

MINUTES June 19, 2025, 5:30-7:00 pm - Citizens' Climate Lobby

Community Congregational Church, Pullman or via Zoom

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

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

Keith Anderson, John Trombold, Simon Smith, Steve Flynt, Kris Rollins, Bill Engels, Kent Keller, Mac Cantrell, Marilyn Von Seggern, Judy Meuth, Bill Voxman, Casey Detlaff, Caleb Cox, Rich Wesson, Sally Hamilton, Margaret Davis, Paul Spencer.

Caleb Cox spoke about his organization, National Write Your Congressman (nwyec.com). A nonpartisan organization since 1958, its mission is to encourage work to preserve freedoms and encourage representative government. They speak with organizations, businesses and individuals, encompassing all issues at the federal and state level. NWYC provides facts on any given bill and lets people decide, so people are informed and involved citizens.

Announcements

- New CCL Executive Director Ricky Bradley
- Wellness for All Fair, June 24, 4-7 pm, downtown Moscow. All kinds of wellness organizations. Judy and Simon will be present to talk about health effects of climate change.
- CCL National Conference and Lobby Day, July 21-22, Washington DC. Register and grab your lobby spot! <http://cclusa.org/summer> for trainings.
- SunDay Electric Vehicle and Transportation Fair, Sept 21, 12 noon – 3 pm, PCEI.

Successes – Publications! – Judy

- Nine LTEs and articles last month!
- Reaching out to reporters – Margaret (Idaho Capital Sun), Lynn, Bill E
 - At the last Idaho State CCL meeting they talked about doing this. Mac will send links to news to share with reporters.
 - Eric Odberg agreed to be interviewed.

Climate Activism 101 — Simon spoke about his presentations at Moscow High School to address climate anxiety. Activism: the anxiety antidote. For example, Exxon used to be a leader in climate research. Then they fired their scientists and tried to deny the bad news. We can take action to address climate disruption in lots of ways. A current paper in *Nature* discusses how to divide up liability, and now arguments have entered the legal arena. New sodium battery technology is promising because lithium is difficult to get. It is a heavy battery, not ideal for transport but charging speed and storage good for storing power from solar and wind. Other groups for these great presentations: possibly an SEL “university”.

Also, Simon is meeting with Pete Chittenden, Pullman Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, about the proposed CCL Electrification and Efficiency Fair.

Communication Exercise – Permitting Reform (near end of agenda) - Judy

Contacting our Members of Congress cclusa.org/take-action - Judy
We took a few minutes to contact our reps.

Trusted Messengers to Support July Lobby Day - Judy

Letters to the Editor for Clean Energy Tax Credits <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/blog/policy/ira-repeal-would-have-four-really-bad-consequences/> - Judy

Republican senators are key right now. Do we know trusted officials who might send a letter to say this is important for our areas?

SunDay Electric Vehicle and Transportation Fair – Kent: Leonard's been in the lead. The event will be at PCEI. Bike shops, EV dealerships are being contacted. May include vehicle rides and food. 12-3 on 9/21.

Building Electrification and Efficiency Initiative – Mac, Marilyn, Judy

Planning meeting July 2, 4:30pm, 320 Adams, Moscow

We need City of Moscow participation. Leonard is meeting with CoM's Sustainable Environment Commission July 15 6 PM at city hall. We also want to talk to people involved with installing heat pumps. Oscar Guzman has an HVAC company in Lewiston that installs heat pumps but they have so much work already they're too busy to participate. We need to find more contractors. Marilyn talked to the City of Pullman Environmental Sustainability Commission. Kelly Cooper is a new member of that commission. She said she would take our request to the Pullman group. Kent and Bill Voxman met with Paul Kimmel of Avista. He is very enthusiastic and sees supporting it as consistent with Avista's goals. Avista is already doing energy fairs aimed at efficiency. Some specific thoughts: combining an exhibitor/fair approach with a lot of businesses, breakout presentations about home electrification, EVs, etc. He recommended other contacts. When to get him to planning meeting? Mary and Leonard had several contacts including Home Depot and Moscow Building Supply. Judy contacted the WSU Department of Design. They're doing research on behavior with respect to energy efficiency and are interested in participating.

CCL Parade Participation – Simon will be gone this year for Lentil Fest. July 4 is the Johnson Parade. We need signs; we have frames. Do we have enough energy for both the Lentil Festival and the Johnson Parade? Simon will troll for participants.

Ongoing Palouse CCL Initiatives and Actions

- **Lobbying Congress** - Ian (Senator Risch ID), 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

Continuing Individual Actions

- Watch the monthly national call on the 3rd 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

Communication Exercise – PERMITTING REFORM

Friend: What's this I hear about "permitting reform?" And does CCL support it?

CCL Volunteer: Great question! Yes, we do support permitting reform. Basically, permitting is the process big energy projects go through to get government approval before construction. It's like needing a building permit for your house, but way more complex. Right now, **more than 90% of projects waiting for permits are clean energy like solar, wind, battery storage**, but the process is so slow that they're stuck in line for years.

Friend: But isn't permitting important for safety and the environment?

CCL Volunteer: Absolutely. Permits are there to protect us, but the system is outdated. It takes over four years just to complete some environmental reviews, and over a decade to build a new transmission line. That's too slow if we want to meet our goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The good news is, **smart reform can speed up good projects while still protecting communities and rejecting harmful ones faster.**

Friend: How does this help with climate change?

CCL Volunteer: If we don't build clean energy faster, we can't cut emissions fast enough. Plus, it improves air quality and can save tens of thousands of lives, especially in frontline communities. And it creates jobs, especially in rural areas where clean energy is being built.

Friend: So it's not just red tape removal then, it's a jobs, health and climate strategy?

CCL Volunteer: Exactly. And CCL's pushing for reforms that **speed up clean energy, boost transmission, and make sure communities get a say in what gets built.**

Next meeting July 17, 5:30-7, 1912 Center, Moscow

Join Zoom Meeting

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