



# Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

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## Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2023

### **Board Members Present:**

David Snapp – At Large (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  
Cody Lillstrom – Boulder County Resource Conservation Division (RCD)  
Alexis Bullen- Town of Superior  
Tim Towndrow – Republic Services  
Leah Haney – Town of Nederland

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

Brandon Hill – At Large  
Bridget Johnson – Jamestown  
Lauren Folkerts – City of Boulder  
Mircalla Wozniak – At Large (vice-chair)  
Dan Hoback – Town of Erie  
Zan Jones – EcoCycle  
Vacant – at large  
Vacant – Town of Ward

### **County Liaison**

Meghan Wiebe – Boulder County RCD

### **Guests:**

Chandra Valenza – Boulder County RCD  
Eryka Thorley – Town of Erie  
Jamie Harkins – City of Boulder  
Aurelia Casarrubias – Town of Superior  
Lisa Evans – City of Lafayette  
Hannah Miller – City of Louisville

### **1. Snack Time**

This was a hybrid meeting at the Boulder County Recycling Center. Two board members were online, the rest were in person. Time was allotted at the beginning for members to get food before the meeting started.

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

David Snapp called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

### **3. Approval of October 25, 2023 Minutes**

David asked if the October 25, 2023 meeting minutes could be approved.

Eric Loof motioned to approve, Lizzie Szorad seconded the motion, followed by unanimous RCAB approval.

### **4. RCAB Priority – no new news – assistance requested**

David shared with the group that he has not made progress on the draft recycling ordinance. David made a request to the group that if their municipality has an ordinance to send it to him. Once he collects those ordinances, he will meet with Zan Jones and Charles Kamenides to draft a recycling ordinance that can be approved by the board and used by any municipality that would like to in the future.

**Action:** Municipalities with recycling ordinances will send ordinance language to David Snapp.

5. **2024 Planning small groups**

Meghan Wiebe started the conversation about the possibility of having more in person meetings in 2024. She proposed in person meetings for the February, May, and August meetings as well as having the meetings at rotating locations.

Several members offered to host RCAB at their work locations. The following dates and locations were decided upon:

- February 28 – CU
- May 29 – Resource Central
  - o The May meeting will be moved to the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month since May 22 is the last day of school for Boulder Valley School District.
- August 28 – City of Boulder
- December meeting – Boulder County Recycling Center

Next for 2024 planning was a discussion on membership vacancies. Meghan let the group know that there are two at large seats and one seat for the Town of Ward available.

**Action:** Meghan will send a draft email to members for them to send to their networks for recruitment of those vacancies.

There are multiple municipality seats that are switching members. The movement in seats is as such:

- Kayla Betzold’s seat will transfer to Hannah Miller
- Alexis Bullen’s seat will transfer to Aurelia Casarrubias
- Lizzie Szorad’s seat will transfer to Lisa Evans

These seat transfers are for staff members that work for that municipality.

Finally, Meghan brought up the idea of subcommittees going forward. There was general discussion about the logistics, structure, and how subcommittees could function. The group came to a consensus that dedicating time during some of the monthly RCAB meetings would be a good way to do subcommittee work.

The following subcommittees and members were decided upon:

- Universal Recycling Ordinance
  - o David Snapp, Charles Kamenides, Zan Jones, Eric Loof, Lisa Evans
- Compost Infrastructure
  - o Tim Towndrow, Hannah Miller, Angie Gilbert, Kathy Carroll, Meghan Wiebe
- Deconstruction
  - o Cody Lillstrom, Joe Pitts
- Outreach
  - o Matt LeBeau, Aurelia Casarrubias

If a board member was not present, they will either choose a subcommittee at a later date or be a “floater” and go to subcommittee groups as needed.

Members broke out into subcommittee small groups for 20 minutes.

Groups reported back to the larger group on some of the things they discussed:

- Universal Recycling Ordinance

- Creating a kind of toolkit for municipalities to use that have messaging, best practices, and lessons learned.
- Compost Infrastructure
  - Community outreach for composting and a compost buyback program.
- Deconstruction
  - Overall goal would be to encourage communities to adopt more progressive requirements in their cities for recycling construction and demolition materials.
- Outreach
  - Create a landing page for the county that has resources for recycling, composting, reusing, etc.
  - Diversion rates are a good metric to use for outreach.

**6. Restructuring meeting minutes discussion**

Chandra Valenza started the discussion about the possibility of restructuring the meeting minutes. The few notable discussion points were who should be taking the minutes and how the minutes should be taken. Meghan Wiebe and Cody Lillstrom pointed out that according to the bylaws the meeting minutes shall provide a summary of decisions and actions taken. These simplified meeting minutes fall under “Roberts Rules.”

Chandra brought up the possibility of recording the meeting and having the recording available on the RCAB webpage ([RCAB - Boulder County](#)). Board members present agreed that putting the recording on the webpage would be helpful.

**Motion:** Kathy Carroll made a motion that RCAB take minutes in the style of Roberts Rules. Angie Gilbert seconds the motion followed by unanimous approval.

**Motion:** Kathy Carroll made a motion that the RCAB meeting be recorded, and the video recording be available on the RCAB webpage. Matt LeBeau seconds the motion followed by unanimous approval.

**Action:** Chandra will talk with the Public Works Communications team to see if the recording can be uploaded to the webpage.

**7. Community Updates**

**Charles Kamenides for City of Longmont:** Longmont is gearing up for the Universal Recycling Ordinance.

Charles suggested to put future presentation materials in the agenda email sent to members before the meeting. This way they can look over the presentation and be prepared with questions.

**Leah Haney for Town of Nederland:** Nederland is still planning to get their in-vessel composter at the transfer station. This will produce usable compost for the community.

With the Plastic Pollution Reduction Act coming up, Nederland is looking to work with DeliverZero to expand reusable takeout container services to their area.

**Lizzie Szorad for City of Lafayette:** Lafayette just finished onboarding 4000 residents to their Green Cart Program. A fee will be issued if they do not join the city’s residential service contract.

**Hannah Miller for City of Louisville:** Louisville is launching their bag tax programs with businesses. 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

**Joe Pitts for Resource Central:** Resource Central got a mural painted on their building that celebrates the spirit of reuse.

**Eyrka Thorley for Town of Erie:** Erie will soon be taking applications for a “landfill task force” that will look at the Front Range Landfill’s request for an extension approval. This group will be resident led, will do research, work with the landfill, and make recommendations to the Council.

The Town of Erie is also working with Resource Central for weekly pickups for residents. They have also put in a TASP application to help with their waste diversion efforts.

**Angie Gilbert for CU:** CU just calculated their diversion from the football season and students hand sorted 100,000 pounds of material from six games.

**David Snapp for Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE):** Circular Action Alliance is leading the need assessment for the state’s product stewardship act. There were many comments from the board meeting about the draft parts of the assessment. The needs assessment will be finalized in March then sent to the Joint Budget Committee.

CDPHE is also asking for a 4cent cubic yard increase at landfills to help with staff costs. This is the first ask for an increase in cubic yard cost since 2010.

Jace Driver at CDPHE is proposing alternative compost regulations to make composting easier for communities.

CDPHE is hiring someone to work in the closed landfill remediation program.

**Alexis Bullen for Town of Superior:** Superior submitted a TASP application to help looking at all the options for trash hauler contracts and hopefully increase sustainability and diversion.

**Jamie Harkins for City of Boulder:** Boulder is preparing for the citywide bag fee by doing webinars and other outreach.

Boulder has also been conducting a Deconstruction Working Group to improve the deconstruction ordinance. The recommendations will go to council early 2024.

**8. Adjourn**

David adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.