



Sustainability Office

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Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2019

Present:

Brandon Hill – Resource Central (phone)
Bryce Isaacson – Western Disposal
Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont
Stephanie Walton – City of Lafayette
Mark Persichetti – City of Louisville
Suzanne Jones – Eco-Cycle
Tim Plass – At-Large
Eric Smith – At Large
David Snapp – At Large (CDPHE)
Ken Wilson – At Large
Darla Arians – Boulder County
Bridget Johnson – Town of Jamestown
(phone)

Dan Matsch – Town of Lyons
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland
Russ Callas – At-Large
Sam Weaver – City of Boulder
Lesa Julian – City of Broomfield

RCAB Staff Liaison:

Tim Broderick – Commissioners'
Office/Sustainability
Deandra Croissant – Commissioners'
Office/Sustainability (sub for Tyler Kesler)

Guests:

Mircalla Wozniak – City of Louisville
Cody Lillstrom – RCD
Kevin Afflerbaugh – Western Disposal

Active Members Not Present:

Bart Spedon – Republic Services
Jack DeBell – CU Recycling

1. Call to Order

Charles Kamenides called the meeting to order at 4:49 pm.

2. Approval of July 24, 2019 Minutes

July Minutes were approved; Suzanne Jones motioned and unanimous RCAB approval.

3. Community Updates & Public Comment

- **Jamestown** – The County-sponsored community clean-up event was successful; working on a sustainability grant for the Town of Jamestown in September.
- **At Large** – There is a meeting on Friday from 2-4 at CDPHE for the Zero Waste Interim Committee with the Department of Agriculture. Main topics are food waste diversion, analytics, carbon farming and the organics management bill.
- **Eco-Cycle** – Updates were provided on Eco-Cycle's Community Carbon Farming Project, the Zero Waste Interim Committee's field trips, and the Resource Recycling national conference in New Orleans. Community Carbon Farming Project – Approximately 200 people are doing a test control (e.g. growing kale under different conditions and applications). At the end of the season the soil will be tested to see if there were any changes in soil health, carbon levels, and nutrient density of the vegetable. A special tool is being used in conjunction with this study that is able to measure the nutrient levels. An event will be held in February to discuss results; this will mark the culmination of the first of a three-year study. Zero waste interim committee – Field trips

will be held starting September 9th over the course of 4 days with tours to facilities – CHaRM, Resource Conservation Division (RCD), BCRC, Momentum Recycling, and the Rocky Mountain Bottling Company or other bottler. The Boulder County RCD distributes Zero Waste funding, and KGNU was one of the 2019 recipients to support their Community-Sourced Sustainability and Zero Waste Media Education Campaign. This program won an award at the [Resource Recycling National Conference in New Orleans](#), and Kate Bailey from Eco-Cycle is there to receive it due to Eco-Cycle’s involvement in the project

- **City of Lafayette** – Lafayette held a successful Art Night Out event, achieving a 70% diversion rate. Waste data will be released shortly for the Peach Festival. The City is also working on developing a Sustainability Plan.
- **Resource Conservation Division** – RCD will be recognized at an award ceremony held by CDPHE on October 1st for their participation in the Environmental Leadership Program. This recognition is attributed to development of an Environmental Management System (EMS), a centralized data collection system for environmental policies and programs. In addition, the 150th anniversary of the Boulder County Fair wrapped up with a 47% baseline diversion rate, surpassing all prior years efforts. This does not include all the special waste collections, so new numbers will be shared when data is available. This year also had a record attendance rate and number of volunteers. Darla also updated the group on the scale replacement project at the BCRC. A recommendation was made to the board to award the contract to the lowest bidder. They hope the project will be finalized by the end of October.
- **Louisville** – Louisville has a new contractor for waste collection and a new proposal in place for how they will deal with yard waste.

4. 2020 Zero Waste Funding – Presentation by Cody Lillstrom

The Zero Waste Funding announcement will occur on September 5th, with a due date of October 4. Cody recruited 5 volunteers from RCAB to sit on a subcommittee to review the applications. Volunteers are: David Snapp, Suzanne Jones, Eric Smith, Tim Plass, and Ken Wilson. In prior years the grant capped at \$50k with \$1k-10k amounts dispersed to successful applicants. However, this year, the funding is increasing to \$100k pending commissioner approval in October. For that reason, the group motioned to increase the max award amount per applicant to \$15k, which passed unanimously.

5. RCAB Open Positions, Vice Chair and Chair Elections

- Open positions were available on RCAB for the Towns of Erie, Superior, and Ward. Tim B reported they received applications from Erie and Superior and those are with the BOCC being reviewed. There were no applications received from Ward. RCAB members then went through a process to elect new chairs and vice chairs. Both Charlie Kamenides and Tim Plass were nominated and elected to serve an additional year as Chair and Vice Chair. Motion passed at 5:21pm.

6. C&D / Compost Phase II Update

- Tim B reported that Phase II of the C&D and Compost Study is moving forward. The Executive Advisory Board and working team will meet next week at workshops with RRS on September 4th and 5th. On October 9th, a presentation and report will be given to the

BOCC. RRS is also scheduled to present the same findings to RCAB at the October meeting. Tim P requested a half way touch based be presented to RCAB before the final presentation to the BOCC.

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- Tim B reminded the group that the official statement/letter on the C&D/Compost Study requested by RCAB at July's meeting was sent out via email. This letter can be distributed through member's communication channels.
- The group also inquired about the Waste Composition study. Darla explained they just received the draft report today and it was disseminated to internal partners but is not available for public consumption yet. As soon as the report is in final form, it will be shared.

7. RCAB Annual Social

- The group discussed plans for the annual social. RCAB members were asked to brainstorm a speaker. This event will be happening in December. Suggested venues: Left Hand Brewing, Oskar Blues tap room in Longmont. A decision also needs to be made on invitees, but it will most likely be a closed event with RCAB members inviting other stakeholders from their localities.

Adjournment: Charlie Kamenides adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm.