

# **Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board (RCAB)**

## **Meeting Minutes from May 27, 2026 - Quarter 2**

### **Board Members Present**

Cody Lillstrom – Boulder County Representative  
John Mortellaro – Erie Representative  
Bridget Johnson – Jamestown Representative  
Lisa Evans – Lafayette Representative  
Nicole Manesh – Longmont Representative (*Secretary*)  
Logan Johnson – Louisville Representative (*Vice Chair*)  
Cass Grady – Nederland Representative  
Emily Walsh – Superior Representative  
Masyn Moyer – Ward Representative  
Eric Loof – Hauling Business Licensed in Boulder County  
Angie Gilbert – Academic / Educational Institution (*Chair*)  
Tim Towndrow – Recycling, Composting or C&D Processor  
David Snapp- Member-at-Large  
Michael Springer – Member-at-Large  
Mimi Yanus – Member-at-Large  
Samuel Kooijmans – Member-at-Large

### **County Liaison**

Meghan Wiebe – Boulder County Board Liaison

### **Guests**

Diane Crist – Longmont Council Liaison  
Jamie Harkins – City of Boulder  
Eryka Thorley – Town of Erie  
Rachel Setzke – Eco-Cycle (Zan's behalf)  
Sadie Gardener – Eco-Cycle  
Cly Lewis – Boulder County  
Adam Farmer – Driven Plastics  
Mark McCollough – Driven Plastics

### **Board Members Not Present**

Suzanne 'Zan' Jones – Environmental Non-profit or Advocacy Group

Conor Dougherty – Material Reuse  
Taishya Adams – Boulder Representative

## **Quorum**

A quorum for RCAB is half of the membership plus one. Quorum was met for the May Quarter 2 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.

## **Call to Order / Welcome/Food & Drinks**

Logan called meeting to order. Cody seconded.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Bridget moved to approve minutes. Logan seconded.

## **New Member Spotlights**

John Mortellaro, Town of Erie Representative introduced himself.

Diane Crist, City of Longmont Council Liaison introduced herself.

Everyone in attendance also introduced themselves, sharing names, where they work, and title.

## **Presentation- Boulder County Recycling Center (BCRC) Updates, Cly Lewis**

Cly Lewis introduced herself and gave a brief history of her experience and the presentation.

Cly went over an acronym cheat sheet that Boulder County often uses.

Boulder County Recycling Center (BCRC) Overview was established in 2001. In September of this year is their 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.

Gave an enterprise fund overview, highlighting two chief revenue streams: material sales and gate fees.

Noteworthy events highlighted included, that in 2024, 16% more mixed paper with the installation of fiber optics, aluminum (UBC) nearly doubled in 2024 as well. Plastic #1 (PET) pricing dropped 75% in July 2025 and cardboard (OCC) pricing fell greatly in Q4 of 2025.

Capital projects from 2024 and 2025 included replacing fire suppression piping throughout the facility. In 2025, two ram baler and installation of bypass conveyor allowing for

increased processing capacity of direct bale materials. Also, in 2025 a rain garden converted the lawn and hosted rain barrel workshops.

Cly discussed the inbound materials stream composition, majority being single stream residential.

Michael asked what source separated fiber is. Cly explained the material.

David asked how Cly determines the material stream separation between commercial and residential. Cly responded by the material stream and that also they will see a greater separation with the impacts from extended producer responsibility (EPR).

David asked about routes. Cly responded that the routes are dedicated.

Eric also responded that the commercial haulers have dedicated routes for residential and commercial separated for drop offs.

Michael asked if the trucks were weighed. Cly responded, yes, each truck that comes in is weighed.

Cly spoke to how the system cannot recycle anything smaller than 2x2in, as it would fall through.

Outbound materials stream composition trends, leading trend being cardboard. Newspapers are taking a dive as of 2024, due to the rise in digital publications.

Aluminum cans (UBC) sales exceeded cardboard (OCC) sales in 2025.

Bridget asked about the materials' sales revenue- by year chart. Cly explained the charts coloring and blended value.

Key Performance Indicators for 2025 included inbound tonnage, outbound tonnage, residue rate, tons per run hour, tons per paid hour, uptime, and safety- zero OSHA recordables.

Market forecast- plastics, include market drivers: plastic #1 PET, Plastic #2, HDPE, Plastic #5 (Polypropylene- PP), and mixed rigid plastic (MRP).

Metals and fibers market forecast are set to shift, including aluminum, steel, cardboard, and mixed paper.

Michael asked what K&W is. Cly responded that they are a market in Alabama that processes plastic materials.

Michael asked about what the ‘unforeseen events’ were. Cly responded that there was a fire in an end market, created havoc.

