



# Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

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## Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2023

### **Board Members Present:**

David Snapp – At Large (Chair)  
Mircalla Wozniak – At Large (vice-chair)  
Angie Gilbert – CU Recycling  
Joe Pitts – Resource Central  
Eric Loof – Western Disposal  
Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont  
Lizzie Szorad – City of Lafayette  
Kayla Betzold – City of Louisville  
Kathy Carroll – Town of Lyons  
Matt LeBeau – At Large  
Dan Hoback – Town of Erie  
Zan Jones – EcoCycle  
Cody Lillstrom – Boulder County Resource  
Conservation Division

### **Board Members not present:**

Brandon Hill – At Large  
Alexis Bullen- Town of Superior  
Bridget Johnson – Jamestown  
Lauren Folkerts – City of Boulder  
Tim Towndrow – Republic Services  
Leah Haney – Town of Nederland  
Vacant – at large  
Vacant – Town of Ward

### **County Liaison**

Meghan Wiebe – Boulder County RCD

### **Guests:**

Andrew Sawusch – Town of Erie  
Sean McCoy – City of Longmont

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

David Snapp called the meeting to order at 4:49 p.m.

### **2. Approval of September 27, 2023 Minutes**

David asked if the September 27, 2023 meeting minutes could be approved.

Dan Hoback motioned to approve, Kayla Betzold seconds the motion, followed by unanimous RCAB approval.

### **3. RCAB Priority – next steps**

David shared with the group that the top two priorities for the board are drafting a universal zero waste ordinance and compost infrastructure.

The city of Lafayette is working on a universal recycling ordinance with TASP and Lizzie Szorad said she would be happy to share the work that is done for that with the group.

Kayla Betzold asked for clarification about if the group is prioritizing a universal zero waste ordinance or a universal recycling ordinance. Speaking from the Louisville perspective, Kayla thinks requiring composting is an issue because of what has happened with compost guidelines this year. She is comfortable moving forward with recycling requirements but not composting. David agreed that if your community doesn't offer recycling, that is something the group could look at. However, he thinks an ordinance template that municipalities can add and subtract things from could work as well.

Charles Kamenides understands Kayla's and David's sentiments. A subcommittee could come together and create a template that could be "à la carte" style. That could be helpful for different communities.

Zan Jones agrees with the conversation and likes the idea of a template that provides good language and next steps.

Lizzie shared that she anticipates the City of Lafayette will have draft language by Spring of 2024.

David asked for subcommittee volunteers.

**Universal Recycling Ordinance Subcommittee members:**

Charles Kamenides, Zan Jones, and David Snapp

In terms of compost infrastructure as a priority, Mircalla shared that it is an interest for the group to keep compost infrastructure at the forefront. It will be helpful to know what the county is considering and then figure out next steps from there. David asked what we can do as a board for compost infrastructure.

Angie Gilbert shared the three action items for compost infrastructure that the board had discussed at the last meeting.

- Board will act as champions for Boulder County to search for a new home for a commercial composting site, including serving as a focus group for outreach materials.
- Board will also help promote smaller-scale composting initiatives, such as backyard, on-farm, large generator, and mountain town composting options.
- Board will provide input on public outreach for composting, city procurement and compost buy-back programs.

Zan would like to pursue or champion all the different ways compost infrastructure can take place.

Meghan Wiebe shared that the Commissioners recently approved an on-farm compost land use update. It will allow third parties to bring organics to farms and reduces the setback limit.

She also shared that the Commissioners are interested compost infrastructure and that she has been meeting regularly with Commissioner Stolzman on the issue. The county is looking at a few possible sites and they are open to regional partnerships that may have a good site. Meghan has formed a working group to work on site analysis and looking at end markets. There has been some renewed momentum in getting serious about site selection. She thinks the next phase will be getting all three Commissioners in the room to talk about next steps.

Cody Lillstrom said that Commissioner Stolzman is supportive of compost infrastructure and what we're doing as an advisory board.

David posited that the board could write a letter of support to encourage what the county is doing and keep it moving forward. He also believes it would be helpful to have a website that educates on what can be done in Boulder County under the current composting rules and regulations. Education and transparency around the issue is helpful for all.

Charlie asked David if he could provide some foundational knowledge about the different types of compost facilities and the regulations that go along with them. David replied that he could provide that information after the rules are finalized in February.

**Action item:** David told members he will get a letter of encouragement together for the county commissioners and will ask for a vote once it's ready.

Zan asked that the letter make a nod towards including the public early and often in the process.

**4. OSCAR updates**

Cody Lillstrom shared two updates.

- Cody has accepted the position as Public Works Deputy Director for the Resource Conservation Division.
- The Circular Economy grant subcommittee met previously and made recommendations for grant offerings. The subcommittee approved up to \$200,000 worth of funding. Grant awardees are as follows:
  - Community Cycles
  - Eco-Cycle
  - Moksha Chocolate
  - City of Louisville
  - Resource Central
  - City of Longmont
  - Nude Foods
  - Boulder County Farmers Market

**5. November/December Meeting Discussion**

David brought up the discussion about combining the November and December meetings into one meeting the first couple weeks of December.

**Action item:** David will send out a poll to find out which December date works for the most people to attend a meeting.

**6. Community Updates**

**Kayla Betzold for City of Louisville:** The city has developed five bag tax funded commercial waste reduction programs. They have had a hard time getting businesses interested as people seem to be hesitant about the money that the city is giving out. These programs will be offered to the 230 businesses that consistently pay into the bag tax.

The programs are:

- Bulk supply of reusable bags
- 1 year subscription for hard to recycle services through Ridwell
- Enhanced recycling or composting credit through Resource Conservation Division
- Reusable takeout pilot with DeliverZero
- Sustainability grant that can be used for anything sustainability related

Another update from City of Louisville: The Parks department is interested in starting a partnership with downtown Louisville businesses to do a compost pickup. The compost from businesses will be taken to a city owned site and used on city landscaping.

**Charlie Kamenides for City of Longmont:** The city just completed their 2-week hard to recycle event with Green Girl Recycling.

They are also working hard on the rollout of the universal recycling ordinance that starts January 1. Outreach, education, and grants have been the focus for right now.

Charlie was approached by the Glass Institute and others in the glass recycling industry about doing some specific glass recycling separation at the Longmont Diversion Center.

**Action item:** Charlie would like to talk with Cody Lillstrom and Ecocycle about how this would potentially impact the recycling center.

**7. Adjourn**

David adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.