050.  
<https://community.citizensclimate.org/groups/discuss/viewtopic/1773/1810/37641>
- CCL's free online Sept 20-21 online Inclusion Conference  
<https://community.citizensclimate.org/events/item/23/15792>
- New Yale Climate Communications Survey results  
<https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/publications/voters-reasons-to-reduce-gw/>
  - Yale Climate Communication project does surveys every 5 yrs or more often. Since 2017, people have changed their reasons for dealing with global warming; currently the top reason is to improve the future for kids and grandkids, the 2<sup>nd</sup> is to prevent extreme weather events, the 3<sup>rd</sup> is preventing destruction of most life on the planet and 4, saving species from extinction.
- New CCL-P website
  - Working on local chapter website with Joe Pallen. Someone is needed to look at it before it goes live.
- The state CCL chapter Zoom meeting Sept 26<sup>th</sup> features speaker John Connor on Idaho agriculture issues. Mac will notify those who sign up about how to link to the meeting.

**Successes**

**Election Season Activities**

- **Guests: candidates for ID Legislative District 6 Trish Carter-Goodheart and Lori McCann**
  - Lori was unable to attend because of a family emergency.
  - Trish attended via Zoom near the end of the meeting and spoke about:
    - Extreme weather events
    - Agriculture is being affected by climate change
    - Transition to solar is important
    - Need resilient agriculture
    - Need to be less dependent on fossil fuels and therefore affected by volatile energy costs
    - Need to protect future generations
    - Clean energy development can provide sustainable green jobs
    - Noted that farmers are seeking aid from the Emergency Draught Relief fund regularly now.
- **No on WA I-2117 Campaign—Judy**  
Now doing phone banking and postcarding  
Will be canvassing (volunteers welcome)  
Judy can deliver a yard sign

Gisell will post on social media

### **No on WA 2066? Judy**

Initiated by Brian Heywood (as was I-2117), WA I-2066 stops incentives for electrification in the Puget Sound area and would repeal current law to hasten transition from natural gas to electricity. WA State CCL is considering taking a position opposing 2066.

**Environmental Voter Project** (at <https://www.environmentalvoter.org/>) organizes phone banking targeting environmentalists to encourage them to vote in favor of environmental and climate action.

### **Sign Waving**

In WA would it be more effective to wave signs that say no on I-2117 and in ID wave signs that say vote climate? Not clear that this would be effective in ID. In WA, start by Oct 18 when WA ballots are available. Simon has signs.

### **Questions for Candidate Forums**

What do you feel about the effects of climate change on your community? Is there a place in legislature for addressing these concerns? Other questions could include the effect on tourism, e.g. the closing of rafting on the Salmon River. In LTE's and forums, avoid giving anti-climate action groups fuel against candidates who we know are our allies. A number of WA candidates are too busy for one-on-one meetings; events are not planned out or hard to find.

### **Ongoing Palouse CCL Initiatives and Actions**

- **Lobbying Congress--**
  - Ian (Senator Risch), Mac (Senator Crapo, ID), Judy (Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers)
- **Carbon Pricing and Cash-back** – Margaret Davis (lead)
- **Building Electrification and Efficiency**—Mary DuPree and Mac Cantrell (leads)
- **Urban Forests**—Leonard Garrison (lead)
  - Bill Voxman welcomes volunteers for a spring planting project. Leonard is trying to join the Moscow Tree Commission. Bill Engels and others are still maintaining previous planting in Pullman.
- **Electric Transmission Permitting Reform:** write your MoC to support Permitting Reform Act <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/get-loud-take-action/permitting-reform/>
- **Pullman City** – Azdren Coma, Marilyn Von Seggern
  - Pullman's Environmental Resilience Commission has been around for 2 years. Recent disappointment regarding a planned survey in Pullman: sampling was going to be happening at the Lentil Fest. The City of Pullman stand was supposed to have QR code to the survey, but numerous bureaucratic barriers prevented this and further action. Pullman members of CCL-P had some suggestions to help the situation.
- **Moscow City** – Mary DuPree
  - Saving Green Columns – need ideas! Leonard – laundry. Judy reports positive comments.
- **Tabling** – Simon Smith
- **Outreach to rural communities** — Bill Voxman and Kathy Dawes
- **Publications** – Judy Meuth, Pete Haug (print); Website – Joe Pallen; Facebook—Margaret Davis
- **Social Media** – Gisell Zuniga
- **Presentations** - Judy

### **Continuing Individual Actions**

- Watch the monthly national call and guest speaker 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month on CCL Community
- Log actions on CCL's Action Tracker: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/actions/home> Send photos

and info about CCL and our activities to Margaret Davis and Gisell Zuniga

**Next meeting Oct. 17, 5:30-7, Community Congregational Church, 525 NE Campus Ave, Pullman**

### **COMMUNICATION SKILLS EXERCISE**

Practice asking a friend about their plan to vote: Voting conversation

**You: Hiya Sam. What's up? How are you feeling about the election?**

**Your friend: Hi Alice. I'm well, but I'm super busy and I haven't been watching TV. What's happening?**

**You: I've been busy too, but I'm excited to vote for climate forward candidates. Are you registered?**

**Your friend: I'm not sure. How would I find out?**

**You: You can check to see if you're registered at [vote.org](https://vote.org). And if you're not registered, you can get signed up there.**

**Your friend: Okay, [vote.org](https://vote.org), got it. But I've moved since the last election and I may want to vote by mail.**

**You: No problem. You can update your mailing address at [vote.org](https://vote.org) too. And if you change your mind about mailing your ballot, you can also find your polling place at [vote.org](https://vote.org).**

**Your friend: Awesome. I enjoy the excitement of voting in person when I have the time.**

**You: Be sure to decide before the vote-by-mail deadline (you can look that up on [vote.org](https://vote.org) as well). If you vote in person, I might see you there. I'm volunteering to be a 2024 poll worker for the first time!**

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