



Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

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Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – December 9th, 2020

Present:

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

Active Members Not Present:

Russ Callas – At Large
Stephanie Walton – City of Lafayette
Caitlyn Stafford – Town of Superior
Lisa Speermont – At Large
Bridget Johnson – Town of Jamestown
Tony Raeker – City of Lafayette
Steve Derus – Republic Services

RCAB Staff Liaison:

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

Guests:

Tyler Kesler – Town of Erie
Lesa Julian – City and County of Broomfield
Lisa Skumatz – SERA
Jamie Harkins – City of Lafayette / Boulder

1. Call to Order / Introductions

Charlie Kamenides called the meeting to order at 4:49 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes October 28, 2020

Charlie Kamenides asked if the October Minutes could be approved. David Snapp offered a correction, and this was incorporated into the minutes. From there, Alisha Stewart moved to approve, and Mark Persichetti seconded the motion, followed by unanimous RCAB approval.

3. Infrastructure Committee – Vote on support of proposed compost facility and subsequent support letter to Boulder County Commissioners (BOCC)

Suzanne Jones led a discussion on a letter of support by RCAB to be presented to the Boulder County Commissioners in support of the proposed construction of a [Boulder County Composting Facility](#) at the old Rainbow Nursery, which is located on the east of US Highway 287 just south of CO Highway 52.

- Tyler Kesler clarified that the audience for the document was the BOCC.
- RCAB proposes recommendations to the county regarding what the committee believes Boulder County should be doing.

- Tyler Kesler, Boulder County citizen and Town of Erie Sustainability Coordinator, recognizes the positive impact this proposed facility could have on waste diversion throughout the region. The Town of Erie submitted a Development Review on 12/11/2020 that provides the definition to how the Town defines Open Space as well as conditions to which we would like to be recognized as potential issues, some of which Erie residents have expressed concerns. Erie recognizes Boulder County as an exemplary environmental leader and neighbor with a track record of going above and beyond environmental standards at every opportunity possible, and are excited to remain attentive to the development to the proposed composting facility at the Rainbow Nursery site.
- Suzanne Jones did not have conditional support, and felt it was important to highlight the state-of-the-art technology designed to address odors, and that it is on a highway already, and there will be tree screening.
- Dan Matsch, stated the opportunity of a county owned facility is helping us achieve our goals such as reduction in GHG emissions. We are going to use this compost and get it into the agriculture realm. Which previously has been very difficult in Colorado due to low landfill fees. This is a unique facility intended specifically to support local agriculture, and allowing them to help us reduce GHG emissions and sequester carbon.
- Tim Plass, echoed sentiments to not make recommendation conditional.
- Mark Persichetti, didn't see anything he felt should be removed in the letter of support. He is strongly in favor of the facility.
- Jamie Harkins would be in favor of as strong of support as we can give. Feels it is important to address the misinformation going around.
- Suzanne Jones, there is a growing external coalition to educate folks about the myths and facts of the compost facility.
- Eric Loof, this is primarily outside of his focus at Western, and not in his wheel-house to comment.
- Dan Matcsh, right now the most economically expeditious way is to take your collection vehicle to Western's transfer station, it gets transferred into a 110-yard truck and gets taken 110 miles to A1. That contrasts with the proposed site, as it would be less than 10 miles to any city center in the county. That is approximately 1/5 of the hauling distance.
- David Snapp, does anyone know the route to A1? A lot of complaints have been about additional traffic, and they may be taking some of the same roads. Darla Arians can connect David with Cody Lillstrom who did the traffic analysis.
- Tyler Kesler, what is the feedback loop in terms of residents and municipal partners who reach out to the county with questions. Are they getting responses and from whom?
- Darla Arians explained all responses are going through Andrew Barth who is the PIO for the project. He is responding as quickly as he can. Since he is not the subject matter expert he receives the responses and sends it out to a variety of people who are experts in the matter of the questions. Some answers take a day and others may take a week depending on the question. All requests of information are to filter through Andrew.
- Charlie Kamenides inquired how RCAB puts forward the letter in regards to signing names. Is each member listed with their vote? Or is it "from RCAB" as a whole?

