

Minutes, July 16, 2026, 5:30-7:00 pm – Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby
Fiske Room 1912 Center, Moscow 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.

Attending: Mary DuPree, Bill Engels (online), Steve Flint Leonard Garrison, Kent Keller, Shannon Scott, Alycia Shedd, Paul Spencer, and John Trombold (online).

Announcements

- ID District 1 residents: Fulcher Telephone Town Hall, Wednesday, July 22 at 5 pm Pacific, 833-998-1718. Leonard mentioned that Fulcher is opposed to renewables like wind and batteries but has introduced a couple of bills supporting geothermal, so it would be most effective to focus on that. Mary mentioned that since most geothermal opportunities are in southern Idaho, one might ask him what he thought was appropriate for those of us in Northern Idaho.
- **BRIDGE Training 7:** Listening and Motivating for Change: Thursday, July 23 at 5 pm Pacific <https://community.citizensclimate.org/events/item/24/20733> Leonard found these sessions very useful and recommended we do these trainings.
- **Summer Conference and Lobby Day in Washington DC:** July 26-28, 2026; Livestream watch party! Leonard invited all to join in the watch party Monday morning at his home. We should all call our MOC and give them a heads-up that our delegations will visit their offices Tuesday and mention asks like permitting reforms and giving the USFS an adequate budget.
- **Call Congress on Monday, July 27** cclusa.org/callcongress
- **Electric Transportation Fair – CCL Palouse and PCEI:** Friday, September 11, 4:30-7:30 p.m. The date is definite and coincides with Pubbin' on the Patio, so there should be a good crowd. There was a question on how we could provide rides in some of the EVs.

Updates and Opportunities

1 Wind Project Permitting Process – Three representatives from the Harvest Hills Wind project reviewed the basics, such as their estimate only 50 acres would be impacted, the project could power 60,000 to 90,000 homes, and how much community engagement they had conducted. They initially sought a permit through Whitman County, as this worked well for the Oakesdale project. Now that they are within a few months of submitting their application to the state system, they could provide an anticipated schedule. Once the application is submitted, the state has 60 days to schedule a public hearing (which is run by a judge so is expected to be an orderly event). A draft EIS is then developed (hopefully taking less than a year) and the final EIS makes a recommendation to the governor, who makes the final decision (so we should be writing the governor to keep him up to speed on the process).

2 **City of Moscow Community Solar** – Mary reported that the project will be financed mostly by a generous private gift. It will likely be built on the new city shop and possibly the police station. The energy produced will be targeted to help low-income families.

3 **Whitman County Solar Update** – Steve and Kent: We expected the planning committee to meet on July 15 but apparently meetings are cancelled until after harvest in September. With the help of Greenlight, we had prepared a multi-page document (signed by a dozen county residents) urging the commission to not make the solar/battery ordinance overly restrictive. The decision was to submit this to the commission anyway so that it is on the record.

4 **CCL Monthly Call: CCL Executive Director Ricky Bradley** – Mary reported that the agenda discussed the upcoming CCL National Conference and Lobby Day in Washington, DC.

5 **Trusted Messengers** for Lobbying – Bill Engels report that couple of letters from Pullman residents were submitted.

6. Penstemon Path tree planting – This would occur on October 3 or 10. After some discussion, the best course of action was seeing if The Moscow High School Environmental Club could partner with CCL . Mary is working on increasing student involvement as discussed in last month's meeting.

7 **Legislative Update** – Leonard

9 **Summer Social** for our August meeting at Lawson Gardens in Pullman – Leonard

10 **Environmental Voter Project:** <https://www.environmentalvoter.org>

The publication of recent Letters to the Editor and a "Saving Green" article was acknowledged.

Continuing Actions

- Watch the **CCL National Monthly Mtg** on the 2nd Saturday of the month <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/monthly-speakers/>
- **CCL's Live Informational Session:** Every Wed at 5 pm on Zoom. Learn more about CCL's work. <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/informational-session/>
- 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 (social): Thursday, August 20, 5:30 pm, Lawson Gardens, Pullman

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