



# Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

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## Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2024

### **Board Members present:**

Angie Gilbert – CU Recycling (chair)  
Hannah Miller – City of Louisville (vice-chair)  
Conor Dougherty – Resource Central  
Kathy Carroll – Town of Lyons  
Eric Loof – Western Disposal  
Tim Towndrow – Hauler  
Taishya Adams – City of Boulder  
Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont  
Mircalla Wozniak – At Large

### **County Liaison:**

Meghan Wiebe – Boulder County RCD

### **Guests:**

Chandra Valenza – Boulder County RCD  
Emma Marino – Town of Erie  
Michal Duffy – Boulder County RCD  
Elizabeth Szorad – City of Lafayette  
Nicole Manesh – City of Longmont  
Susie Hidalgo-Fahring – City of Longmont

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

Zan Jones – EcoCycle  
Lisa Evans – City of Lafayette  
Michael Springer – At large  
Brian DeCorte – At Large  
Bridget Johnson – Jamestown  
Cody Lillstrom – Boulder County Resource  
Conservation Division (RCD)  
Dan Hoback – Town of Erie  
David Snapp – At Large  
Matt LeBeau – At Large  
Leah Haney – Town of Nederland  
Vacant – Town of Ward  
Vacant – Town of Superior

A quorum for RCAB is half of the membership plus one. The quorum was not met for the September meeting.

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

Angie Gilbert called the meeting to order at 4:49 p.m.

### **2. Approval of August Minutes**

Angie asked if the August 28, 2024 meeting minutes could be approved. Kathy Carroll motioned to approve, Hannah Miller seconded, followed by member vote approval.

### **3. RCD Circular Economy Fund Update**

One of the responsibilities of RCAB is to recommend Circular Economy Funding awards to the Board of County Commissioners. Michal Duffy is the Zero Waste Program Manager for the Boulder County Resource Conservation Division (RCD). They were in attendance to speak about the Circular Economy Funding opportunity.

Michal explained some of the updates to the funding this year which include Spanish translation and a question on the application about how the project serves diverse populations.

Michal went through the scoring mechanism with the board. They also got volunteers to be on the subcommittee to go through the applications and score them.

Board members that volunteered to be on the subcommittee are Taishya Adams, Lisa Evans, Kathy Carroll, Tim Towndrow, and Angie Gilbert.

Meghan Wiebe will send out an email template to board members that can be sent to their network of businesses and organizations that may be interested in the funding opportunity.

#### **4. RCAB Bylaws Discussion**

Meghan explained that the current bylaws are from 2018. RCD staff members have worked on updating the bylaws and sent them to county attorneys for input. Meghan shared the suggested edits of the bylaws with the board and invited board members to review and suggest revisions.

Comments from this discussion are as follows:

- Taishya Adams would like to have a collective definition of “circular economy” and possibly add a glossary.
- Taishya and Charlie Kamenides recommended to add “...advice, recommendations, and information to the board of county commissioners...” to the Policy Development section.
- Several members discussed the term “non-binding” as it relates to the bylaws.
- Communications to town, city, and county representatives from RCAB members about RCAB should be done annually.
- Eric Loof suggested creating additional language around hauler qualifications in the membership section.
- There was a discussion around representation from other academic institutions and how that would benefit the board.

Due to time, this discussion will continue at the October meeting.

#### **5. Subcommittee Updates**

Angie asked the board for any updates on subcommittees.

- Universal Recycling Ordinance – No update
- Compost Infrastructure – No update but they plan to meet outside of the meeting to discuss the purpose of the subcommittee.
- Outreach – No Update
- Deconstruction – Kathy shared that the Construction and Deconstruction survey is ready for board members. The survey’s intention is to understand what is going on in various communities regarding construction waste.
- Hannah Miller would like to start a new subcommittee that addresses waste mitigation after natural disasters.

#### **6. Community updates/organizational updates**

**Hannah Miller for City of Louisville:** The Ecotoberfest event is happening on October 5<sup>th</sup> in collaboration with Superior, Erie, and Lafayette.

The city also has their spring-cleaning voucher to make up for the rescheduled spring cleaning event. Lastly, Louisville is doing a Climate Action Plan update at the end of 2025.

**Emma Marino for Town of Erie:** Erie is adding more collection bins to their town recycling center. Separate roll offs for scrap metal, food scraps, and glass will be added.

The sustainability staff presented to the Town Council regarding a community-wide waste hauling contract and the research they have done so far. It was well received, and they were told to continue with research and engagement.

**Nicole Manesh for City of Longmont:** The City's leaf collections have been scheduled for the Fall. The event, Rhythm for Roosevelt, was successful, and they partnered with r.Cup.

Longmont is planning on having a Construction and Deconstruction ordinance in the future.

They are also planning on enforcement measures regarding the Plastic Pollution Reduction Act. This will be written into city code, and they hope to finish it by the beginning of 2025.

**Kathy Carroll for Town of Lyons:** Lyons is sponsoring a diversion day on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Conor Dougherty for Resource Central:** Resource Central has been hosting "tool sales," and they have been successful. They have a new pick-up vehicle funded through the Recycling Recovery and Economic Opportunity (RREO) grant. The truck has a forklift mounted on it. Lastly, Resource Central has partnered with Erie, Louisville, Lafayette, and Superior for pick-ups, and there has been a lot of participation.

**7. Adjourn**

Angie adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.