



Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

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Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – February 26th, 2020

Present:

Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont (Chair)
Tim Plass – At-Large (Vice-chair)
Tim Towndrow – Republic Services
Russ Callas – At Large
Alisha Stewart – Town of Erie
Mark Persichetti – City of Louisville
Suzanne Jones – Eco-Cycle
Eric Smith – At Large
Bridget Johnson – Green Girl Recycling
Dan Matsch – Town of Lyons
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland

Lisa Speermont – At Large (phone)
Neal Lurie – Center for Resource Conservation
Steve Derus – Republic Services
David Snapp – At Large (CDPHE)

RCAB Staff Liaison:

Tim Broderick – Boulder County/OSCAR
Deandra Croissant – Boulder County/ OSCAR

Guests:

Jamie Harkins – City of Boulder
Tyler Kesler – Town of Erie
Matt LeBeau – City of Lafayette
Amanda Tollberg - Planet Bluegrass
Madison Watson - Planet Bluegrass
Maeve Conran - KGNU
Eric Loof – Western Disposal
Laura Levesque – Recycle Colorado
Lisa Skumatz – SERA

Active Members Not Present:

Bryce Isaacson – Western Disposal
Jack DeBell – CU Recycling
Adam Swetlick – City of Boulder
Brandon Hill – Resource Central
Stephanie Walton – City of Lafayette
Tony Raeker – City of Lafayette
Darla Arians – Boulder County
Caitlyn Stafford – Town of Superior

1. Call to Order / Introductions

Charlie Kamenides called the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m. and the group completed introductions.

2. Approval of Minutes Oct 23, 2019

Charlie Kamenides asked if the October Minutes could be approved. Tim Plass motioned, Alisha Stewart seconded the motion, followed by unanimous RCAB approval.

3. 2019 ZW Grant Recipients

Three winning Zero Waste Grant Recipients presented project results.

Planet Bluegrass

The project's goal was to reduce generation of festival waste by vendors and staff. They were able to do this by creating a system to reuse dishware for all vendors at Lyons, CO based festivals. The total project cost was 74K. Another component was their bins and signage, for example, they only had a collection for plates, compost, and recycling (no landfill). This helped educate festival goers. In addition, they created their washable

plates out of sugarcane, bamboo, and cornstarch (rather than petroleum based). With the funding, Planet Bluegrass was able to: purchase a second commercial dishwasher and add 371 items of utensil and plate inventory. The result in numbers equated to 180,193 gallons of water conserved, 12,390 silverware used, 19, 153 plates used, and 68,085 single use items avoided.

KGNU: Community Sourced Sustainability and Zero Waste Media Education Campaign.

In this year-long radio series, KGNU featured FLOWS leaders, the sustainability practices they adopted in their home countries, and their current work today. FLOWS help to bridge social justice and environmental issues. The FLOWS team visited the affordable housing community in Boulder County and helped homeowners increase their energy efficiency. KGNU also hosted Community Conversation, engaging underrepresented voices in climate work. This was impactful for both audiences and guests, as voices usually not presented as experts were featured on the show.

Great Bark Dog Park Compost Pilot

In this project, Dog Waste was turned into fertilizer through compost. The program launched on Earth Day in 2019, and was so successful, they had to increase frequency of pickups to keep up with demand. The Great Bark Dog Park now composts 500-600 lbs per week, or 2000 to 4000 lbs a month. Previously all of that dog waste was going to the landfill. The program is easily replicable across dog parks across the country. Pet Scoop picks it up, and Soil Regeneration does the Compost.

4. Microsoft Teams Subcommittee Presentation

Dede Croissant provided a presentation on Microsoft Teams 101. Teams is what RCAB will be using for the Subcommittees file storage, as well as messaging and video communication depending on what the group decides. RCAB members should download the Microsoft Teams application for free. Once the app is downloaded, the owner or admin of each team will be able to invite participants. If anyone has questions on how to use Microsoft Teams, they can contact Dede at dcroissant@bouldercounty.org

5. Timeline Update on Compost Facility Land Use Special Review

Tim Broderick provided an update on the Compost Facility Land Use Special Review. Tim explained that his role will be focused on Land Use while Darla Arians is dedicated to Design Build. In April, neighbors may be notified (still confirming this timeline); May, the application will be submitted to Land Use as a whole; in June, referrals and docket review will take place; in July, the county will hold the Planning Commission Public Hearing; August will be the BOCC Public Hearing; September is post-approval grading and building permits; December is review of the building permit, and if all goes as planned, in January 2021 construction will begin. Tim stressed the importance of RCAB's support at the July and August events.

- 6. Recognition of Bryce's Service**
RCAB recognized Bryce Isaacson for his excellent work and members are working on planning a small gathering to celebrate.
- 7. Community Updates**
Community updates were postponed until the next meeting due to time constraints.
- 8. Adjournment** – Charlie Kamenides adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.