



# Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

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## Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2022

### **Board Members Present:**

Mark Persichetti – Louisville  
Charles Kamenides – Longmont (Chair)  
Alyssa Vogan – Sustainability Analyst Town of Superior  
Brandon Hill – Resource Central  
Darla Arians – Boulder County  
Eric Loof – Western Disposal  
Tim Towndrow – Republic Services  
Elizabeth Szorad – City of Lafayette  
David Snapp – At Large (CDPHE)  
Mircalla Wozniak – At Large  
Dan Matsch – Lyons  
Lauren Folkerts - City of Boulder  
Eryka Thorley – Town of Nederland  
Suzanne Jones – Eco Cycle

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

Russ Callas – At Large  
Sara Loflin – Town of Erie  
Matt LeBeau – At Large  
Vacant – Town of Ward  
Vacant – CU Recycling  
Bridget Johnson – Jamestown

### **RCAB Staff Liaison:**

Noah Eisenman – Boulder County/RCD  
Deandra Croissant – Boulder County/ OSCAR

### **Guests:**

N/A

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

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

### **2. Approval of Minutes December 8, 2021**

Charlie Kamenides asked if the December 8 minutes could be approved. Darla Arians motioned to approve, seconded by Brandon Hill, and followed by a unanimous RCAB approval. (David Snapp and Eryka Thorley abstained as they were not at the December meeting).

### **3. Welcome New Members**

Charlie welcomed the following new members to the RCAB:

- a. Eryka Thorley (Town of Nederland)
- b. Lauren Folkerts (City of Boulder)
- c. Lizzie Szorad (City of Lafayette)

### **4. Officer Elections**

Charlie Kamenides and Tim Plass terms have ended as Chair and Vice-Chair, and so the group discussed new officer elections. The two positions are a great opportunity and open to any of the members. Charlie also offered to coach and mentor the Chair position, and the Vice-Chair can act as more of an understudy role.

**Nominations:** Mark Persichetti nominated Mircalla Wozniak as Chair or Vice-Chair. Suzanne Jones nominated David Snapp as Chair. Darla Arians seconded the nomination

of David Snapp as Chair and suggested Brandon Hill as Vice-Chair. Mircalla voiced she would be more interested to take a leadership role in sub-committees. David and Brandon voiced they would be willing to step up in these roles if elected.

**Votes:** The board voted unanimously in favor of David Snapp as Chair and Brandon Hill as Vice-Chair. This will take affect at the next meeting.

**5. Subcommittees Moving Forward**

RCAB has been considering the idea of deploying subcommittees on at-need basis. Today's discussion was about the need for a temporary Sustainability Tax Subcommittee, in addition to the whole RCAB group getting to play a role in S-Tax discussions and recommendations during the regularly scheduled meeting time. There are 2 months until RCAB must submit a request to the BOCC for S-Tax/ zero waste. At the next RCAB meeting, the group will go through the S-Tax spreadsheet to start forming recommendations. Charlie will reach out to Susie Strife to get last year's spreadsheet and confirm timelines. Darla will lead the S-Tax session at next RCAB meeting and it will be the main agenda session.

**6. Retreat Takeaways**

RCAB discussed the Annual Retreat Takeaways and how they are going to begin tackling some of these. RCAB focused on discussing the first two priorities (C&D strategy and zero waste ordinances).

**1. C&D Strategy (infrastructure or policy)**

- a. Darla: believes the biggest gap in achieving zero waste is C&D.
- b. We don't have any regulations or ordinances on this (except for City of Boulder), for construction, deconstruction, and demolition materials in our community. Based on our waste studies we have done over the last several years that is our biggest need and gap for achieving zero waste.
- c. Think a resolution, ordinance, and incentives would be helpful on this. A policy component that could be brought forward with S-Tax dollars.
- d. Suzanne: A field trip could be beneficial. Tour on June 3 through Recycle Colorado.
- e. Talk to City of Boulder about how their ordinance is working or not working.
- f. Noah: Could have City of Boulder come in and talk about the diversion rate in terms of deconstruction, and if they have compliance issues with it, if it did put a dent in diversion, and if so, how much, and what they are doing in terms of enforcement. Had met with the county in the past to see if they could do a similar ordinance in tandem. However, there were barriers with the distance to haulers, and overall size of the county.
- g. Darla: Talk to Sean Wood in Oregon, they have one of the most successful C&D deconstruction programs in our country.
- h. Charlie: Are there private sector plans to build some of this?
- i. David: C&D is very dynamic. Concrete generally has a place to go, but hauling distance can be a big challenge. Asphalt shingles, we have a policy that we have more oversight over recycling them because older houses can contain more asbestos. This can be a conflict for C&D, as asphalt shingles makes up a big portion of C&D.

