**Reports for Green Sanctuary June 26 , 2022**

ReImagine Appalachia

This group sponsored a session on reimagining manufacturing in Appalachia. The session focused on what sustainable products Appalachia can manufacture as it moves from the exploitative extractive industries which have characterized the region for the past many decades. The session took place on June 2 at 3 p.m. I attended this session and included several of the ideas mentioned in my submission for the Climate Corner series in the June 11 edition of the *News & Sentinel*.

Citizens Climate Lobby

CCL is urging its members to contact their members of Congress and ask them to support a carbon border adjustment. CCL leadership thinks that this legislation would have the most chance of support among Republicans. Since a price on carbon or the carbon fee & dividend legislation is not practical at this time of high gas prices and inflation, CCL is de-emphasizing this bill. Members are also asked to urge members of Congress to support “secondary asks,” such as the Growing Climate Solutions Act.

On May 24 Dave Ballantyne and I met with Sam Hattrup, Congressman Bill Johnson’s staff member. Our meeting was cordial and the discussion civil, but Sam (and the congressman presumably) thinks that the shutting down of coal-fired power plants is proceeding too fast, and that there will be energy shortages and blackouts in the near future. When asked about the IPCC report that came out this spring, he said that addressing climate change is a global issue not just the U.S. responsibility.

The letter I drafted for my son. Dean (a resident of Williamstown WV), to submit to the Charleston Gazette was published in that newspaper last month. I have sent another draft LTE to Chris Hoke of Tyler County WV; she has also agreed to submit the LTE to the Charleston Gazette, Its content is similar to the Climate Corner article I wrote for the News & Sentinel that was published in April 23.

Injection Wells

The June 2 meeting scheduled by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (Division of Oil & Gas Resources Management) was held at St. Ambrose Church in Little Hocking. The purpose of the meeting was to accept public comments about the proposed second injection well in Little Hocking OH requested by an out-of-state company. Over 130 people attended the meeting including the three Washington County Commissioners, township trustees from Little Hocking, oil & gas producers, and many people from the township itself. A total of 34 people made public comments, most in the form of questions—**not one** of these 34 people spoke in support of the application for the permit. Several of us had requested a question/answer format for the meeting, but this was ignored by the Division people managing the meeting. WTAP-TV (in three of their news broadcasts) and the Marietta Times (on the front page of its June 3 edition) gave considerable coverage to the event, and both media mentioned the theme that many questions were asked, but no answers given. Several organizations and individuals assisted in organizing publicity and planning for the meeting including: UU Green Sanctuary Committee, Betsy Cook of Marietta, Roxanne Groff of Athens County (representing the Ohio Brine Task Force), Fair Shake-els, Halt the Harm Network & Protect PT, Ohio River Valley Institute, and others. The ultimate test of the effectiveness of these efforts will be the final decision of the Division to approve or deny the application for this injection well.

After the meeting County Commissioner President, Charlie Schilling, told me that he had arranged a meeting with ODNR and officials from the Division of Oil & Gas Resources Management on June 9. The day after the called me to report that he received a commitment from these officials that as soon as an application for an injection well is submitted to ODNR, they will inform the relevant county commissioners and township trustees; they also told him that they would offer formats of their public meetings in the future to be more compatible with question/answer dialogue. I asked Mr. Schilling if he could obtain these promises in writing; he said he would make that request of ODNR.

On May 25 Bordas and Bordas law firm presented a law suit in the Washington County Circuit Court identifying 16 defendants (all brine disposal companies) and 132 allegations on behalf of oil/gas producer Bob Lane; a similar law suit was filed on behalf of Bob Wilson. The law firm asked for a jury trial.

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