



# Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

## Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2025

### **Board Members present:**

Cody Lillstrom – Boulder County 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  
Mircalla Wozniak – Member-at-Large  
Michael Springer – Member-at-Large

### **County Liaison:**

Meghan Wiebe – Boulder County Liaison

### **Guests:**

Cassidy Grady – Town of Nederland  
Emma Marino – Town of Erie  
Jamie Harkins- City of Boulder  
Susie Hidalgo-Fahring – City of Longmont  
Jamie Harkins– City of Boulder  
Shelly Fuller–Boulder County  
Clio Goldsmith–Circular Economy Development Center

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

Taishya Adams – Boulder Representative  
Dan Hoback – Erie Representative  
David Snapp – 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**

- Angie called meeting to order.

### **2. Approval of January Minutes**

- January minutes, meeting notes approved with edits.

**3. Presentations and Tours Update**

- Angie gave update, will continue to try to schedule tours for RCAB meetings moving forward ahead of RCAB meetings and on days when we do not have a scheduled meeting. Tours and presentations will be pulled from group voted during January retreat.

**4. Presentation- Shelly Fuller, Hazardous Materials Management Facility (HMMF)**

- Households Served overview, currently reporting that they serve 15% of households in 2024.
  - On average \$38.60/ cost per household; 44 pounds per household.
  - Waste Diversion recycled materials 54%; total diversion rate 91%.
  - Number of events and vehicle drop-offs continuing to rise.
    - Had 6 manufactured home park collection events, collected 2,510 pounds of waste.
- Zero Waste Initiatives
  - Innovative Grant Vape Product Waste
    - 2023: 790 pounds collected
    - 2024: 1,749 pounds collected
    - Call for Action
      - 5 million vapes are thrown away per week in the U.S. ( 8 per second.
      - Mircalla asked about if they are collecting cannabis vapes? Shelly answered yes, if they can separate cartridge. Mircalla also asked if it could be added to State's EPR. Shelly said potentially in a second phase.
      - Angie asked about LED screens being able to be collected. Shelly answered no, they cannot.
      - Zan asked for statewide policy what is the biggest obstacle. Shelly answered big tobacco and getting everyone in state legislature in agreement.
  - Propane Recovery Pilot Program
    - 8,761 cylinders processed during pilot
  - Battery Stewardship Bill
    - Battery collection total: 1,031 pounds
      - Kathy asked about getting collections set up. Shelly answered that anyone can set them up (2-gallon bins)
      - Zan asked about fire dangers. Shelly responded that the bin size and collection frequency to help reduce risk.
    - Vape can be viewed as hazardous waste.
      - Bridget asked about Longmont collection of residents batteries. Shelly responded they would accept it free of charge, as it would be logged as a residential collection of batteries.
    - HMMF offers Home Hazmat Pick-Up
      - Home HazMat Pick-up Program and updated messaging
      - Cassidy asked if it includes the smaller mountain communities. Shelly answered yes.

- Austin asked where the batteries are being incinerated. Shelly answered Port Arthur, Texas.
- Shelly shared HMMF are looking to focus on local policy.
- Michael asked about the mobile home park collections and if it would be open to other neighborhoods. Shelly answered yes and it would require follow-up conversations.

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**5. Presentation- Clio Goldsmith, Circular Economy Development Center (CEDC)**

- Circular Colorado Ecosystem helping to overcome obstacles faced by businesses and communities- working towards “large scale tangible results”.
  - Circular Colorado is contracted by CDPHE
- CEDC was established to create and grow markets for recycled materials and facilitate necessary infrastructure to help establish a circular Colorado.
  - Designing a solution, aligning the stakeholders, coordinating execution, and developing grant proposals in alignment with the solution.
- Overview of their consulting process
- Sample Project, Waste tires- recycle rubber barriers for Pretred
  - Collaborators included tire haulers, manufactures, and retailers.
  - C3 grant awarded \$11.2 million
    - Zan asked about timeline for this project and how much of Colorado’s tires would this include. Clio answered a phased 3-year approach, total to collected is anticipated to be 3-4 million tires.
- Technical Assistance is available
- Material Connectivity
  - Increase recyclable feed stock
  - Circular Transportation Network (CTN)
- How to engage with CEDC?
  - Setting up an exploratory call is the first step
  - Kathy asked if CEDC will meet and advise smaller businesses. Clio answered that they would engage with them, but they are focused on larger scale in following the capacity building grants guidance from C3.
  - Logan asked if they work with the Colorado Green Business network. Clio answered yes and that they collaborate regularly. Logan also asked about local businesses as CGBN members with questions/interests for CEDC’s collaborative projects. Clio answered potentially yes for finding end market solutions, but also encouraged Recycle Colorado as a better suited resource.
  - Zan asked about CEDC’s 4 initial materials in focus. Clio answered they are in process, looking to support regional solutions. Zan also asked about C&D. Clio answered CEDC would like to set up C&D recycling centers.

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**6. County Compost Feasibility Meeting Update**

- Meghan gave update:
  - Community members and commissioners attended meeting.
  - Eco-Cycle gave presentation on Composting impact.
  - Consultants discussed Operational Technologies
  - Consultants discussed compostable packaging issue and contamination around issue
  - Potential for public/private partnerships
  - Both presentations are up on Boulder County's website.
  - More community meeting to come, this was a mid-way update on results.
  - Jamie shared, consultants shared that a future facility would take anything, that A1 would not be taking, until technologies improve.
    - Meghan said decision making still being made/discussed on what a new facility would be accepting.
    - Jamie shared they are mapping food waste projections/tonnage.
    - Logan shared businesses in Louisville are upset.
    - Michael shared opinion that compostable paper products should be collected.
    - Zan shared the focus is about creating quality compost that businesses and farmers can purchase, competing trade-offs.
  - Next steps include analysis and cost study.
    - Michael asked about the facility site being in Longmont. Meghan answered it is a potential site and still being discussed by Boulder County and the City of Longmont.

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**7. Community Updates/Organizational Updates**

- Lisa, shared Lafayette is doing their hard-to-recycle event April 19. Their City council declared a climate emergency.
- Nicole, shared Longmont to join Resource Central Reuse collection days, looking into residential 3-strike system for waste contamination- class to get bins back, looking to launch 2-year education outreach campaign for waste.
- Bridget, shared Longmont paper shredding event collected almost 45,000 tons at beginning on March collection. Also, encouraged checking out new Green Gril Recycling Center facility.
- Logan, shared Louisville moving to a voucher system for hard-to-recycle materials. Looking to do outreach in underserved communities for hard-to-recycle.

**8. Adjourn**

- Angie called to adjourn. Logan seconded motion. Meeting adjourned.