Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes – July 28th 2021

Board Members Present:
Charles Kamenides – Longmont (Chair)
Dan Matsch – Lyons
Mark Persichetti – Louisville
Tim Plass – At Large (Co-Chair)
Mircalla Wozniak – At Large
Jamie Harkins – City of Lafayette
Tim Towndrow – Republic Services
David Snapp – At Large (CDPHE)
Alyssa Vogan – Sustainability Analyst Town of Superior (representing Caitlyn Stafford)
Bridget Johnson – Jamestown
Eric Loof – Western Disposal
Adam Swetlick – City of Boulder
Eric Smith – At Large

Sara Loflin – Town of Erie
Suzanne Jones – Eco Cycle
Darla Arians – Boulder County
Brandon Hill – Resource Central
Vacant – Town of Ward
Vacant – CU Recycling

Board Members not Present:
Russ Callas – At Large
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland

RCAB Staff Liaison:
Tim Broderick – Boulder County/OSCAR
Deandra Croissant – Boulder County/OSCAR

Guests:
Laura Levesque – Recycle Colorado
Lesa Julian – City and Town of Broomfield
Susie Hidalgo-Fahring – Longmont City Council

1. Call to Order / Introductions
Charlie Kamenides called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes May 26th, 2021
Charlie asked if the May 26th minutes could be approved. Tim Plass motioned to approve, David Snapp seconded, followed by a unanimous RCAB approval.

3. Review of RCAB Goals and Subcommittees
Charlie reminded the board of the 2021 goals, they are: (1) support the compost facility and Boulder County waste infrastructure, (2) Provide input on sustainability tax, and (3) support policy.

Charlie then reviewed the subcommittees that were discussed at the beginning of the year, they are: (1) the Sustainability Tax Infrastructure Subcommittee, (2) Policy, Planning, and Programs (P3) Subcommittee, and (3) the Equity Subcommittee. The latter two subcommittees have not begun meeting in 2021 and the board discussed leadership for the committees, as well as their scope. The board decided they did want to move forward with the Equity Subcommittee, and Susie Hidalgo-Fahring volunteered to lead the equity committee with Charlie assisting with the administrative and clerical
pieces. The goal of the Equity Subcommittee is to learn what equity means for RCAB and use an equity lens to look at Sustainability Tax and Zero Waste Grant funding.

RCAB then reflected on the P3 Subcommittee and discussed if RCAB is the right home for this work to exist and felt that if they kept P3 they need to figure out how to make it more effective and successful. Jamie Harkins suggested one person could report back on what is happening on the policy front instead of having policy as a focus of the subcommittee. Eric Smith agreed with this, and Dan Matsch volunteered to fill this role of reporting back on policy to RCAB periodically. Eric Smith volunteered to get those who were originally interested in P3 back together and revisit its goals and assess whether this subcommittee will formally move forward.

4. Zero Waste Strategic Advisor Position Update
Tim Broderick announced that the Board of County Commissioners have recently made the decision to support a [Zero Waste Strategic Advisor](#) to support zero waste infrastructure solutions for the Boulder County community. Please see link for job description.

5. Community Updates

- **Bridgette Johnson** – The Town of Jamestown held a Zero Waste Diversion Event in July, doubling their compost and cardboard diversion. In addition, the town held a Clean Up Event that resulted in 1.5x collection volume.

- **Eric Loof** - Western Disposal is in full construction mode with the transfer station. This will provide enhanced capacity as they have been outgrowing the transfer station.

- **Mark Persichetti** – The Louisville Disposable Bag Tax is supposed to go into effect at the beginning of the next calendar year. To prepare for this, starting in August, there will be a different activity in the town each week to educate the public about the reusable bag tax and there will be chances to win free reusable bags. With the passing of HB21-1162, there are a few discrepancies between what the Louisville bag tax will require with plastic bags versus the state requirements so there will be a few resolutions to make sure they are in compliance with the state law.

- **Tim Tondrow** – Republic Services opened a second operation in the Golden area, primarily for staging trucks, three lines of business, a large container, and commercial line of business to build efficiencies and logistics for the City of Arvada residential contract.

- **David Snapp** – Reporting on CDPHE and the FWRD board. FWRD is reviewing a technical assistance contract they solicited proposals for—this is a group of people that would educate communities and encourage them to submit applications for FWRD money. This was created as there are several communities that are complacent, don’t know how to apply, or aren’t making great strides in waste diversion. There is also another RFP that went out that they awarded to Eco-Cycle to do a robust analysis of what is happening in Front
Range communities to help focus the technical assistance needed. In addition, have 10 applications for the Moving Communities Up the Zero Waste Ladder application. Lastly, they selected the contractor who is going to be helping execute an organics management plan for the state.

- **Tim Broderick** – Dede Croissant and Tim are co-leading the grant on EPA Pollution Prevention Source Reduction Assistance for Boulder County. They partnered with Naturally Boulder and had a very successful webinar with 64 attendees, primarily food and beverage manufacturers. In addition, two weeks ago they launched the application phase for the re-design pilot and have already started receiving great applications. [Application link here.](#)

- **Dan Matsch** – Lyons lost their part-time Sustainability Coordinator, so have decided they don’t have the capacity to continue zero waste events. Trying to work out with their Board of Trustees if they can get sufficient budgeting with another part-time staffer to help with that. At the federal level, the Compost Act has been introduced. This has a proposed budget of 200 million a year for 10 years (2 billion total) for infrastructure and development for composting. This involves looking at how to increase compost facilities, as well as get composting at all levels that are appropriate for each community. Doing some campaigning right now and trying to get additional co-sponsors for that bill.

- **Charlie Kamenides** – For Longmont, they are at almost 7,000 opt-in customers for solid waste and still growing. Presenting to council next week about the Green Star School Program, concepts for a potential zero waste resolution, and a hard-to-recycle event in Longmont. Charlie Kamenides also had one last comment to let the board to let them know he is working with The University of Colorado (CU) to figure out a new CU RCAB member to replace Jack DeBell as he retired.

6. **Adjourn** Charlie Kamenides adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.