



Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

4:00 PM – 5:15 PM

Via Zoom & Teleconference

AGENDA

1. Opening & Consider Agenda (25 min.)

- Approve [1/27/21 Meeting Minutes](#)
- Treasurer's Report [Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Bank Statements](#)
- Business Sponsorship / Membership Renewal Status and Follow up
- 2021 – 2022 SC COLA Calendar Development

2. SC COLA Board 4/14/21 Meeting Planning (45 min.)

- Opening & Consider Agenda (15 min.)
 - Approve [2/10/21 Meeting Minutes](#)
 - Treasurer's Report [Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Bank Statements](#)
- Updates (25 min.)
 - SWCD Spring Activities and Offerings
 - AIS Volunteer Inspector Training
 - MN COLA
 - 2021 – 2022 SC COLA Calendar Development
 - Other
- 2020 – 2021 Initiative Next Steps (30 min.)
 - 2021 Business Sponsorship Campaign ([contact list](#) / [website](#) / directory)
 - Sherburne County "Adopt-a-Stormdrain" (AAS) Project
 - SC COLA Project Funding Further Use (soil erosion projects, well sealing, or agricultural projects)
 - AIS Early Detection and Rapid Response Task Force
- Meeting Follow-up Recap and Closure (10 min.)

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

SC COLA Executive Committee Upcoming Meeting Dates: 5/26*

*2021 – 2022 schedule to be proposed at our next meeting

MINUTES

Attendees: Dan Cibulka, Scot Chapman, Patrick Plant and Chris Weber.

1. Opening & Consider Agenda (20 min.)

Chris moved to approve agenda, Scot seconded, motion passed.

- Approve [1/27/21 Meeting Minutes](#)

Patrick moved to approve minutes, Scot seconded, motion passed.

- Treasurer's Report [Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Bank Statements](#)

Chris shared the statement of financial position for the COLA, current memberships and business sponsors. Revenues and expenditures are largely on track as anticipated.

- Business Sponsorship / Membership Renewal Status and Follow up

The Executive Committee discussed the sponsorship outreach that has been done and what conversations are being held with other businesses. We are likely looking at approx. \$1,000 in sponsorships this year, which the committee felt was good given the complications some businesses have had with COVID-19 and in board members interactions with them. It was discussed that another "push" for sponsorships was not appropriate given previous efforts and complications with COVID.

- 2021 – 2022 SC COLA Calendar Development

Discussion occurred regarding meeting dates, annual event, annual meeting, and special activities for the summer. COVID-19 will likely continue to impact gatherings into the summer. Discussion was had regarding the desire to hold in-person gatherings versus the need to respect health guidelines and individual's choices regarding their safety. Moving forward, a hybrid model of allowing in-person meetings with optional video connections might be a good approach. This would allow for participation with juggling work schedules, bad weather, etc. All agreed the situation and guidance with COVID can change quickly so we should be ready to adapt. Patrick will put calendars together for the SC COLA Board and Executive Committee with proposed dates that mimic our 2020-2021 schedule.

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- Updates (25 min.)

- SWCD Spring Activities and Offerings

Dan shared information about the AIS Task Force meeting (date TBD), new eDNA pilot study for zebra mussel detection, and Elk River Canoe/Kayak surveying trip. More will be discussed at the upcoming SC COLA Board meeting.

- AIS Volunteer Inspector Training

Dan and Scot have not heard from the DNR regarding this program for 2021. Scot will contact Christine Hokkala-Kuhns, Regional Watercraft Inspection Supervisor to get an update.

- MN COLA – Chris will contact them regarding current year membership billing status.
- 2021 – 2022 SC COLA Calendar Development (see discussion above).

- Other
- 2020 – 2021 Initiative Next Steps (30 min.)
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The hope is to have the website updated and 2021 draft directory available for review at the next board meeting (see additional discussion above).
 - Sherburne County “Adopt-a-Stormdrain” (AAS) Project

Dan shared that the County Public Works Department and County Attorney’s Office are working on a legal agreement for the participants. No word on SC COLA incentive applicability for the project. Dan anticipates having additional information by the next board meeting.
 - SC COLA Project Funding Further Use (soil erosion projects, well sealing, or agricultural projects)

Dan mentioned that the Big Lake rain garden project might not be a good one for the SC COLA to sponsor. 5-6 rain gardens are going in, but there is already great cost savings to the landowners due to the city street construction. Discussions are still taking place regarding a stream bank stabilization on the Mississippi River – Dan will share more about this as the project is finalized. A grant would be pursued in this late summer which would provide funding in 2022 for the project.
 - AIS Early Detection and Rapid Response Task Force

Updates on the SC COLA Early Detection Rapid Response Template and new eDNA pilot study for zebra mussel detection will be provided at the next board meeting.
- Meeting Follow-up Recap and Closure (10 min.)

3. Meeting Follow-up Recap and Closure (10 min.)

Patrick will send an updated list of SC COLA contacts to Cole Petroske. Dan will provide an update on the MRSC and WRAPS planning projects for the Mississippi River St Cloud Watershed at the June 9th meeting of the SC COLA Board. Please see meeting follow-up action items underlined above within the minutes.

Chris moved to adjourn.

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