

## **MINUTES May 15, 2025, 5:30-7:00 pm - Citizens' Climate Lobby**

Fiske Room, 1912 Center, Moscow or via Zoom

(Zoom link and contact info for individuals mentioned below are at the end of these Minutes)

**Values Statement:** We are committed to working towards fair, effective, and enduring policies to address climate change, and to a process that is inclusive, non-partisan, and respectful of diverse points of view.

### **Introductions**

Simon Smith, Paul Spencer, Mary DuPree, Marilyn VonSeggern, Leonard Garrison, Bill Engels, Judy Meuth, Steve Flint, Kent Keller, Shannon Scott, Lynn Weaver, Karen Hansen, Margaret Davis.

### **Announcements**

- Thursday, May 22, 5 p.m. Pacific, Training on the [Foreign Pollution Fee Act](#) with Danny Richter
- Sunday, May 25, 2 p.m. CCL Palouse Chapter Walk (rescheduled) refreshments provided, Judy's Trail in Troy: [https://www.palouselandtrust.org/judys-trail?srsltid=AfmBOore4frTpK24XZw3agQfdnse9oyLsDEIq\\_5\\_MvhqmjcoFmg4laxc](https://www.palouselandtrust.org/judys-trail?srsltid=AfmBOore4frTpK24XZw3agQfdnse9oyLsDEIq_5_MvhqmjcoFmg4laxc)
  - CCL Idaho Statewide Call (Guest Speaker): Wednesday, May 28 5 PM Pacific Time. You don't have to be an Idaho resident to attend. Leonard will be sending out details.
- CCL National Conference and Lobby Day, July 21-22, Washington DC. Registration now open - early bird deadline May 15 - save \$50 and grab your lobby spot! <http://cclusa.org/summer>

### **Climate Activism 101 report — Simon**

Simon gave talks at Moscow High School. Information included a "Whodunit" on Exxon. Next week he will be doing the activism component with the MHS Environmental Club. Volunteers are welcome.

### **Building Electrification and Efficiency Initiative**

- Electrification Fair, Spring 2026? – Mary
  - Portland's Electrification Fair can be used as a model. Moscow's Sustainable Environment Commission has discussed same thing but has been unable to act on it because the city has limited staff time. The SEC supports the idea, but CCL-P would have to do the work. Al Poplawsky (member of the SEC) suggests doing it in the spring. Possible partners, who would exhibit, include hardware stores, contractors, HVAC installers, building stores, realtors, architects, and utilities, etc. We can do it for the whole Palouse. Both Moscow and Pullman Chambers of Commerce might be sponsors. The location needs to be central between Whitman and Latah Counties. This is an ambitious project, so we need commitment. On the consumer side, we would attract homeowners and renters. Different fairs have focused on different demographics. Games and other kids' activities would also be attractive. An organizing group meeting will be held at Mary's house on Monday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30.
- SunDay event (Bill McKibben), Sunday, September 21 2025 (EV show?) – Leonard
  - B McKibben wants to involve many community initiatives and encourages groups to have events on this day. An EV and electric mobility show was proposed. Local and regional car dealers from Spokane, Coeur d'Alene, and Lewiston would have a chance to show off their models. Ebikes – local shops would have them. Where to have it? Collaborate with PCEI? Their space has level 2 chargers. Leonard and Kent volunteered to coordinate this event.
- Battery Recycling Drive – Leonard (<https://www.redwoodmaterials.com>)
  - Boise chapter has done this. Battery manufacturers are having trouble finding rare earth minerals. The biggest source in the US is existing batteries, including EV batteries, computer and cell phone batteries, etc. Due to a Washington State initiative, Pullman Recycling accepts old computers, Ipads etc. Staples in Moscow also recycles. Moscow Recycling does not accept flashlight batteries. Newer power tools may have lithium, nickel, and cadmium. Resources for recycling batteries may already exist in our community. This information would be good for a Saving Green article. MDuPree will do some research. Redwood Materials (see link above) recovers rare earth minerals from recycled batteries.

