SC COLA
Sherburne County Coalition Of Lake Associations

Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2021
6:30 PM – 7:45 PM
Via Zoom & Teleconference

AGENDA

1. Opening & Consider Agenda (10 min.)

- Approve 12/9/20 Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report Monthly Financial Report and Bank Statements

2. Updates (25 min.)

- SWCD Cost Share Program
- 2020 WaterGuards Inspection Report
- Golden Clam Education Field Day
- MN COLA

3. 2020 – 2021 Initiative Next Steps (35 min.)

- SC COLA Projects Website Page Review
- 2021 Business Sponsorship Campaign (contact list / website)
- Sherburne County "Adopt-a-Stormdrain" (AAS) Project
    - Review draft website
    - Incentive partnership offer being considered by Attorney's Office
- SC COLA Project Funding Further Use (soil erosion projects, rain gardens or stormwater treatment, well sealing, or agricultural projects)
- AIS Early Detection and Rapid Response Task Force

4. Meeting Follow-up Recap and Closure (5 min.)

SC COLA Board Upcoming Meeting Dates: 4/14, 6/9*
*2021 – 2022 schedule to be proposed and approved at June meeting

MINUTES

Attendees: Ken Andreen, Andie Bumgarner, Scot Chapman, Dan Cibulka, Cindi Edwards-Plant, Sharon Fischer, Joni Morton, Ed Peitso, Patrick Plant, Scott Ruiter, Sanford Smith and Chris Weber.

1. Opening & Consider Agenda (10 min.)

A motion was made by Ed and a second from Ken to approve the agenda. All were in favor; agenda approved.

- Approve 12/9/20 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Chris and second from Ken to approve the 12/9/20 meeting minutes. All were in favor; minutes approved.

- Treasurer's Report Monthly Financial Report and Bank Statements

    Chris shared an update on the membership dues and profit/loss for the financial year. We have not hit budget goals yet however Chris noted that we are just beginning the business sponsorship campaign so we anticipate funds coming our way from that source. All but one lake association memberships have been renewed and it is anticipated the remaining one will be received soon.

A motion was made by Ed and a second from Scott to approve the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor; minutes approved.

2. Updates (25 min.)

- SWCD Cost Share Program

    Dan shared an overview of the cost share program for 2021. The program offers a higher cap this year compared to years past. A Cost Share flyer is available that explains the funding specifics and the process to get a project installed on your property. The SWCD will have a webinar series in March that people can attend which will inform them about practices including stormwater pollution practices, forestry, pollinators, shoreline restorations, etc.

    Patrick and Sanford also shared information about different webinar programs that are occurring this year. Patrick will send an email out with this information.

- 2020 WaterGuards Inspection Report

    Dan shared slides from a fall AIS Task Force meeting about inspection data from the 2020 program. The PowerPoint will be posted to the SWCD website soon for viewing.

    Scot shared that he had spoken with DNR staff about the AIS volunteer program and that there is a possibility of this program moving forward in 2021, but they are waiting for approval from senior staff and COVID-19 safety protocols.

- Golden Clam Education Field Day

    Dan discussed the Golden Clam monitoring program and shared that the selected dates, Feb 12 and 16, look to be too cold to host an outing. Dan will look at the month of March to hold an outdoor education event on the Golden Clam. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed and attendance will be limited. Scot and Sanford have indicated interest in attending this event.

- MN COLA

    MN COLA will meet next week and are planning interviews with lake groups on their projects this summer. They are keeping up with legislative issues as well and watching discussion on this closely. An emerald ash borer bill is currently circulating which would provide funding for

treatment and selective removal of ash trees. <u>Sanford will provide notes about the legislative issues being discussed at MN COLA to share with the group</u>.

3. **2020 – 2021 Initiative Next Steps (35 min.)**

- SC COLA [Projects](#) Website Page Review

  Patrick shared a visual of the projects page on the SC COLA website. The business sponsorship letter will include a link to the projects page so that businesses can see first-hand what the COLA is up to.

- 2021 Business Sponsorship Campaign ([contact list](#) / [website](#))

  Patrick shared an update on the business sponsorship campaign. Board members are signing up to reach out to businesses and will be contacting them soon.

- Sherburne County "Adopt-a-Stormdrain" (AAS) Project

  o Review draft website

    Patrick and Dan shared a preliminary version of the Sherburne County Public Works Department's AAS website. Dan went over some of the components of the website and how volunteers will be able to learn about the program, sign up for the program, and report activities.

  o Incentive partnership offer being considered by Attorney's Office

    Dan met with the Public Works Dept recently to discuss progress made on the legal agreements for AAS and the COLA's offer to include an incentive award for participants. Public Works staff are working with the County Attorney's office to discuss the legal agreements and the incentive award.

- SC COLA Project Funding Further Use (soil erosion projects, rain gardens or stormwater treatment, well sealing, or agricultural projects)

  Sherburne SWCD staff are continuing to identify new projects for this year and which would get a good fit as a partnership with SC COLA.

- AIS Early Detection and Rapid Response Task Force

  Patrick shared some of the discussion that the EDRR Task Force had regarding their project. He also shared some visual examples of elements related to early detection and rapid response activities.

4. **Meeting Follow-up Recap and Closure (5 min.)**

   Please see meeting follow-up action items <u>underlined</u> above within the minutes.

   The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. with a motion to adjourn by Ed

Meeting minutes submitted by Dan Cibulka, Sherburne SWCD ex-officio representative.