



Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – September 24, 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
Cass Grady- Nederland Representative
Austin Everett- Superior Representative
Masyn Moyer- Ward Representative
Eric Loof- Hauling Business Licensed in Boulder County
Conor Dougherty- Material Reuse
Angie Gilbert- Academic / Educational Institution (*Chair*)
Tim Towndrow- Recycling, Composting or C&D Processor
David Snapp- Member-at-Large
Mircalla Wozniak- Member-at-Large
Michael Springer- Member-at-Large
Mimi Yanus- Member-at-Large
Samuel K. - Member-at-Large

County Liaison:

Meghan Wiebe – Boulder County Liaison

Guests:

Emma Marino- Town of Erie
Jamie Harkins- City of Boulder
Michal Duffy- Boulder County
Morgan Salzsiedal- Member of Public
Susie Hidalgo-Fahring- City of Longmont
Carla Collin- Latino Chamber
Colleen Krueger- Bridge House

Board Members not present:

Dan Hoback- Erie Representative
Logan Johnson- Louisville Representative (*Vice Chair*)
Suzanne Jones- Environmental Non-profit or Advocacy Group

A quorum for RCAB is half of the membership plus one. Quorum was met for the September meeting. This meeting was held at the Boulder County Recycling Center Classroom Space. There was a hybrid option. Three RCAB members were virtual, and the rest were in-person.

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

- Angie called meeting to order.

2. Approval of June Minutes

- Minutes of June meeting with revisions from Michael- motion to approve by David, Cody seconded. June minutes approved with edits.

3. New Member Introductions

- New members' introductions:

- Masyn Moyer- Ward Representative
 - Saw the need and Ward and is glad to join.
- Mimi Yanus- Member at large
 - Looking forward to reducing waste
- Samuel K.- Member at large
 - Lives in Longmont, work in finance and sustainability consulting, and is volunteer ski patrol.

4. 2025 RCD Circular Economy Funding Recipient Update- Latino Chamber of Commerce

- Carla Colin, President of Latino Chamber presenting.
- Introduction
 - Latino Chamber is dedicated to empowering Latino small businesses and provided resources to historically underserved communities.
- The Grant
 - Received \$50,000 in Circular Economy Funding.
 - Education and Capacity building.
 - Mini grants for equipment and infrastructure.
 - Awareness campaigns to reduce waste.
- Our Work
 - Target focus: food and hospitality businesses, including historically underserved communities. Programs include, waste reduction education, business support for circular economy, and training, workshops, and one-on-one business support.
- Impact
 - Recycling Center tour and Circular Economy Panel
 - Engines Off Food Trucks Event
 - Social Media Campaigns
 - Business Recognition Program and LCC Website updates
 - \$20,000 in mini grants for small businesses
 - Empowerment: businesses adopt long term sustainable practices that enhance economic resilience and environmental responsibility.
- Acknowledgements given to supporting community partners and stakeholders.
- Conclusion
 - Very grateful for the support and the impact.
- Member's questions
 - Michael asked about resources for restaurants and what specific needs they have.
 - Carla responded with the connection resources from PACE, Longmont's SBP, Consulting, and more.
 - Michael asked if the Chamber has lots of volunteers.
 - Carla responded they have a good amount and are currently recruiting for their next event.
 - Angie asked about lowering the barriers, such as social security numbers, etc.?
 - Carla responded that they could use their EIN number- if they registered with the Secretary of State.
 - Michael asked about electric food trucks, do they run generators?

- Carla responded, no they do not use generators- they use their own battery and/or solar panels. Sometimes for long events they recharge the batteries. Soon they will have an electric mobile office.
- Angie asked about certifications, what does this look like?
 - Carla responded they will be providing a verification seal that they can use online/virtually as a start.
- Meghan asked if there is anything RCAB can do to support?
 - Carla responded with sharing the mini grant opportunity with local businesses in Boulder County. Grants include reusables/recyclables, waste tracking, and recycling compression. Amounts vary by type and application.

