



Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

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Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – June 26, 2024

Board Members present:

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

Board Members not present:

Taishya Adams – City of Boulder
Dan Hoback – Town of Erie
David Snapp – At Large
Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont
Matt LeBeau – At Large
Leah Haney – Town of Nederland
Vacant – Town of Ward

County Liaison:

Meghan Wiebe – Boulder County RCD

Guests:

Chandra Valenza – Boulder County RCD
Susie Hidalgo-Fahring – City of Longmont
Andrew Sawusch – Town of Erie
Jamie Harkins – City of Boulder
Nicole Manesh – City of Longmont
Eryka Thorley – Town of Erie

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

1. Call to order/introductions

Angie Gilbert called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

2. Approval of May Minutes

Angie asked if the May 26, 2024 meeting minutes could be approved. Hannah Miller motioned to approve, Zan Jones seconded, followed by member vote approval.

3. RCAB Origins and Mission

Meghan Wiebe presented on the origins of RCAB. RCAB was officially formed in 2002.

To view the presentation, please see Meghan's PowerPoint in the attachments.

After the presentation, some members had questions and curiosities about some of the content. Kathy Carroll was curious about what happened to the compost facility construction laid out in the original bylaws. Meghan explained that the money collected from the tax was used for various things and most of it was used to construct the recycling center. She interprets the data as showing there was no more money to construct a compost facility, especially since the tax sunsetted soon after the recycling center was built.

Michael Springer responded to a question posed during the presentation about underrepresented areas. He believes the Gunbarrel/Niwot area is large enough to have its own representation on the board. Meghan explained that if the board wanted to pursue something like this, there would have to be changes in the bylaw language to encompass regions rather than municipalities.

There was a discussion about the mission of RCAB and how it has evolved since the board formed.

4. Subcommittee Updates and Moving Forward

- Universal Recycling Ordinance – no update
- Compost Infrastructure – no update
- Outreach – The subcommittee has gathered information on RCAB's actions since its inception. This information will be shared at the next meeting.
- Deconstruction – The subcommittee has gotten feedback from the survey they are creating on Construction and Deconstruction. This survey will go out soon.

5. RCD Updates

Meghan Wiebe gave an update on the possible county Compost Facility. The Town Hall hosted on Thursday, May 30 had about 45 attendees and all three commissioners were there to hear from the community. Overall, people were supportive of composting and they heard a range of ideas from the community in terms of decentralized composting and education about the facility. Meghan mentioned that there is a county team evaluating the various RFP's that have come in for the compost facility feasibility study. The goal is to have a contractor on board for the feasibility study by the end of the summer.

Cody Lillstrom shared Zero Waste Program updates for Michal Duffy (Zero Waste Program Manager) who could not be at the meeting. There are site upgrades happening at both the Nederland and Allenspark Transfer Stations. The Nederland Transfer Station will get an in-vessel composting unit this Fall. Another county program that was highlighted is the Zero Waste Coupon program. This coupon incentivizes residences or businesses to start recycling or composting services.

6. New Member Introductions and Brief Presentations

Michael Springer shared a little about himself as he is a relatively new RCAB member. Michael lives in Gunbarrel and is connected to both the Gunbarrel and Niwot communities. One of Michael's zero waste passions is making local events as zero waste as possible.

7. Community updates/organizational updates

Bridget Johnson: The Jamestown Spring Clean-Up was a success. Tires, scrap metal, electronics, and Styrofoam were notable in how much was collected.

Aurelia Casarrubias for Town of Superior: The Town got approval for recycling rebates using the Zero Waste Coupons.

They are also finishing up work with the TASP program. TASP did outreach with HOAs and businesses on composting services and barriers to composting.

Superior's waste contract is up at the end of 2024 so they have been doing outreach on what residents would like. There was support for Pay-As-You-Throw and opt-in composting services.

Nicole Manesh for City of Longmont: The second phase of Longmont's Universal Recycling Ordinance on June 1st. This phase includes commercial businesses and multi-family units. Residents have been supportive and using the Zero Waste Coupons. The City is using money from the Circular Economy Funding Grant to do two multi-family education and outreach events in August.

Hannah Miller for City of Louisville: The city's Street Faire event kicked off recently and is using Scraps for waste disposal at the event.

Michael Springer: Michael made a shoutout for a Longmont concert where Sustainable Resilient Longmont staff ensured that waste was diverted for recycling and composting.

Niwot's concert series is zero waste and folks are invited to see how they do it.

Michael also reminded the group that the state's Compost Labeling bill is effective July 1.

Andrew Sawusch for Town of Erie: Erie staff is currently working on strategies related to waste diversion. The Town's Landfill Task Force is looking into potential construction material separation on-site and a local composting facility for Erie residents.

8. Adjourn

Angie adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.