

MINUTES February 19, 2026, 5:30-7:00 pm - Citizens' Climate Lobby
Community Congregational Church, Pullman or via Zoom

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

Attending: Leonard Garrison, Shannon Scott, Kathy Prout, Margaret Davis, Simon Smith, Steve Flint, Kent Keller, Eric Wegner, and Bill Engels.

Announcements

- Moscow League of Women Voters: Leonard Garrison, "Climate Change: Global, National, State, and Local Perspectives," Wednesday, March 18, 12-1 p.m., Arts Workshop, 1912 Center, Moscow
- Energy Efficiency and Electrification Fair: Saturday, April 4, 11-3, Latah County Fair Events Center
 - spread the word: RSVP to Facebook event and share the flyer
 - volunteer to help distribute flyers about two weeks before the event and run the event on April 4.
- Pizza for the Planet on Earth Day, April 22 – Marilyn
- Bill Engels: On Tuesday, March 10 from 12:30 to 3:30 PM there will be a protest organized by Fossil Free WSU and the Environmental Sustainability Alliance. Students will walk out of classes and march to a rally event at Terrell Mall, then march with signs past academic buildings to the Town Center building in Pullman where the WSU Foundation office is. They will be delivering a letter and will chant and wave signs there for about an hour. This will be first stage in ongoing protests every Saturday starting March 14 from 12-2 PM.

CCL National Events:

- [BRIDGE Deep Dive Training #2](#) - Thurs. Feb 26, 8 p.m. ET / 5 p.m. PT.
 - Like Braver Angels
 - One can watch online if you miss live sessions.
- [March Monthly Meeting](#): Sat., March 14, 10 a.m. PT (Leonard will watch and report at our next meeting)
 - February 1 meeting featured the founder of Braver Angels, who had great respect for CCL.
- Monthly Donor Drive: Throughout March at cclusa.org/donate
 - CCL met its 2025 goal.
- [April Monthly Meeting](#): Sat., April 11, 1 p.m. ET / 10 a.m. PT K. Keller and M. Davis will attend and report on it.
- [Conservative Conference](#) (Sat., April 18) and Lobby Day (Tues., April 21)
- [CCL's Live Informational Session](#): Every Wed. Learn more about CCL's work.
 - Good if you're unfamiliar with what CCL is about.
- [Summer Conference and Lobby Day](#): July 26-28, 2026
 - We might have some scholarship money for people to go to DC.

Saving Green Column – Mary

Latest: Jeanne Leffingwell, "Saving Water in the Winter, and the Rest of the Year, Too," February 14
- e.g., point-of-use water heaters are a good idea.

Next: Leonard Garrison, preview of EEE Fair, March

- All ideas about saving green, what you can get from the April fair

Any volunteers for future columns?

- April one is going to be about remaining rebates.
- Please think of ideas for Saving Green; we need one for May. Let Mary know. They are always due at the end of the previous month.

Letters to the Editor – Leonard

Publications: Moscow-Pullman Daily News

- Stephan Flynt, 1/24/26 LTE “Too Cowardly to Face Climate Change”
- Bill Engels, 1/24/26 LTE “Preserve NCAR”
- Leonard Garrison, 2/7/26 LTE “Undermining the U.S. Auto Industry”
- Jeanne Leffingwell, 2/14/26 Saving Green “Saving Water in the Winter, and the Rest of the Year, Too”.

CCL Monthly Call (Feb.) – Leonard

- Featured Braver Angels’ founder.

Legislative Update – Leonard

- Prove It Act passed! This act mandates collection and analysis of the carbon footprint data of American products in order to counter EU carbon border adjustments.
- Fix Our Forests Act. House passed, is being argued in the senate.
- Permitting reform. One proposal says that once a project is permitted, the permit can’t be revoked. Some legislative proposals favor permitting fossil fuels projects. Others favor transmission lines. All are still in play.
- WA State: Washington State 2025 Climate Bills are listed here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AKRi6uEgQRWh3kyTZfjvdf9tIKWJkNUK89MR-0WlqQ/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.eo3r1inywtx2>
 - Washington residents can provide input at this link.
- Endangerment finding – In 2009 the EPA determined that greenhouse gas emissions threaten human health, and that under the Clean Air Act the EPA legally regulates CO2 emissions, providing the basis for Obama and Biden to put restrictions on vehicle and other emissions. The present EPA rescinded that finding, concluding that greenhouse gases don’t have a direct impact on human health. Because their science doesn’t stand up, they are using legal not scientific arguments. Lawsuits have been filed.
- **Constituent Letters to Members of Congress (MOCs) – Leonard**
 - Use the form at <https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/236>
 - Congress breaks in March and we like to collect letters to deliver in person to the members of congress offices. Give your letter to Leonard (Idaho) or Judy (Washington) before mid-March.

National Actions from CCL

- Treat EV and Hybrid Drivers Fairly: <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/get-loud-take-action/ev-fee/> - Leonard
 - Congress is debating the next Highway Bill and this may include an unfairly high registration fee on EVs and hybrids because the highway is funded through gas taxes. But the problem is not the small minority of vehicles on the road that are EVs, it is that they have not raised federal gas taxes since 1993 (this is separate from state gas taxes). Thirty-nine states have surcharges for EVs. During debate of the “One Big Beautiful Bill,” the proposed EV fee (not included in the final bill) was much more than gas vehicle driver would pay. Go to the CCL web site (link above) where there is a letter set up for you to say who you are and it goes to your members of congress.
- CCL’s new Mission and Policy Commitments (see below)
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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, Steven Flint
- **Moscow City** – Mary DuPree
- **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

Next meeting March 19, 5:30-7, 1912 Center, Moscow

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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/85948476493?pwd=9oBlwOswUuteymndoJST9UonkX1Jj0.1>

Putting It In Practice: CCL Mission & Policy Commitments COMMUNICATION SKILLS EXERCISE

Mission: Citizens’ Climate empowers everyday people to bridge divides and build political will for effective climate solutions in Congress.

Policy Commitments: reduce emissions, remove climate pollution, and protect people.

