



# Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

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## Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

### Present:

Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont (Chair)  
Tim Plass – At-Large (Vice-chair)  
Alisha Stewart – Town of Erie  
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  
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland  
Adam Swetlick – City of Boulder

Stephanie Walton – City of Lafayette  
Tony Raeker – City of Lafayette  
Caitlyn Stafford – Town of Superior  
Lisa Speermont – At Large  
Steve Derus – Republic Services  
Suzanne Jones – Eco-Cycle

### RCAB Staff Liaison:

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

### Guests:

Tyler Kesler – Town of Erie  
Kennedy Roddy – Boulder County  
Lisa Skumatz – SERA  
Cody Lillstrom – Boulder County  
Lesia Julian – City and County of Broomfield  
Tim Adkins – ReCollect

### Active Members Not Present:

Russ Callas – At Large

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

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

### 2. **Approval of Minutes June 24, 2020**

Charlie Kamenides asked if the June Minutes could be approved. David Snapp provided an edit, and Deandra Croissant confirmed the change. From there, Brandon Hill motioned, Alisha Stewart seconded the motion, followed by unanimous RCAB approval.

### 3. **S Tax/ Infrastructure Committee**

#### **S-Tax Committee**

Tim Broderick provided an update on the RCAB S Tax / Infrastructure Meeting. The committee reviewed all the programs that were funded this year, modeling a possible 20% decrease in funding due to Sales Tax loss from Covid-19 for next year. The Community Scale Compost Facility has been prioritized as one of the biggest projects coming out of the Zero Waste and Sustainability Tax. Other funding areas on hold but still a long-term priority include the C&D Facility and education programs. In addition, spend is being recommended on the Hazardous Waste Collection Events. Tim also brought to the group the idea of using funding for Covid-19 support. The conversation

mostly centered around offering incentives to businesses which are currently set up by county COVID19 economic relief.

#### **Compost Facility**

Darla provided an update on the compost facility process. She explained that the award has been made, the communications team has been finalized, and they have contacted the first property owner nearby and are gearing up for the first community engagement. There is an initial meeting next week to walk through the site with the consultants for a kick-off. Darla also offered that the communication team could come present to RCAB. The group confirmed interest in the latter opportunity and expressed desire to provide support during the community process.

#### **4. Ward Vacancy Update**

Tim Broderick reported that RCAB has not received any applicants for the Ward position. Cody Lillstrom to reach out to his contacts to make sure everyone is aware about the opportunity.

#### **5. Zero Waste Grant Funding Update**

Cody Lillstrom presented a mid-year recap on the 2019 Zero Waste Grant Projects. He explained that funds will roll over into 2021 if any groups are unable to execute due to Covid-19. Some highlights are as follows: The 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District is ready to purchase side-clip compost bins; BVSD School Food Project initiated an order for LeanPath system in three additional schools; KGNU's first installment of Zero Waste Radio Series and Public Education Media Campaign aired at the end of January; Nederland built first Zero Waste Station; and Vessel is putting out promotional materials and developing an app.

#### **6. Waste Wizard Concept**

Kennedy Roddy and Tim Adkins presented on the Waste Wizard Tool. This is a digital tool that offers an easy way for people to search for how to dispose of anything, including where to drop it off, or if it cannot go into a recycling container or trash. Aggregated and anonymous data is being gathered from use of the tool by residents. Some insights include that it is providing more effective allocation of limited resources and enhanced collaboration between neighbors. From a county lens we will try to point people to this one stop shop where they will have all the information on recycling.

#### **7. Community Updates**

**At Large** – Plans for the Heartland Biogas facility to reopen are in process. Still a ways out from operation, but will operate on manure only for a year to get digestion working properly, then will begin to factor in other waste streams.

**Nederland** – Nederland recently hired a Sustainability Advisor using the Sustainability Tax which has been impactful for the town. Ned also enacted the waste hauler ordinance recently, applied for a number of small grants, and are working on a Zero Waste Action Plan.

**Boulder County** – OSCAR won the EPA Pollution Prevention grant. OSCAR was awarded a \$105,000 EPA grant to facilitate pollution prevention within Boulder County’s food and beverage manufacturing industry. The focus of this prevention will come through food packaging redesign with measurable outcomes in the reduction of CO2, water, and toxicity.

**City of Boulder** – Soon City of Boulder will be subsidizing a program for restaurants to do compost take out containers. This helps businesses through Covid-19 and with zero waste long term. If Longmont wants to tap or expand it in some way they could partner with PACE to get it off the ground.

**Recycle Colorado** –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 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> with some great speakers. Will still also have networking and business connections as well as activities.

8. **Adjournment** – Charlie Kamenides adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.