



Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – January 29, 2025

Board Members present:

Cody Lillstrom – Boulder County Representative
Taishya Adams – Boulder Representative
Bridget Johnson – Jamestown Representative
Lisa Evans – Lafayette Representative
Nicole Manesh – Longmont Representative (*secretary*)
Kathy Carroll – Lyons Representative
Logan Johnson – Louisville Representative (*vice chair*)
Austin Everett – Superior Representative
Eric Loof – Hauling Business Licensed in Boulder County
Conor Dougherty – Material Reuse
Angie Gilbert – Academic/Educational Institution (*chair*)
Suzanne Jones– Environmental Non-profit or Advocacy Group
Tim Towndrow – Recycling, Composting or C&D Processor
David Snapp – Member-at-Large
Michael Springer – Member-at-Large

County Liaison:

Meghan Wiebe – Boulder County Liaison

Guests:

Cassidy Grady – Town of Nederland
Chandra Valenza – Boulder County
Commissioner Stolzmann- Boulder County
Emma Marino – Town of Erie
Jamie Harkins- City of Boulder
Robin Valdez- Boulder County
Susie Hidalgo-Fahring – City of Longmont

Board Members not present:

Dan Hoback – Erie Representative
Mircalla Wozniak – Member-at-Large
Vacant – Town of Nederland
Vacant – Town of Ward
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A quorum for RCAB is half of the membership plus one. Quorum was met for the January meeting. This meeting was held at the Boulder County Recycling Center Classroom Space. There was a hybrid option. One RCAB members were virtual, until she arrived, and the rest were in-person.

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

2. Rules for Side Quest

- Chandra shared rules- using no acronyms.

3. Introductions/Icebreaker

- Everyone introduced themselves and partook in icebreaker game.

4. Approval of December Minutes

- December minutes called for approval by Angie. Call for approval by Zan, Seconded by Kathy. Minutes approved.
- Angie brought to the floor that the Bylaws were passed. Open to discussion. Taishya asked if the bylaws would be reviewed annually.
- Board leadership asked attendees to decide if bylaws should be reviewed annually and if new members should receive a copy of the bylaws. Attendees agreed.
 - Email mwiebe@bouldercounty.gov for a bylaws request.
- Angie shared RCAB Proposal for 2025 planning document. Discussed the focus and change in occurrence of RCAB meetings, 5 meetings in total for 2025.
 - Email mwiebe@bouldercounty.gov to request a copy of the RCAB Proposal for 2025.
- High level notes paired with a recording of the actual meeting moving forward.
- Sub-committees will complete current work and then close.

5. RCAB Reflections and Purpose

- Commissioner Stolzmann spoke about zero waste, how we have a huge opportunity, building infrastructure, thanking those who laid the groundwork, promoted continuing to work together in collaborative efforts. Would like to receive feedback.
- Questions from Commissioner Stolzmann to RCAB meeting attendees:
 - Is the RCAB goal/purpose still working? Is this the structure we need? Do we need to change it? Do we need to bring people in?
 - Email mwiebe@bouldercounty.gov feedback.
- Bridget asked if the commissioners are working on anything we are not aware of in the environmental space? Commissioner Stolzmann share yes, they are working on Impaired streams (pollution in the streams). Mentioned Jennifer Keys in Public Works. Congress members are trying to help us receive more funding. Also mentioned wildfire prevention, forestry ditch mitigation, emissions, and zero waste.
- Michael Springer asked about wildfire clearing. Commissioner Stolzmann responded with ongoing projects that work to help make healthier forests.
- Zan asked about CDPHE emissions in landfills and regulations- are the commissioners supporting this? Commissioner Stolzmann responded yes.
- Zan also asked about County compost efforts? Commissioner's position on composting is pro. They are working to get a regional compost facility. If Longmont council to decide on regional compost site.
 - RCAB meeting attendees continued to ask questions about the details of a regional compost facility.
 - Listen to meeting recording for further details.

6. Miroboard Exercise

- Everyone voted for their top three tour preferences , top three meeting guest topic preferences, and where they could help one another.
- Zan suggested having the tours on off meeting months, as optional. Kathy mentioned that heading to tours for 5pm would be a long drive/ difficult request. Michael Springer shared similar concerns. Angie mentioned a weekend and/or Monday afternoon- setting up meetings as optional during easier hours for folks. Logan mentioned having interactive tours with presentations. Angie mentioned virtual tours. Meghan echoed virtual options and encouraged looking at where folks want to go from Miroboard exercise.
- Angie and Nicole asked about bylaws for attendance, due to meeting correspondence decreasing. Meghan shared just keeping open communications, let folks know when you cannot attend ahead of time. Bridget spoke to being in support of having less meetings throughout the year, in making them more valuable.

7. Subcommittee Updates

- Construction & Demolition group survey was the last thing to go out from subcommittees. Kathy suggested having a document and/or shared resources for us all to utilize. Cody suggested posting this to RCAB's website.
- Outreach group closed out.
- Composting group closed out.
- Universal Recycling Ordinance group closed out.
- Taishya spoke about revisiting Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan in relation to zero waste and that she'd be happy to organize something outside of normal meeting times. Zan suggested sharing member updates.

Member Updates

- Zan- opportunities for folks to get involved. March 4 is Recycle Colorado Lobby Day, focused on battery stewardship and EPR. Some folks are trying to repeal 10 cent bag fees, this will be heard on February 6. CDPHE is working on methane mitigation at landfills, stakeholder meetings are beginning and getting plugged in right now would be a good time. Wildfire State code policy adoption draft is currently available for residential code, focused on new builds. Angie asked about Bottle Bills. Zan responded that until EPR is established they are most likely not going to revisit a Bottle Bill this year.
- Jamie- City of Boulder's deconstruction work, was featured on NPR. City of Aspen passed C&D ordinance.
- Michael Springer asked if RCAB can draft letters on waste sorting efforts for websites with misinformation.
- Angie- CU opened a surplus store. They are also hiring a vice chancellor of sustainability.
- David- CDPHE received a grant from EPA to update the integrated solid waste management plan. Updating product stewardship front.
- Connor- Resource Central updated volunteer program.

- Bridget- Green Girl Recycling moved recycling warehouse to new space, near fairgrounds. Working with small companies across the US to help others progress efforts.
- Nicole- Longmont URO Composting phase underway, will be working as a potential local partner with Colorado's CEPlast (Circular Economy for Plastic Sustainability). Also, will partake in the US EPA's Focus Group: Compost Barriers Discussion
- Logan- Louisville working with Resource Central and is excited about progress being made in zero waste efforts in the regional and state.

8. Team Building/RCAB Community Feud

Meeting attendees broke into three teams for team building exercise

9. Side Quest Winter/Adjourn

Bridget called to adjourn. Logan seconds. Meeting adjourned.