BCRC Projects, 2026 Capital and other projects- fire suppression pipe replacement, replace shafts and stars double decking screen, replace baler feed conveyor and fiber bunkers, and investigate installation of AI equipment to assist in material composition analysis and reporting.

Cly spoke to the impact that extended producer responsibility (EPR) will have on the BCRC.

Bridget asked if the gate fee would go away for haulers. Cly spoke to the impact and Cody responded that commercial haulers would be impacted in 2028. Rachel spoke about the anticipated slower roll-out and that it would still be determined.

Bridget asked about covering MRF operation costs. Cly responded that it wasn’t included in this presentation.

Michael asked how many hours the plant ran. Cly responded 8 hours per day.

Tim asked what is the labor force made of? Cly responded that it is a third-party group out of Longmont.

*For a copy of the presentation slide deck contact Meghan Wiebe, [mwiebe@bouldercounty.gov](mailto:mwiebe@bouldercounty.gov).*

## **Presentation- Driven Plastics, Adam Driver**

Adam Farmer introduced himself and what Driven Plastics focuses on and will be giving a presentation overview and encouraged members to reach out for a more in depth one-on-one meeting.

Spoke to the ongoing problem with aging infrastructure and constrained budgets.

Wants to work with contracting companies not against them.

Road Information as a Service (RIAAS) to help extend pavement life.

Spoke about asphalt issues with subsurface moisture.

In historically problematic areas with flooding, they also work to add drainage.

Driven Plastics also treats the roads with surface preservation- Delta Mist product.

Adam went over some of their examples across the State.

The Asphalt issue: Asphalt is used commonly for potholes, utility cuts, repairs, etc., 3-year backlog, hot mix asphalt (HMA) plants are shut down, “reheating” recycled asphalt paving (RAP) leading to brittle mixtures that last 2-3 weeks, which then requires more ongoing support and asphalt later.

The estimated is cheaper compared to traditional asphalt with ‘PaveRap-10’. It also has an estimated 10-year life span.

Adam spoke about recycled plastics and the impact on Driven Plastics. Their solution is material additive for asphalt performance (majority post- consumer commercial polyethylene).

He played a video in the presentation that showed the Driven Plastics process to repurpose recycled plastic material.

Spoke to becoming a responsible end-market solution with Colorado’s EPR, they are currently listed as such in Oregon.

The asphalt additive is designed for wet processing, which reuses up to 3 tons of plastic per lane mile of road.

There are no changes to how construction workers apply this type of asphalt compared to traditional.

Michael asked about Suncor using Styrene-Butadiene-Styrene (SBS). Adam responded that they use newly produced plastics for that specific purpose versus recycled plastics that Driven Plastics utilizes.

Spoke about microplastics in asphalt concerns, mentioned the estimated amount is less than the average car’s tires.

Eric asked about what the biggest contamination is on the product. Adam shared that they use plastic film with mechanical recycling. The look at the grade of the plastics.

Rachel asked if they are sourcing films for a project in Boulder, would it still be processed in Pueblo. Adam responded yes. They have small transport, but not for large-scale.

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## **Direct Polymer Tour Recap**

Bridget shared that it was a great tour.

Michael asked about the process.

Logan and Bridget what materials were washed and what is accepted.

## **Community/Organizational Updates**

Michael, member-at-large, shared the Boulder wood chips program. It was accepted after the storms in Boulder. This is Boulder County program, through wildfire programs. Niwot festival will be using reusable cups, next week with r.cup.

Diane spoke about working with Longmont's Neighborhood Group Leaders Association (NGLA) and getting folks to compost to collectively compost.

David, spoke about the EV product stewardship bill that passed, plastics bill prohibiting pre-production materials passed.

Rachel spoke to bill monitoring landfill methane emissions, reducing allowable, and providing financial support. Eco-cycle is turning 50- celebration is next week. State has passed the stuff bill- at restaurants.

Cody shared that coming up is the Nederland spring cleanup event and the County's recycling center 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary party.

Bridget, Jamestown spring cleanup event June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Nicole, Longmont's free landfill day June 13<sup>th</sup>, Plastic Free July event July 8 Do Something.

Logan, Louisville switched their hard-to-recycle program to a voucher program.

Eryka, Erie 2<sup>nd</sup> annual compost giveaway with A1 organics, 30 cubic yards. Clean up day in early May went well, worked with Boulder Cycles and Arc for thrift items.

## **Upcoming for RCAB**

Meghan spoke about upcoming Nederland tour for in vessel will be August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Logan shared we are moving the Q3 meeting date potentially, follow-up email to come. Nederland and Glass to Glass: OI tours to come. Possibly a CO PIRG – Right to Repair presentation for the next meeting.

## **Adjourn**

Logan motioned to adjourn. Nicole and David second and third. Meeting adjourned.