



# Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

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## Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2024

### **Board Members Present:**

Mircalla Wozniak – At Large (vice-chair)  
Angie Gilbert – CU Recycling  
Joe Pitts – Resource Central  
Eric Loof – Western Disposal  
Tim Towndrow – Hauler  
Kathy Carroll – Town of Lyons  
Matt LeBeau – At Large  
Cody Lillstrom – Boulder County Resource Conservation Division (RCD)  
Zan Jones – EcoCycle  
Aurelia Casarrubias – Town of Superior  
Lisa Evans – City of Lafayette  
Hannah Miller – City of Louisville  
Verity Noble – at large  
Brian DeCorte – At Large

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

David Snapp – At Large (Chair)  
Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont  
Taishya Adams – City of Boulder  
Dan Hoback – Town of Erie  
Bridget Johnson – Jamestown  
Leah Haney – Town of Nederland  
Vacant – Town of Ward

### **County Liaison – not present**

Meghan Wiebe – Boulder County RCD

### **Guests:**

Chandra Valenza – Boulder County RCD  
Eryka Thorley – Town of Erie  
Susie Hidalgo-Fahring – City of Longmont

A quorum for RCAB is half of the membership plus one. The quorum was met for the February meeting.

#### **1. Grab food – social time**

This was a hybrid meeting at the CU Center for Community Dining Center. Two board members were online. The other present board members and guests were in person. Time was allotted at the beginning for members to get food before the meeting started.

#### **2. Call to order/introductions**

Mircalla Wozniak (vice-chair) called the meeting to order at 5:07p.m.

#### **3. Approval of January 24, 2024 Minutes**

Mircalla asked if the January 24, 2024 meeting minutes could be approved. Hannah Miller motioned to approve, Cody Lillstrom seconded, followed by unanimous approval of the minutes.

#### **4. County Updates + RCAB Membership update**

Cody Lillstrom and Chandra Valenza shared updates about what is happening at the Resource Conservation Division.

- The website update for the compost facility is going through internal review before posted for the public to view.
- A short video about Recycle Row was recently finished and will be available for municipalities to post on their webpages soon.

- Drop offs at the Hazardous Materials Management Facility are up. There was clarification to board members that residents do not need an appointment to drop off.

Chandra talked through membership updates. Each term is open-ended unless the member is “at-large.” At-large member terms are three years with possibility of renewal. Chair and vice-chair elections will happen in the Spring.

**5. Subcommittee breakouts – followed by report out**

- Universal Recycling Ordinance
  - o Present members in this subcommittee – Lisa Evans, Zan Jones, Eric Loof
  - o Guests who joined this meeting – Eryka Thorley
  - o Notes from breakout:
    - David Snapp is working on the current draft of the URO following the breakout session attended by Zan, Charlie, David, and Eric on 2/14/24.
    - The URO confirmed a “to do item” to re-visit the 2020 Zero Waste Score Card as part of the URO revision scope. The intent is to use the scoring to identify specific community needs that should be included in the final URO deliverable.
      - o It was also mentioned the report has not been updated since 2020.
    - Lisa and Eryka have specific interests in the URO based on their community “needs”, Lafayette – “how to manage exceptions to the URO”, Erie – residential URO details with focus on single hauler options (90% of Erie is under HOA management)
    - Team expressed interest to Cody via a future RCAB meeting, to provide a topic overview of Retrac reporting and how data is collected, evaluated, and processed for the final reports.
- Compost Infrastructure
  - o Present members in this subcommittee – Hannah Miller, Angie Gilbert, Tim Towndrow, Brian DeCorte
  - o Guests who joined for this meeting –Susie Hidalgo-Fahring
  - o Notes from breakout:
    - The group would like to support the success of the community and county through infrastructure and access to organics collection and composting facilities. This can be done through the following:
      - Quality control of entire process, specifically soil health and end products
      - Improve access and opportunity for end markets
      - Get information to community and county members, squash mis-information and dis-information
      - County and vendor metrics on the increase of landfilled food and compostable products, use 2019/2021/2023 as a baseline/scope 1/scope 2 landfilled waste metrics
        - o Access metrics on commercial and residential curbside services vs. local drop off locations

- Deconstruction
  - o Members in this subcommittee - Cody Lillstrom, Joe Pitts, Kathy Carroll
  - o Guest who joined for this meeting – Andrew Sawusch
  - o Notes from breakout:
    - Kathy Carrol joined the Deconstruction Subcommittee
    - **Action:** Kathy will create a survey for next meeting with input on questions from the group. Survey intent is to poll RCAB members on where there community stands currently with deconstruction efforts.
    - **Action:** Joe will reach out to Emily at City of Boulder and ask if she is willing to meet with the deconstruction subcommittee in near future
    - **Action:** Cody will explore federal funding opportunities within Inflation Reduction Act and other sources
- Outreach
  - o Members in this subcommittee – Aurelia Casarrubias, Verity Noble, Mircalla Wozniak
  - o Guests who joined for this meeting – Chandra Valenza
  - o Notes from breakout:
    - Mission of the group discussion:
      - Is it more that we are communicating/promoting what RCAB is doing?
      - Facilitating information sharing from this group out to other cities/groups/...?
      - **Action:** meet as a subcommittee before the next RCAB meeting to discuss goals/mission of the group

## 6. Community Updates

**Angie Gilbert for CU Recycling:** CU will have access to the Tiger de-packager at Western Disposal.

**Mircalla Wozniak:** Attended the Recycle Colorado Lobby Day.

**Zan Jones for EcoCycle:** Also attended the Recycle Colorado Lobby Day. The three pieces of lobbying were for Producer Responsibility, Waste Tire Fee Reauthorization, and merging the Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity (RREO) and Front Range Waste Diversion (FRWD) grant programs into one titled Circular Communities Enterprise Fund (C3E).

**Joe Pitts for Resource Central:** Garden in a Box goes on sale the first week of March.

## 7. Next Meeting Information

Due to time constraints this agenda item did not get discussed.

## 8. Adjourn

Mircalla adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.