- Darla Arians explained it is typically signed “from the RCAB” with “these are the members of the board,” including each name and who they are representing. After discussion, RCAB decided they will sign the formal letter to the BOCC as group (if passed), and have a roll-call vote documented in the minutes.
- Tim Broderick clarified as a technicality, this vote of support, being facilitated through a letter, then authorizes RCAB representative or members to make public statements as RCAB at the planning commission and at the BOCC hearing.
- Charlie Kamenides also suggested that RCAB members draft a letter that could be taken to all the various communities independently of RCAB. Tyler Kesler and Jack DeBell voiced support of this. Suzanne Jones suggested the committee make a template and municipalities can draft and edit from there.
- Charlie Kamenides asked the group if they were ready to vote with discussed revisions. Edits to be made: Add the address to the summary statement, clarify the tons of organic waste currently being landfilled, add further description of the facility’s central location, add GHG equivalence that would be saved by increase in tonnage that was estimated, and add reference to traffic study.
- Tim Plass offered a motion that we approve a letter to be sent to the BOCC with the amendments that Suzanne Jones has put in front of the board. Mark Persichetti seconded the motion.

- **Roll-Call Members Present Vote:**

Members:	Representation:	Vote:
Darla Arians	Boulder County	Abstain
David Snapp	At-Large (CDPHE)	Abstain
Charlie Kamenides (chair)	City of Longmont	In favor
Tim Plass (vice-chair)	At-Large	In favor
Alisha Stewart	Town of Erie	In favor
Eric Smith	At Large	In favor
Tim Towndrow	Republic Services	Abstain
Brandon Hill	Resource Central	In favor
Mark Persichetti	City of Louisville	In favor
Jack DeBell	CU Recycling	Abstain (retirement)
Eric Loof	Western Disposal	Abstain
Suzanne Jones	Eco-cycle	In favor
Chris Pelletier	Town of Nederland	In favor
Adam Swetlick	City of Boulder	In favor
Mircalla Wozniak	City of Louisville	In favor
Dan Matsch	Town of Lyons	In favor

- The Letter of Support passes with majority in favor. 0 Opposed, 6 Abstain, 10 In-favor.

4. RCAB Open Positions

Charlie Kamenides reminded the group we still have an open position for Ward. No one is term limited in 2021. Anyone who is changing seats should let Charlie know. David Snapp's term is up in 2021 and he is eligible to re-apply.

5. Community Updates

Louisville - Mark Persichetti: The 25 cents non-reusable bag fee ballot question passed 2:1. It will go into effect in Louisville at the start of 2022. 2021 will be spent preparing the community and stores. Mark is also bringing forward a recommendation to his city council to draft a similar letter of support of the proposed compost facility to be sent to the BOCC.

Boulder County - Darla Arians: RCD put a bin out for rebuilding their two balers and that work should be down at the end of month. Also have a bid out for replacement of C-701 conveyor and bypass conveyor that will allow for baling of materials so that if one baler goes down they can reverse materials and send it to the other baler. Also received funding for automation of fiber line. Undergoing and preparing an RFP to install fiber optical sorting machines that will automatically sort the different types of fiber that they produce and sell as a commodity. RCD also won a national award for outstanding government diversion program for their Zero Waste Program from the National Recycling Coalition.

City of Lafayette – Jamie Harkins: expanded three cart system last month. In one year will require the licensing of haulers and will have to offer their customers all three services. In three years, they will charge the solid waste fee to every resident in the city.

Eco-Cycle – Suzanne Jones: State of Recycling report was released featuring communities in Boulder County. Colorado Recycle week was adopted at the state-level as an ongoing annual activity. Eco-cycle is working with other groups to champion this compost facility. Anyone who is interested in learning more or wants to get engaged can visit this link (or contact Suzanne or Dan Matsch) : localcompostclimateaction.org. You can join as an organization, farm, or individual.

6. Adjourn Charlie Kamenides adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.