



# Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

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## Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – May 26<sup>th</sup> 2021

### **Board Members Present:**

Darla Arians – Boulder County  
Brandon Hill – Resource Central  
Charles Kamenides – Longmont (Chair)  
Dan Matsch - Lyons  
Mark Persichetti - Louisville  
Tim Plass – At Large (Co-Chair)  
Mircalla Wozniak – At Large  
Suzanne Jones – Eco Cycle  
Jamie Harkins – City of Lafayette  
Tim Towndrow – Republic Services  
Sara Loflin – Town of Erie  
David Snapp – At Large (CDPHE)  
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland  
Alyssa Vogan – Sustainability Analyst Town of Superior (representing Caitlyn Stafford)

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

Adam Swetlick – City of Boulder  
Russ Callas – At Large  
Bridget Johnson – Jamestown  
Eric Smith – At Large  
Vacant – Town of Ward

Vacant – CU Recycling  
Eric Loof – Western Disposal

### **RCAB Staff Liaison:**

Tim Broderick – Boulder County/OSCAR  
(Absent)  
Deandra Croissant – Boulder County/ OSCAR

### **Guests:**

Susie Hidalgo-Fahring – Longmont City Council  
Tyler Kesler – Sustainability and Water Conservation Specialist Town of Erie  
Shelly Fuller – HMMF Boulder County Manager  
Naomi Curland – Executive Director Longmont Food Rescue  
Jack DeBell – Guest  
Jeff Davis – Guest  
Nancy Betts – Guest

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

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

### **2. Approval of Minutes April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Charlie Kamenides asked if the April 28<sup>th</sup> minutes could be approved. Tim Plass motioned to approve, Mark Persichetti seconded, followed by a unanimous RCAB approval.

### **3. HMMF 2020 Program Highlights**

Shelly Fuller manages the Hazardous Materials Management Facility (HMMF) for Boulder County Resource Conservation Division and provided a summary presentation of 2020 (see PowerPoint presentation with handout materials). HMMF has an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with seven community partners who share costs based on proportional use of the facility. Overall, HMMF had 454 tons come through their facility in 2020, and then including their events they shipped out 469 tons. In terms of households served, pre-Covid they were trending upward but being closed for 12 weeks last year they took a spike downward, with a 29% drop from 2019. In 2020,

HMMF recorded 14,478 households come through the door. Their recycle rate has gone up to 64%; part of this success is due to their ability to now recycle latex paint. Only 5% of materials have gone to the landfill or incineration. HMMF's program costs went up a bit last year, mainly because their reuse area was closed and they had to ship out a lot of materials they normally would of given away. They are one of the few programs that take out of county waste, and pre-Covid they were charging out of county residents \$35 dollars to drop off their waste.

For their events, Louisville hosted an HHW event and had 195 households schedule appointments and collected over 7,000 pounds of household waste and of that 4,630 pounds was paint. For their Broomfield event they had 337 households schedule events and collected over 20,000 pounds of waste.

HMMF analyzed the cost of their waste streams by disposal cost and found that the most expensive thing to ship off are liquid and solid poisons, as well as paint related materials like resins and roof tar. By weight, paints are the number one item they get into the facility.

HMMF serves businesses on Tuesdays by appointment only. In 2020 they served over 200 businesses and collected over 40,000 pounds of paint, with batteries and flammable liquids number one and two in the top 10 collected by pounds.

HMMF staff have co-sponsored a VapeAware education campaign with the Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) Tobacco Education Prevention Partnership (TEPP) and won a Pinnacle award from the Boulder County Commissioners. The team has been working with Boulder Valley School District as well to safely collect and store vaping devices on site. Last year, they started a pesticides reduction campaign to create awareness on having alternative pest management methods.

#### **4. May RCAB Election – Chair and Co-Chair**

Charlie Kamenides opened the floor to the members to have the conversation on who should be nominated and elected for this term's Chair and Co-Chair positions. Suzanne Jones thanked both Charlie and Tim Plass for doing such a great job as Chair and Co-Chair over the last two years. Suzanne also expressed that continuity is important and she supported them staying on if they'd like. Tim Plass acknowledged he was happy to stay on as Co-chair and supported Charlie being Chair again, noting the benefits of having Longmont in a leadership position. Charlie thanked the group for their compliments said he would like to hear from the rest of the members but would follow the directive of the board and serve. Brandon Hill also commented that Charlie and Tim have done a great job and would like to nominate them for the next term. Dan Matsch seconded a nomination for Charlie and Tim to continue in their roles. No one raised opposition and thus the vote passed with unanimous approval.