### **Media Outreach**

Saving Green Column – Mary

The Moscow/Pullman Daily News recently published Leonard's column about driving habits that save energy. MDuPree will link Saving Green to the CCL-P Facebook page.

More ways to get the info out: Include something in waste bills? Water bills? Avista?

Letters to the Editor – Judy

Publications: Simon had letters published in the Whitman County Gazette and the Moscow-Pullman Daily News.

Reaching out to reporters – Judy.

National suggests contacting local media and offering the group as resources. For example, MPDN, NPR. KRFP will do an announcement every day for a year \$440 / year. They also may read letters on the air. Lee Robardes. Consider Argonaut and Evergreen and Idaho Capital Sun.

Volunteers to initiate contact:

Daily News – Mary

NWPB – Bill

KRFP – Lynn

ID Capitol Sun - Margaret

### **Legislative Update – Leonard**

Defending the IRA <https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/566>

House committees have finished their markups in the budget reconciliation process. Markups mean that the reconciliation committees put in details of their budget. Senate was supposed to start Tuesday. Republicans want to phase out IRA funds for clean energy, such as personal tax credits being canceled as of December 31 this year, and corporate ones being phased out. Now it all hinges on the Senate; if 4 republicans vote against, it doesn't pass. A lot of push-back. House Ways and Means Committee passed it still has to pass the full House. CCL has a TAKE ACTION button to send a message to your senators and representatives.

Fix Our Forests <https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/571>

CCL (national) is still in favor. The senate version is a little better, but there are still lots of problems with it. Groups opposed include Environment America, Friends of the Clearwater, and many other environmental groups. Supporters include CCL, Nature Conservancy, American Loggers Council, etc. There have been hearings in the Senate. A lot of land is national forest, and with the forest service staffing and funding cuts, who will oversee the prescribed cutting? One possibility is to suggest to Senators: make this whole act contingent on sufficient staffing.

Permitting Reform <https://community.citizensclimate.org/topics/clean-energy-permitting-reform>

Foreign Pollution Fee Act (see above)

### **Constituent Letters to Members of Congress (MOCs) – Judy**

How can we get more letters to MOCs re the IRA. Table info, letters to editor might elicit some.

### **National Actions from CCL**

- Developing a profile of each MOC – Judy
  - Especially new MOCs, but any or all. If you know something about your MOC that the liaison doesn't have, pass that info on. What is your MOCs knowledge about policy. What threat would they face for supporting climate action.

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

- **Lobbying Congress** - Ian (Senator Risch), Mac (Senator Crapo, ID), Judy (Rep. Baumgartner, WA)
- **National CCL Initiatives: local team leaders:**
  - **Carbon Pricing:** Carbon Border Adjustments— Margaret Davis (lead)
  - **Building Electrification and Efficiency**—Mary DuPree and Mac Cantrell (leads)
  - **Healthy Forests**—Leonard Garrison (lead)
  - **Permitting Reform**
- **Pullman City** –Marilyn Von Seggern
- **Moscow City** – Mary DuPree
  - Saving Green Columns
- **Tabling** – Simon Smith
- **Agriculture and rural issues**—Judy Meuth, Bill Voxman, Kathy Dawes
- **Publications** – Judy Meuth; Website – Joe Pallen; Facebook—Margaret Davis
- **Social Media** –

- **Presentations** – Simon Smith, Judy Meuth
  - Note: Simon won't be here for this year's Lentil Festival. Looking for people to coordinate CCLP's participation in the parade. Simon will lead similar effort for a July 4 parade!

### **Continuing Individual Actions**

- Watch the monthly national call on the 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

### **Next meeting June 19, 5:30-7, Community Cogregational Church, Pullman**

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85948476493?pwd=9oBlwOswUuteymndoJST9UonkX1Jj0.1>

Meeting ID: 859 4847 6493, Passcode: 939133

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcPzsxgRxy>