Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – June 28, 2017

Present:
Jack DeBell – CU Recycling
Michael Donovan – At-Large
Bryce Isaacson – Western Disposal
Bridget Johnson – Town of Jamestown
Suzanne Jones – Eco-Cycle
Neal Lurie – Center for ReSource Conservation
Shari Malloy – At-Large
Dan Matsch – Town of Lyons
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland
Mark Persichetti – City of Louisville
Tim Plass – At-Large
Ken Wilson – At Large

Active Members Not Present:
Darla Arians – Boulder County
Russ Callas – At-Large
Shirley Garcia – City & County of Broomfield
Holly Hughes – Town of Ward
Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont
Lisa Morzel – City of Boulder
Roger Pacheco – Republic Services
Stephanie Walton – City of Lafayette

RCAB Staff Liaison:
Leigh Ratterman – Commissioners’ Office/Sustainability
Tyler Kesler – Commissioners’ Office/Sustainability

Guests:
Kevin Afflerbaugh – Western Disposal
Katie Deuel – Home ReSource Missoula, MT
Sean Dotel – City of Missoula, MT
Jeremy Drake – Home ReSource Missoula, MT
Steven Giang – Boulder County Land Use
Bill Hayes – Boulder County Public Health
Jamie Harkins – City of Boulder
Alexa Holliday – Home ReSource Missoula, MT

1. Call to Order
Vice-Chair Tim Plass called the meeting to order at 4:52 pm

2. Approval of April 26, 2017 Minutes
Bryce Isaacson motioned for approval and Michael Donovan seconded.

3. Community Updates
   - Boulder County – Potential for a partnership with BC Parks and Open Space on acquiring land that would work for some ZW infrastructure. More to come on that as updates are available. The Carbon Sequestration Project continues with three areas of focus: forestry, grazed grasslands (ranches, etc.), and annual cropland. Informational meeting will be taking place soon with farmers and Colorado State University representatives. Congratulations to RCAB for proposing a pilot project to the County Commissioners.
   - Center for ReSource Conservation – Thousands of Boulder County ash trees are infested with ash borer and the problem is growing. ReSource is working to repurpose this...
material for use on home improvement projects. Customer demand is very high for this wood and they are excited to reuse thousands and thousands of trees.

- **City of Louisville** – The City of Louisville just hired a Sustainability Specialist, Erika Archer, resident of Jamestown. She has previously done work for Jamestown and Lyons and her primary task is to come up with a two year implementation plan of the City’s Sustainability Plan. Louisville’s Green Recognition Business Program is under way and more businesses are expected to sign up. Friday Night Street Fairs are beginning this summer and waste diversion is a big focus, with almost 100% of materials diverted from the landfill.

- **Colorado University of Boulder** - Hired its first Chief Sustainability Officer precipitating from a national search. Heidi VanGenderen has a strong background in zero waste and the University is excited about the strong leadership she has exemplified in the past.

- **Nederland**: Just finished a town cleanup and it was successful. There were fewer roll-away dumpsters than they have had in the past. This was the first year that construction materials were collected (12,000lbs), in addition to 6,000lbs of electronics waste, metals, hard plastics, etc. These numbers exceeded expectations because there were only about 120 participants total. Diversion numbers will be provided for RCAB soon. Nederland is one of the recipients of Zero Waste grants and projects that have been proposed will begin soon.

- **Town of Jamestown** – The town’s small park reconstruction is nearly completed (destroyed from the 2013 flooding), which will include a bike tool stand and community gardens. On July 4th there is a Zero Waste pancake breakfast and festivities will be taking place all day with a focus on Zero Waste.

- **Ward** – The Ward Spring Cleanup took place mid-June, and it was a huge success - diverting 3,000lbs in one day.

- **Western Disposal** – Western will transition to a compost transfer site due to significant capital investments needed to bring the compost site up to state code. No new tipping fees will be needed. Windrows are still in place, but the last ones will be processed out in mid-November. Currently, 1/3 of their site is used for wood and yard waste.

4. **Special Topic: Chair and Co-Chair Elections**
Nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair Elections are: Chair: Charles Kaminedes; Vice-Chair: Tim Plass. Elections will be held at the August RCAB meeting (no meeting in July).

5. **Special Topic: Sustainable Materials Management Element approval**
Bridget Johnson motioned to approve the Sustainable Materials Management Element of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan, and to pass on to the Boulder County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners. Jack DeBell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Special Topic: Boulder County Recycling Center Quarterly Update**
Rick Kattar presented on MRF Operations. See presentation.

7. **RCAB 2017 Subcommittees**
   - Food Waste – Met today and is focusing heavily on doing a campaign around “ugly food” that is deemed unsellable, and expiration date education(sell-by,
• Zero Waste Action Plan & Zero Waste Policies Groups—working to create a spreadsheet that outlines all the goals identified in the Zero Waste Action Plan and where each community is at in terms of achieving those goals.
• Compost – The Compost Subcommittee made a motion proposal for RCAB’s support: “In light of Western Disposal ending composting processing operations and very distant geographic options to bring our county organics to regionally, our compost subcommittee is making a motion to support discussions with Boulder County Parks & Open Space pursuing property to include organics processing, C&D, along with debris management to support Boulder County Sustainability Goals.” The subcommittee will focus on researching and recommending in-county composting solutions that will focus on reducing GHG emissions and reducing organics tonnage sent to the landfill. Shari Malloy motioned for approval, seconded by Michael Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.
• E-Waste Subcommittee – has not met yet
• Fun Subcommittee – has not met recently

**Adjournment:** Tim Plass called the meeting to a close at 6:15 pm

**Announcement:** July Meeting cancelled due to summer vacations and lack of quorum.