#### **5. Community Updates**

- **Chris Pelletier** – The Town of Nederland's Sustainability Coordinator created a "Zero Waste Dream Team" of Nederland residents and volunteers to strategize and implement waste diversion. That group also completed a survey from

residents and businesses to understand where to best focus their efforts. They are also pursuing updating the building code – they are currently at 2012. Working with a group called Solarized International in an effort to solarize Nederland. It involves reducing residential solar cost through bulk purchase. Nederland chose an installer through its regular procurement process and is trying to encourage residents to come together and solarize their houses. Additionally, the Board of Trustees voted in favor for a rebate to further incentivize this initiative. Finally, the Town of Nederland is also getting ready for their Clean Up Day event on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

- **David Snapp** – Emily Wilson in CDPHE’s Materials Management Unit has been working on a producer responsibility recommendations and report and is due to the legislature on July 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition they have an RFP out for the statewide organics management plan, and David asked to please get the word out to vendors. Also, have a [Front Range Waste Diversion Grant](#) open if any communities are interested in applying. Lastly, CDPHE is also taking bids on technical assistance for consultants that would help communities implement Zero Waste plans and projects.
- **Tyler Kesler** – The Town of Erie was awarded the CDPHE Front Range Waste Diversion (FRWD or “Forward”) Grant this year. It has a three-prong focus with policy development, community engagement, and community education and outreach in addition to a relocation and upgrade of their recycling center. Also completed the legal process with their CDPHE IGA and have awarded their community engagement and policy development RFQ as of earlier this week. Town of Erie is also finishing up their Spring Clean Up Events. Also did a scrap metal and electronics event and that was very popular. Extending an offer to a Sustainability Data Analyst position to come on board at Erie. Tyler also expressed he is thrilled to have trustee Loflin on as RCAB’s voting member but will be reporting as staff.
- **Jamie Harkins** – City of Boulder held a small-scale equity focused CHaRM collection. This is a result from extra zero waste budget that wasn’t used for waste management in city buildings during the pandemic, and thus was allocated toward equity work. The event was held in the Ponderosa Mobile Home Park and they collected over 4,000 pounds of materials (scrap metal, electronics, and appliances). The amount of materials collected really illustrated the need for these events. Going to be allocating budget to this again next year and will try to hit as many parts of the city they can that are undeserved by their services. From the Lafayette perspective, Jamie announced Lizzie Szorad as the City of Lafayette’s new Sustainability Coordinator.
- **Suzanne Jones** – From the state legislative point of view, Eco-cycle has been working on the Plastic Pollution Reduction Act and this has passed out of the Senate State Affairs Committee. The bill has three parts (statewide polystyrene takeout container ban, single use plastic bag ban, and to remove the state preemption of local government’s regulating plastic). That preemption provision was taken out in the house but got back added in the Senate in the affairs committee with an extended the deadline for all these things to go into effect.
- **Mircalla Wozniak** – The county is still gathering research from Fort Collins and Lafayette on building codes and household shingles for waste reduction purposes. Mircalla was also asking if there is a list of haulers that work to recycle

construction demolition for residential projects. Brandon Hill recommended getting in touch with Russ Callas. Mircalla also asked people to please send her any research they have on large scale green roof development.

- **Dan Matsch** – HB1181 Soil Health Bill is to create a soil health program for the state within the Colorado Department of Agriculture. It is related to this work in that it is working hand in glove with our effort to create a statewide organics management plan. The Soil Health Bill is intended to help farmers who are interested in adopting regenerative practices but perhaps need equipment or consulting help and this will also allow them to experience with compost use. This could also help create an end market for compost in agriculture around the state. The bill passed out of the house and the senate with minor amendments and should be going on to the governor’s desk very soon. Regarding the Town of Lyons they had an event in May for a river clean-up. A gas guzzling tanker spilled gas in the St. Vrain River, so they had 118 volunteers show up to help clean the spill. Also getting back on their collection event schedule, probably in late July – dropping the landfill collection service, so it is only diversion –HMMF, CHaRM, and yard waste.
- **Brandon Hill** – Resource Central has their construction project for the materials reuse facility well on its way. The project is to remodel their warehouse and also build a cover on their materials yard. The project is just a couple weeks away of being done. This project was funded and/or involved collaboration by many groups such as the county, Eco-Cyle, RREO, and private funders.

6. **Adjourn** Charlie Kamenides adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.