5. 2025 RCD Circular Economy Funding Recipient Update- Bridge House

- Colleen Krueger, Bridge House presented.
- Offers transitional work program to homeless with paid employment with an outside landscape crew and full community to table catering business.
- Launched a bone broth business with Circular Economy Funding.
 - Then focused on how to get the word out about the Bone Broth, started adding to catering orders, was at Bike to Workday events, providing Bone Broth.
 - Having fundraising gala next month, with bone broth tasting station.
 - Formerly homeless adults in the kitchen with this program/business.
- Second focus being the recycling material/storage material to freeze sustainably.
 - Offered broth samples to RCAB members
- RCAB member questions
 - Michael asked about takeout containers- the certified compostable versus landfill compostable materials.
 - Colleen responded that the packaging comes full circle, with containers being reused by event attendees.
 - Meghan asked about them using kitchen scraps to get the right balance in the broth.
 - Colleen shared that no broth is the same, but they have not had issue.
 - Bridget asked about how many people are being fed at nightly dinners?
 - Colleen shared 5 nights a week is about 30 homeless people per night being served.
 - Mircalla asked if they still sell take and bake meals.
 - Colleen responded yes.
 - Michal suggested that this would be a great group to get catering from.
 - Colleen shared, RCAB can learn more at: Ctkcateering.com

6. 2026 RCD Circular Economy Funding & Subcommittee

- Michal, Boulder County Zero Waste Manager spoke to Circular Economy Funding, subcommittee requirements, and time commitments.
 - Paid for by Sustainability tax.

- Circular Economy Funding meets the purpose of this tax primarily through increased solid-waste recycling and resource conservation.
- 3 Funding categories:
 1. Consumer Behavior and Practices
 2. Collection and/or Processing
 3. Manufacturing and Design
- New Environmental Justice and Equity lens will be applied to applications.
- \$50,000 total available in Funding for 2026
- Application period closes September 30, 2025, for 2026 funding.
- Oct-Nov 2025 Application Evaluations and BOCC Funding Approval
- Announcement of Awards in December 2025.
- bouldercounty.gov/climate/zero-waste-funding/
- RCAB-
 - Review Funding Rubric, RCAB will attach rubric to email communications.
 - Select Review Committee: meetings will include kick-off meeting (1 hr.), review time, and subcommittee meeting to discuss applications (2+ hrs)
 - Masyn
 - David Snapp
 - Lisa Evans
 - Sam
 - Mimi
 - Back up: Bridget Johnson

7. **Community Updates/Organizational Updates**

- Michael, Member at large, Niwot concerts had compost success- low contamination.
- David, Member at large, Solid Waste Materials Management at CDPHE, going through Eco modulation. Will incentivize producers and PRO will initiate penalties, based on recycling. Draft for solid waste management plan should be on website in the next month.
- Austin, Superior, have been using sustainability matching grant to launch 'Every Scrap Matters' communications and outreach campaign- focused on compost. Fall fest October 18th, downtown superior.
- Bridget, Member at large member, Green Girl Recycling truck being built from Circular Economy Funding close to being built/completed.
- Lisa, Lafayette, been collecting Halloween costumes for Lafayette mini-con October 4 from 10am to 5pm with the City of Erie.
- Emma, Erie has also been collecting costumes. Clean up day event success and hard to recycle day event. Free landfill day event coming up for the fall. Informative comedy/ talk style event with Recycle Colorado on 9/26. Community wide survey showed recycling center interest by residents and interest in sustainability.
- Nicole, Longmont will have a compost give back community event on October 18 with A1 Organics for community. Also, working on waste education video series focused on 'Where Does My Waste Go' following the journey of City's recycling, compost, and landfill materials.

- Angie, Academic/Education, CU Boulder, about to get a new truck from battle motors. Food waste awareness program for students in the dining halls will include giveaways and encourage students to reduce food waste.
- Cody, Shelly Fuller, Hazardous Waste Manager is leaving us, and job posting is active. In-vessel composter being serviced by manufacture this week, hoping it starts running again this week. Potential RCAB tour in Spring 2026.
- Meghan, compost feasibility study wrapping up- published shortly on website, followed by a townhall for public and commissioners- over the next two months.
- Mircalla answered questions about how the Ridwell tour was, what did members think? It was interesting and great to learn about their system/model of recycling. They have venture capital funding.
 - Bridget spoke to, questions on sustaining business model were raised.
 - Michael, spoke to uncertain in their textiles and seasonal materials.
- Jamie, Boulder, working on compiling results from their first plastic use count. Community members tracked their plastic waste over the course of a 1 week period. Working with Eco-Cycle to feature a Reuse hub- listing reuse stores mapped out.
- Angie asked if we want to have another tour.
 - Bridget spoke to tour Friday, October 23rd 3:30pm at Green Girl Recycling. Asked if folks can accept calendar invite to get a head count ahead of time. Encouraged folks to dress casually.

8. Adjourn

- Angie motioned to adjourn; Cody seconded. Meeting ended.