Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2019

**Present:**
Darla Arians – Boulder County (phone)
Jack DeBell – CU Recycling (phone)
Bryce Isaacson – Western Disposal
Suzanne Jones – Eco-Cycle
Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont
Dan Matsch – Town of Lyons
Tim Plass – At-Large
Eric Smith – At Large
David Snapp – At Large
Ken Wilson – At Large

**RCAB Staff Liaison:**
Tim Broderick – Commissioners’
Office/Sustainability
Tyler Kesler – Commissioners’
Office/Sustainability

**Guests:**
Deandra Croissant – Commissioners’
Office/Sustainability

**Active Members Not Present:**
Russ Callas – At-Large
Brandon Hill – Resource Central
Bridget Johnson – Town of Jamestown
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland
Mark Persichetti – City of Louisville
Bart Spedon – Republic Services
Stephanie Walton – City of Lafayette
Sam Weaver – City of Boulder

1. **Call to Order**
Charles Kamenides called the meeting to order at 4:51 pm.

2. **Approval of April 24, 2019 Minutes**
April Minutes could not be approved without a quorum and will be approved in June.

3. **Community Updates & Public Comment**
   - **City of Longmont** – City of Longmont is continuing to move forward with their R&G Facility, and they should have a steel structure in place in 5-6 weeks. RCAB is welcome to visit when it is complete. The 11 ordered trucks are in construction and the first should be completed and delivered in two weeks. Longmont’s Rhythm on the River, held on July 12th, will now be using reuse water bottles for sale instead of single-use items.
   - **CU Boulder** – CU plans to use recyclable single-use aluminum cups at their sporting events in partnership with Ball Corp. These events already run at a 90% diversion-rate and this would help even more. CU wants to roll these cups out at the Dead & Co. in July 5-6th 2019. Testing on the cups is being done now on the recycling belts to see how well they can be separated. CU’s Zero-Waste Learning Lab has been approved to share with the community and is accepting Zero Waste Interns at large.
- **Eco-Cycle** – Eco-Cycle has launched the Urban Carbon Farming project with 250 people doing trials on their turf and 30 people doing trials on their gardens. These participants are with the City of Boulder limits; however, they have invited everyone throughout Boulder County to participate. Eco-Cycle has since collected a third of soil samples so far to create a baseline/control plot. This program is going very well, and they are excited for more results to come in. Eco-Cycle is still looking for a MRF Manager. Suzanne just toured the Larger Atlantic Gyre off Bermuda at a conference to talk about ocean plastics. This was an interesting experience from with all different sectors to continue brainstorming on how to eliminate plastics in the oceans and increase recycled products.

- **Resource Conservation Division** – RCD is in process accepting bids for replacing the scales at the recycling center. RCD will be rolling out the battery campaign soon and asks RCAB members to distribute through their networks. RCD also awarded a bid for the engineering and design of the HMMF expansion who put together estimates for IGA partners. They are still hoping to break ground in 2019 for the expansion of the office and then in 2020 complete the expansion for the south side of the building to add additional storage.

- **State of Colorado** – Waste Tire Bill (SB 19-198) has been increased from $0.55 cents to $2 per tire to fund administration staff and/or to reimburse for end-use products. Stakeholder meeting should start in June to decide what to do with the new excess money. Front Range Diversion Program (Colorado Department of Environmental Health & Safety) is beginning to accept applications to serve on the board starting January 2, 2020 user fee that is assessed to the landfill and then be used to support Front Range diversion projects over 4 years (should generate $10-12M/year). 2018 diversion numbers should be out in the next couple of weeks.

- **Town of Lyons** – Town of Lyons Spring Cleanup event took place last Saturday and it produced a record number of attendees. The town’s single-hauler RFP will be released in June for reapplication.

4. **Subcommittee Updates:**

- **Sustainability Tax**: The RCAB Sub-Committee has met four time in 2019 so far and recommendations have been presented to the County Commissioners. The Commissioners asked for a 5-year scope and to resubmit (specifically for the C&D facility and composting facility). Bonding is not an option per the language in the Sustainability Tax.

5. **Adjournment**: Charlie Kamenides adjourned the meeting at 6:11 pm.