

Minutes Oct 16, 2025, 5:30-7:00 pm - Citizens' Climate Lobby

Community Congregational Church, 525 NE Campus Avenue, 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.

Attending:

Judy Meuth, Mary Dupree, Simon Smith, Steve Flynt, Bill Engels, John Trombold, Kathy Prout, Margaret Davis

Announcements

- **CCL Fall Virtual Conference**, Nov. 15, 9 am – 2 pm PT : “[Sharper Than Ever: CCL's Next Chapter](#),” will dive into CCL's plans to push climate action forward more effectively, grounded in our values and guided by a new strategy.
- **CCL Lobby week, Nov. 17-21.**
[Fall 2025 Lobby Training #1: Primary & Secondary Asks](#) Thurs., Oct. 30, at 8 p.m. ET / 5 p.m. PT
[Fall 2025 Lobby Training #2: Legislative Plan Q&A](#) Mon., Nov. 3, at 1 p.m. ET / 10 a.m. PT
Potential lobbyists who haven't lobbied with CCL before must take [Climate Advocate Training Workshop](#), offered online on Sun., Nov. 2 at 11 a.m. PT.

With regard to the Lobby meetings Nov 17-21 there are several possibilities. If you want to serve on a lobby team, contact Judy (liaison for Rep. Baumgartner) or Ian Schlater (liaison for Sen. Risch). Teams can have several speakers and observers. We should know what the asks will be by the time training is available.

Judy will send out the URL for giving input into the new CCL strategy.

We won't be contacting our members of congress now, but the CCL Community Take Action page has a prompt to let Congress know that when the shutdown is over we'd like to visit. This link will also be in the post-meeting email.

- Palouse Basin Water summit oct 28 3-7 at the SEL event center in Pullman. The summit <https://palousebasinwatersummit.org/event> is free and open to the public.

By Oct 20, Take Action to Stop Voter Suppression. CCL's Homepage says, “Our Solution to Climate Change? Democracy.”

The US Election Assistance Commission (EAC) has been petitioned to make a voter registration rule change to require Americans to present specific, expensive government documents like passports or a state-issued Real ID-compliant driver's license indicating the applicant is a citizen to register to vote. An estimated 21 million citizens lack ready access to these documents. Until Oct 20, the EAC is taking public comments to gather input on whether they should adopt this rule change. To comment:

1. Go to this website to read about the rule: <https://www.regulations.gov/document/EAC-2025-0236-0001>
2. In the upper left corner of the page, click on the blue box labelled “Comment” and write your comments about whether the rule should be changed or not.

Electric Transportation Fair Debrief – A SUCCESS!

Informal count: approximately 200 attended.

4 dealerships were going to bring cars but only Chevy did. Approximately six privately-owned vehicles were also available. B&L bicycles brought many electric bike varieties. Credits to Leonard for doing much of the organizing!

Trusted Messengers to Meet with Members of Congress

For contacting members of congress, we should think about people who would be trusted messengers e.g. somebody in the same faith group, from the same home town. Rep. Baumgartner's dad was a forester at WSU. His mother was a kindergarten teacher, so someone in the public school system, he belongs to a Catholic church in Spokane, someone there. They could either be at the virtual meeting or create a phone video or write a letter. Other possibilities: candidates or current City Council members.

Statewide Media Managers

CCL has new positions in each state to coordinate/support media efforts of chapters. The SMM will help with social media, letter writing and Letters to the Editor workshops. The Washington SMM is Poonam Medberry, who would be happy to work with us. We don't know Idaho's SMM yet.

Communication Exercise – Getting to know your fellow activists (near end of agenda) - Judy

Energy Efficiency and Electrification Fair, April 4, 2026 – Mac, Mary, Judy

Planning meeting Nov 8, 3 pm, 622 East B Street, Moscow

We are currently in a holding pattern; the next step will be contacting contractors and businesses in late November. We will need to have the major pieces before we approach small businesses. The City of Moscow process is going slowly (Note: on Oct 17, Mac emailed that the city will be working with City staff members to determine how best to support the EEE fair and will be in touch next month. This shows they are taking time to figure out the best way to help, and that they will be finishing their decision process after the elections. This allows the new version of the Council that will exist when the fair occurs to be involved and it will still allow us to start approaching businesses before Thanksgiving.) In Pullman there was a productive meeting with Pete Chittenden who heads the Pullman Chamber of Commerce. Instead of a donation, the COC offered to sponsor the fair with an in-kind PR campaign. Each month the chamber identifies a business to promote on the air, so they will promote CCL's EEE Fair for the month previous. The chamber can also do in-kind radio ads.

If we want to get the City of Pullman to consider supporting the EEE, we could go to new administrator Sean Wells or meet individually with each councilor and mayor after briefing the city council.

Other Items:

- Two things happening with Pullman City government.
 1. The Environmental Resilience Commission climate action team had its 1st meeting although the person leading was called away. Steve is CCL's rep on the team. Next meeting in December.
 2. The city is reviewing its comprehensive plan. Marilyn is going through it for CCL and has suggestions. The process will probably go on until finalizing an updated plan near the end of 2026.
- John Trombold and Nathan South and three others testified at a hearing before the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission about Avista's request for Washington rate increases to cover its costs of getting rid of its shares of the Colstrip Power Plant. All five people testifying including one NRDC representative opposed the action. There was no media coverage.
- Bill and Kent met with the WSU Board of Regents virtually. They were the only 2 who spoke about WSU's investments in fossil fuels. Kent shared that he had evidence from his research that if we don't act on climate change it won't matter what else WSU does. Kent has gotten responses from two regents, including a student regent and he is organizing meetings with them .

Ongoing Palouse CCL Initiatives and Actions

- **Lobbying Congress** - Ian (Senator Risch 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, Steve Flint
- **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
 - Simon’s LTE in the MPDN 9/27: Folks, it’s not a hoax. Do not listen to the jokes, who say that climate is a hoax. But look at all the fire smokes. They choke our friends, and choke our folks.
 - Margaret’s LTE in the MPDN Sep 20 “The Costs of Idling”.
- **Social Media** –
- **Presentations** – Simon Smith, Judy Meuth. Judy will present in a WSU Public Administration and Policy class this month.

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

Next meeting Nov 20, 5:30-7, Fiske Room, 1912 Center, Moscow

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>