



Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

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Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – June 24th, 2020

Present:

Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont (Chair)
Alisha Stewart – Town of Erie
Suzanne Jones – Eco-Cycle
Eric Smith – At Large
Dan Matsch – Town of Lyons
David Snapp – At Large (CDPHE)
Darla Arians – Boulder County
Tim Towndrow – Republic Services
Mircalla Wozniak - At Large
Brandon Hill – Resource Central
Mark Persichetti – City of Louisville
Jack DeBell – CU Recycling
Bridget Johnson – Town of Jamestown
Eric Loof – Western Disposal

Caitlyn Stafford – Town of Superior
Lisa Speermont – At Large
Steve Derus – Republic Services
Tim Plass – At-Large (Vice-chair)
Adam Swetlick – City of Boulder
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland

RCAB Staff Liaison:

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

Guests:

Jamie Harkins – City of Boulder
Tyler Kesler – Town of Erie
Christian Ferguson – Town of Erie
Sustainability Consultant
Lisa Skumatz – SERA
Kate Bailey – Eco-Cycle
Alex Richardson – Green Girl Recycling

Active Members Not Present:

Russ Callas – At Large
Stephanie Walton – City of Lafayette
Tony Raeker – City of Lafayette

1. Call to Order / Introductions

Charlie Kamenides called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes May 27, 2020

Charlie Kamenides asked if the May Minutes could be approved. Alisha Stewart and Mark Perischiti provided edits, and Deandra Croissant confirmed the changes. From there, Brandon Hill motioned, Suzanne Jones seconded the motion, followed by unanimous RCAB approval.

3. S Tax/ Infrastructure – Compost Facility Update

Suzanne Jones provided an update on the Sustainability Tax and Infrastructure Subcommittee. The committee reviewed all the programs that were given recommendation for funding last year, with recognition of a possible 20% decrease in funding due to Sales Tax loss from Covid-19. However, the committee was told to still assume \$2.5 million, in case budgets don't go down as much as expected. The committee is not ready to bring forward final recommendations to RCAB, however, a rough estimation is to allocate \$1.5 million to keep the county compost facility process moving, with \$1 million allocated to other sources. The money from each year can roll over if not spent, but Suzanne Jones believes excess funds are unlikely.

Darla Arians provided an update on the compost facility. The compost facility RFP process is still in progress. They received six responses to the Engineering, Design, and Operations Plan (EDOP). The review team met and interviewed four out of the six bidders. After the interview, they sent a recommendation memo to the board of county commissioners to make the award to [PEH Architects](#) out of Boulder, who are working very closely with SES Engineers out of Denver. SES has extensive experience with EDOP, as well as history with compost design and operations. If all moves forward, approval will occur next week at a business meeting with the BOCC and board. From there they will commence the kick off meeting with the consultant and refine the communication plan for community input and engagement. Trying to get through Land Use process and approval by year end. There is also a consecutive CDPHE review process that they will need to get through and receive a Certificate of Designation.

4. Zero Waste Scorecard

Katie Bailey presented the Zero Waste Scorecard that has been over a year in the making led by herself and Tim Broderick. The goals of the scorecard are to: track progress toward the 2010 Zero Waste Plan, update the 2017 Scorecard to reflect new initiatives, highlight municipalities successes and identify gaps, encourage action among communities by sharing best practices and recommended action steps, and guide policy decisions based on the impacts upon carbon emissions and waste diversion. Cities are scored 0-4 on their progress toward the goals. They are ranked by diversion, GHG emissions, education, and engagement.

Some highlights of the results include learning that two-thirds of materials currently going to landfill could have been diverted through municipal programs, as well as half of industrial C&D. The top three programs that have the highest potential to increase diversion are commercial composting, commercial single stream, and industrial C&D. In addition, commercial single stream recycling was found to have the highest potential to reduce GHG emissions. This is an innovative tool to help track Scope 3 emissions, as this hasn't been monitored in the current GHG inventory. The team expects to update the Scorecard every 2-3 years as municipalities make strides, and new waste composition studies are completed.

5. Community Updates

At Large – Eric Smith: SB55 "Incentivize Development Recycling End Markets" passed and is on the way to the Governor. The Organics Bill (HB1047) was postponed indefinitely and the Polystyrene (HB1162) and Single Use Product (HB1163) bills also postponed but look like they may be back next year - unclear.