- j. Noah: Believes legislation is the way for this, but it can be very difficult for the county in unincorporated areas, and for some jurisdictions with little resources for code enforcement.
- k. Dan: We could update our building code to require class 4 high impact shingles. Doesn't completely eliminate the asphalt shingles problem, but would have a significant effect. This is something Lafayette did.
- l. Possibly prioritize the ZW grant funding to help move forward C&D initiatives.

## 2. Promote zero waste ordinance

- a. Darla: Boulder County has a goal to be zero waste by 2025. We currently don't have the infrastructure, end markets, or regulations in place to support us achieving that. Seems challenging to get to that point in 2 years.
- b. David: Do we have the ability to bring forward these issues and recommendations to BOCC?
- c. Darla: Yes, that is part of our role.
- d. Noah: We can make that recommendation, but because of the home rule it would only affect unincorporated. Therefore, if we make that recommendation it should be coupled with having all of RCAB from other jurisdictions come forward with something that is replicable or tailored to the different communities that work for them. This can also be leveraged with a road show going to different municipalities and presenting the information. Furthermore, incentives could be created to help support the municipalities.
- e. Noah asked the group to all go and find out what each community has for zero waste regulations and what the current building codes are for C&D. Charlie also asked if City of Longmont could come present next meeting to talk about their zero waste ordinance.

## 7. Community Updates

**Alyssa Vogan: Superior** – Held Household Hazardous Waste and Hard-to-Recycle Event for first time in two years. Served 260 residents with reservations, and 30-40 that showed up without reservations. Impressed by Eco-Cycle and Shelly's team with their efficiency and how well they do at those events. Participating in partnership with Louisville's and Lafayette's Hard-to-Recycle event to recycle their gas-powered lawn mowers for electric. Taking gasoline to HMMF. May 14.

**Mark Persichetti: Louisville** – At start of this year new disposable bag tax went into effect. Receiving quarterly reports from merchants—in the first quarter the city collected around \$1,200. Which means roughly 8,000 plastic bags were purchased by residents in the first 3 months (15 cents each). The City did hire a new sustainability specialist, Kayla Betzhold. She previously was working in Wheat Ridge and Fort Collins. If anyone would like to get contact information for her, you can find it on the Louisville website.

**Brandon Hill: Resource Central** –Next week partnering with CU to do recycling events (for college move out and then also going back for move in to offer recycled materials to new students).

**Charlie Kamenides: Longmont** – Held two successful Earth Day Events. Extended Producer Responsibility Bill seems to have good bi-partisan support and may get passed. Would help have balanced recycling for every resident in Colorado, and more circular economy initiatives. Some beverage association and waste haulers very supportive of it.

**Elizabeth Szorad: Lafayette** – Held Hard-to-Recycle Event on April 23. This was the first one for Lafayette, as they originally only did electronic recycling events. Also had compost give away event with record participation. Their culminating celebration is called “Earth Day Everyday” and will have 25 vendors, an EV showcase, tours in English and Spanish of new classrooms, E-bikes, music, etc. Also just launched their “Refresh Green Business Program” and a bag fee/bag ban website with information about the fees coming January 2023.

**Darla Arians: Boulder County** – Kicked off Spring clean-up season. Events happening pretty much every weekend in May and June, as well as August. In December, finished the expansion of the Hazmat facility, if anyone is interested in a tour let Darla know. Also doing BOCO Recycling Center Tours again. Finally, Nederland transfer station received FWRD grant for \$46,000 for their reuse barn at the Nederland transfer station. This is part of the larger zero waste expansion that is happening up there.

**Dan Matsch: Lyons**– Welcomed a new board of trustees just last week with the Sustainable Futures Commission. Got a really good group of folks who see some sustainability needs in Lyons and so they are excited to be working with them.

**8. Adjourn**

Charlie Kamenides adjourned the meeting at 6:25 P.M.