



Sustainability Office

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Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – August 31, 2016

Present:

Darla Arians – Boulder County (phone)
Holly Hughes – Ward
Charles Kamenides – Longmont
Heather Wood – At Large
Tim Plass – At-Large
Stephanie Walton – Lafayette
Mark Persichetti – Louisville
Bryce Isaacson – Western Disposal
Bridget Johnson – Jamestown
Michael Donovan – At-Large
Suzanne Jones – Eco-Cycle
Lisa Morzel – City of Boulder (phone)
Russ Callas – At-Large
Shari Malloy – At-Large

RCAB Staff Liaison:

Leigh Cushing – Commissioners’
Office/Sustainability

Guests:

Pam Milmoe – Boulder County (phone)
Jamie Harkins – City of Boulder
Jeff Callahan – Momentum Glass (phone)
Brandon Hill – Center for ReSource
Conservation

Active Members Not Present:

Martin Toth - Superior
Shirley Garcia - Broomfield
Jeff Stewart – Waste Connections
Dan Matsch – Lyons
Jack DeBell – CU Recycling (phone)
Neal Lurie – Center for Resource
Conservation
Chris Pelletier – Nederland

1. Call to Order

Chair Charles Kamenides called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm

2. Approval of Minutes July 27, 2016

No changes, minutes were approved 4:54 pm

3. Public Comment –

Boulder County –

Shelly Fuller from Boulder County’s Hazardous Materials Management Facility had her baby on Friday, a little girl named Zoey.

Flood debris cleanup data has been calculated. The county achieved a 92.8% diversion rate, largely by reusing materials on-site. The county handled more than 3000 tons of materials, and employed 44 residents to help with the effort.

The Cold Springs Fire cleanup effort is largely complete. Darla will provide data at the next meeting.

Community spring cleanups are still underway. Jamestown will be the final cleanup on October 1st. This will be their first time participating since the 2013 flood.

Partners for a Clean Environment -

Are on track in Louisville and Lafayette with their business recognition and advising goals. It's been a great partnership.

Advisors have been working with City of Boulder businesses to continue support for the new Zero Waste ordinance.

Momentum Glass –

Will begin operations in mid-November. They are offering free recycling of window pane glass from windows, doors, shower doors, etc. See attached flyer for details.



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City of Boulder –

Hosted a live Facebook event this week, which was a success. They answered questions on Zero Waste practices and sorting to an audience of over 1500.

City of Louisville –

City Council was presented with a Sustainability Action Plan. Council was supportive and only requested a few changes. Next steps will be a formal presentation, second reading and adoption by council.

Louisville also worked with Western Disposal to complete a residential trash audit. The audit was initiated because recycling rates have declined over the past couple of years. Overall, biggest contaminants were food waste (could be composted) and plastics (recyclable).

Town of Ward –

Community Greenhouse is coming along nicely.

Eco-Cycle –

Hosting a gala next week to celebrate their 40th birthday. Tickets are still available.

Town of Jamestown –

Green Girl Recycling will be running the Oct 1st clean up event.

There's a new Town Clerk, Kristi Rutledge.

Flood repair continues, roads have been improved and there are now two ways into and out of town. Buyouts are complete for flood damaged homes, and fundraisers are still ongoing.

City of Longmont -

Early signups for curbside composting begins September 1, 2016.

4. Carbon Sequestration

Tim Plass presented a proposal to RCAB for next steps the county could take on carbon sequestration (see meeting packet). The group unanimously passed the proposal, and approved the next steps for staff to bring the proposal to the Board of County Commissioners.

Open Discussion:

- City of Boulder (Jamie) has some capacity, and interest in working on carbon sequestration. May have some funding.
- Make sure to include universities
- Could be part of the City/County Carbon Initiative
- Add clear economic benefits, local loop
- Board moved to accept this document. Shari motioned, Bryce seconded

Next Steps: Tim will make a couple of revisions to the document, and Leigh will present to the Commissioners on Sept 12.

5. Special Topic: CDPHE Integrated Solid Waste & Materials Management Plan

RCAB reviewed proposed comments (see meeting packet) and voted to approve. Bridget moved to accept, Zan seconded.

Next Steps: Leigh will share the document with the Commissioners to get a signature, and will send to CDPHE

6. Special Topic: Boulder County Zero Waste Grants

It's time to start working on the 2017 round of Zero Waste Grants. Recruiting for grant subcommittee, which will be responsible for helping to spread the word, and choosing grant funding. There is \$50,000 available in grant funding, and there is a limit of \$10,000 per project. Four RCAB members volunteered to serve on this committee: Bryce, Shari, Michael, Holly.

7. Special Topic: Marijuana Compost Discussion

Western Disposal tried composting with marijuana growers. Encountered barriers with bins (people trying to break in, must be locked), state regulations require materials shredded and mixed by at least 50% (most using dirt, which doesn't work for composters) with dirt, plastics, dirt, food waste, etc.

A cooperative would need to form between a compost generator and the growers. This would make a great pilot project. Partners for a Clean Environment would be interested in possibly putting together a committee, including haulers, grow shops, BC license authority, enforcement, etc. (Charlie would like to participate).

Boulder City Council has been discussing this topic recently too. Jamie may be interested in participating.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.