Boulder County – Tim Broderick: The Ward position for RCAB will be accepting applications until July 11th. This was shared through Boulder County's Municipal Community liaison, Lea Yancey in Ward as well. OSCAR is also pursuing another grant; Tim and PACE brought together a team within two weeks for the USDA Community Compost Grant with a program called Zero Food Print and Mad Agriculture. Zero Food Print is a program that puts a 1% surcharge on bills with restaurants that are willing to

participate. This funds carbon farming and regenerative agriculture for local farmers. Mad Agriculture will lead up the technical investigation and build-out. OSCAR sees the value in market development for the county compost facility that is coming. This could help long-term to create additional capital to offset the cost of compost to compete against synthetic fertilizer. The Colorado Restaurant Association and City of Denver among others have signed letters of support, and the City of Denver is investigating a policy that would require a 1% restaurant surcharge/tax that would feed into local farmers in the community.

Eco-Cycle – Suzanne Jones: Been working with Arvada on and off for the last ten years to help them adopt curbside program for recycling. Eco-Cycle provided consulting to the city staff. This was a big battle with recall threats for the City Council members, and other barriers as single hauler transitions often are. However, last week the Arvada City Council voted for it to proceed. This is one of the biggest successes for recycling for the Front Range, drastically increasing household recycling collection. This will cut down on truck traffic, reduce prices, and increase services. Eco-Cycle has been doing a video series, now on week nine, and are 5-7 minutes long. Topics such as why we should recycle, why to compost, and how to compost, can be found on their website. In addition, tomorrow Eco-Cycle is participating in a free screening of the Story of Plastics. After there will be a Zoom discussion with Kate Bailey and the film’s producers.

Town of Erie – Town of Erie Recycling Center is moving along, with an average of 24.8 cars/day coming through. Erie also rescheduled their Spring Clean-up event to be on July 25th, and are partnering with the Landfill (on site). In addition, looking to do an assessment of how many recycling bins are currently there, and potentially working with a company to provide composting and recycling for town facilities and continuing to survey the town to see what their appetite is for next steps regarding Pay-as-You-Throw, a curbside ordinance, and/or single hauler. Tyler also introduced Christian who is on the call this evening, he is with CSU’s impact program and helping Erie with their Zero Waste Assessment.

Town of Jamestown – Bridgette Johnson: The lower main street road that was damaged during the flood is finally finished. All the roads are now rebuilt from the flood, and Bridgette gave a special shout out to those involved in the town. Jamestown Mercantile is now open again on Fridays from 6 p.m. -10 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. They have a big woodfire pizza oven with tables set up in the park and massive social distancing. Everyone must wear a mask and people have been very responsive. Recycling started back up at the big park in Jamestown in May. They had canceled it for a while but is up and running again. Green Girl Recycling employee, Alex Richardson videotaped this.

City of Longmont- Charlie Kamenides: Longmont is in the middle of a greenhouse gas assessment, analyzing their waste stream specifically. Will share when finished. Also tracking waste disposal changes since Covid and starting to see a trend of increases in recycling in certain areas. For example, saw an increase of over 100 tons/month their curbside recycling in Longmont.

Town of Lyons – Dan Matsch: Had to cancel Spring Clean Up. However, the Board provided guidance that the new ordinance will still allow a cleanup event and curbside collections when time is appropriate. The sustainable futures commission is not sure when and if they will reschedule this clean-up.

Recycle Colorado – Charlie Kamenides: Still going to have their annual summit, but it will be virtual. All partners will be attending, and RCAB is encouraged to look into this and attend. It is a two-day event, August 24th and 25th with some great speakers. Will still also have networking and business connections as well as activities.

Resource Conservation Division – Darla Arians: HMMF is a tier two reopening and opened beginning of June by appointment only. The facility was extremely busy the first week, doing outdoor service only by appointment and had very long lines. They were processing through nearly 200 people a day. Ended up closing the facility from 12 -1 to be able to catch up from the influx of materials that they needed to sort through and process on the backend in order to receive more material in the afternoon. Big thanks to the staff. The HMM IGA Committee voted a couple of weeks ago to postpone the expansion of the HMMF until next year due to a decrease in revenues due to Covid. Also made an internal decision to proceed with bidding the construction out this year. Construction costs are significantly lower right now. At the Nederland Transfer Station new office construction began, and that will be done by the end of July, so will have a new office up there. There is also a 2020 Pesticide Awareness Campaign that RCAB should check out – it is called the P3 Campaign (Plants, Pesticides, and People). A brochure and digital advertising is coming out soon. Also had their second robot installed at the MRF. Had the virtual site visit with CDPHE and it went very well. The county is still having the household hazardous collection event.

Resource Central – Brandon Hill: Long lines and unprecedented demand at their May reopening with limited hours. Went back to normal hours a couple weeks ago and is pretty much business as usual (with masks) at Resource Central 6400 Arapahoe.

Western Disposal – Eric Loof: On Monday it was announced that Western finalized their agreement with City of Boulder. Renewable natural gas from Boulder Sewage treatment will fuel 38 of Western Disposals trucks.

6. Adjournment – Charlie Kamenides adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.