



# Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

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## Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – October 27, 2021

### **Board Members Present:**

Dan Matsch - Lyons  
Mark Persichetti – Louisville  
Tim Plass – At Large (Vice-Chair)  
Mircalla Wozniak – At Large  
David Snapp – At Large (CDPHE)  
Alyssa Vogan – Sustainability Analyst Town of Superior  
Suzanne Jones – Eco Cycle  
Brandon Hill – Resource Central  
Darla Arians – Boulder County  
Noah Eisenman – Boulder County  
Eric Loof – Western Disposal  
Adam Swetlick – City of Boulder  
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland  
Jamie Harkins – City of Lafayette  
Tim Towndrow – Republic Services

### **Board Members not Present:**

Charles Kamenides – Longmont (Chair)  
Russ Callas – At Large  
Sara Loflin – Town of Erie  
Bridget Johnson – Jamestown  
Eric Smith – At Large  
Vacant – Town of Ward  
Vacant – CU Recycling

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Deandra Croissant – Boulder County/ OSCAR  
(Temp during transition from Tim Broderick to Noah Eisenman)

### **Guests:**

Tyler Kesler – Sustainability and Water Specialist  
Cody Lillstrom – Zero Waste Program Manager

### **1. Call to Order / Introductions**

Tim Plass called the meeting to order at 4:46 p.m. and completed introductions for anyone calling in.

### **2. Approval of Minutes September 22, 2022**

Tim Plass asked if the September 22 minutes could be approved. Suzanne Jones motioned to approve, seconded by Jamie Harkins, followed by a unanimous RCAB approval.

### **3. 2022 Zero Waste Grant Applications and Timeline**

Cody Lillstrom presented on the 2022 Boulder County Zero Waste Grant opportunity. Cody is the Zero Waste Program Manager in the Resource Conservation Division (RCD), and administering this grant is one of his job responsibilities. Covid affected the funding of the Zero Waste Grant and it was canceled in 2020 and 2021, but it is back, and being funded again for 2022. The total grant cap is \$100,000 and up to \$15,000 per applicant. There was a miscommunication with county staff on the budget process and it got submitted a little later than they hoped, so that caused the announcement to be a bit late. The current timeline has the grant opening on October 15, 2021 and closing on November 5, 2021. Cody expects between 10-20 applications. Cody explained they

could extend the due date of the grant 7-10 days; however, the caveat is that the RCAB subcommittee that scores that applications would be on a tighter schedule. Brandon Hill recommended extending the due date of the grant to maximize participation and engagement, RCAB agreed. Cody also asked for volunteers for the Zero Waste Grant Scoring Subcommittee, and the following members volunteered: Eric Loof, Jamie Harkins, Brandon Hill, Alyssa Vogan, and Suzanne Jones (as an alternate).

**4. 2022 RCAB Retreat in January**

Tim Plass opened up the discussion of the annual RCAB retreat that will be held in January. He asked the group for suggestions on the format, location, and content of the retreat. Noah Eisenman explained one of his goals for the retreat is to evaluate what may be holding back RCAB from being the most effective it can be. For example, reviewing how members are nominated, or ensuring the members on RCAB will have enough time to really contribute in the subcommittees and complete the “homework.” Brandon Hill recommended all the subcommittees sit down together during the retreat and create a workplan for the year (this was done in the past and Brandon felt it was successful). Eric Loof feels the meetings have been very one dimensional in the virtual world and if possible, would like to see the retreat in person. Noah explained he needs to check with Boulder County’s latest Covid policy on if we will be able to meet in person.

Suzanne Jones agrees that we need to discuss what we can do that is a true value add, also that we should look at how people can plug-in on their own sustainability goals and also as RCAB as a whole and increase collaboration and access to resources to take next steps. Adam Swetlick commented that as a City Council Member and not a sustainability staff expert, he feels his contribution is low in comparison to someone with lots of experience in zero waste, and that may be how other elected officials feel when considering participating. Noah responded that fresh voices are important and elected officials have knowledge of what the public is thinking and can provide that information to RCAB which is important. In addition, Noah shared a draft idea to have two representatives from every community, one as a strategy worker and one as an elected advisor role (who comes every other month) but realizes this could be hard to implement. Tim Plass added it’s not just the value you contribute to RCAB but what you can take away from the committee and bring to the rest of your council. Tim Tondrow would like to see an overall history of RCAB as he is a newer member, such as a mission and vision, where we were at and where we are going. Mircalla Wozniak is an at-large member so she contributes her voice as a community member and thinks we need to communicate better with the public. Tim would like to see one of the Boulder County Commissioners attend the retreat for a portion or the whole if they choose.

**5. Equity Subcommittee Update: Presentation of goals**

Charlie Kamenides and Darla Arians met and talked about the vision for the subcommittee and suggested RCAB schedule some time during the January retreat to discuss equity and environmental justice. The list of goals for the Equity Subcommittee will be discussed at a future meeting as Charlie is absent.

**6. December RCAB Meeting Scheduling**

The group discussed a combined November and December RCAB meeting due to the holidays and agreed to meet December 8, 2021.

## 7. **Community Updates**

**Jamie Harkins** – Provided updates for City of Boulder and City of Lafayette. City of Boulder’s Reusable Takeout Containers program is going well. This is funded by a portion of the plastic bag fee revenue. Due to Covid, working with the restaurant industry is difficult but they are still moving along. Looking at the how the City of Boulder can promote this to the public. Launching a public facing campaign to get the community excited about this. One of the challenges was getting the right kind of containers the restaurants would have space for. The model is that the consumer pays a small fee (25-75 cents) for the container, this is better than the \$10 deposit per container they have seen in the past. On the Lafayette side, they expanded their 3-part collection to all HOAs so getting the word out on that. Also extended their contract with Republic another year.

**David Snapp** – CDPHE posted the Paint Stewardship position that Emily Wilson used to fill. Posted it at the journey level and going to go with an entry level position and this staff member will probably contribute work on End Producer Responsibility. David also announced that the Remediation Program Manager position is open, as well as a Fiscal and Admin Program Manager position who oversees all the funding for the hazardous waste program. David sent the FRWD Grant Organics RFA to Dede Croissant who forwarded that to RCAB, this is another opportunity for compost and organics diversion in the state. He encouraged RCAB to please take a look at this and get the word out on this RFA and open positions.

**Suzanne Jones** – Each year for the past five years, Eco-Cycle has released a State of Recycling and Composting Report and it will be released November 15 which is Colorado Recycle Week.

**Tyler Kesler** – The Town of Erie is gearing up for their Fall clean-up events (i.e. leaves, pumpkins, trees for Christmas etc.) Tyler is looking at reporting the phosphorous reduction on the leaves they are collecting, and this is a great representation of collaboration with the Public Works Team and Stormwater team. Proposing the Town’s first ever Zero Waste Ordinance. Will see how it goes with the elected officials. Also, Tyler will be posting a position to be hired in January or February to support zero waste and renewable energy. David Snapp and Tyler Kesler mentioned having trouble finding quality applicants so RCAB should spread the word.

## 8. **Adjourn**

Tim Plass adjourned the meeting at 5:53 P.M.