



Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

4:00 PM – 5:15 PM

Via Zoom & Teleconference

AGENDA

1. Opening & Consider Agenda (15 min.)

- Approve [3/30/21 Meeting Minutes](#)
- Treasurer's Report [Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Bank Statements](#)
- 2021 – 2022 Executive Committee Meeting Calendar
 - Proposed: 7/28, 9/29, 11/17, 1/26, 3/30, 5/25

2. SC COLA Board 6/9/21 Meeting Planning (50 min.)

- Opening & Consider Agenda (15 min.)
 - Approve [4/14/21 Meeting Minutes](#)
 - Treasurer's Report [Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Bank Statements](#)
- Updates (25 min.)
 - SWCD Spring / Summer Activities and Offerings
 - Elk River Canoe Surveying Trip
 - Lake Orono eDNA Zebra Mussel Testing
 - Starry Trek 2021 (tentative date Saturday, August 14th or 21st)
 - AIS Volunteer Inspector Training
 - 2021 Annual Meeting Planning (tentatively 8/11/20)
- 2021 – 2022 Board Meeting Calendar (5 min.)
 - Proposed: 8/11, 10/13, 12/8, 2/9, 4/13, 6/8
- 2021 – 2022 Elections & Nominations Committee Appointment (5 min.)
- 2020 – 2021 Initiative Next Steps (20 min.)
 - Sherburne County “Adopt-a-Stormdrain” (AAS) Project
 - SC COLA Project Funding Further Use (e.g., soil erosion projects, well sealing, or agricultural projects)
 - AIS Early Detection and Rapid Response Task Force
- Meeting Follow-up Recap and Closure (5 min.)

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

SC COLA Executive Committee Upcoming Meeting Dates: TBD

MINUTES

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

1. Opening & Consider Agenda (15 min.)

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

- Approve [3/30/21 Meeting Minutes](#)
- Chris moved to approve minutes, Patrick seconded, motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report Monthly Financial Report and Bank Statements

Chris shared the financial position of the organization including membership dues, business sponsorship (4 gold sponsors, 1 silver sponsor), expenses, etc.

- 2021 – 2022 Executive Committee Meeting Calendar

- Proposed: 7/28, 9/29, 11/17, 1/26, 3/30, 5/25

Proposed meetings are in line with the schedule we had worked with in the past, including rescheduling meetings when needed to avoid the holidays.

- Agenda Addition - MN Legislature environmental funding

A recent Star Tribune article discusses a debate in the state legislature regarding a proposed clean car ruling and budgets for state environmental agencies, state parks, the MN Zoo, etc. Patrick discussed the potential ramifications, Dan discussed what the funding for several state agencies goes towards. The Executive Committee will keep an eye on the discussions and how it may impact environmental funding.

- Agenda Addition - In-person vs Virtual meetings

Recent CDC guidelines were shared regarding mask use for vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals. Some vagueness still exists regarding meetings, crowd sizes, etc. Local guidance has not been formulated yet, but when Sherburne County releases this information it will be shared.

2. SC COLA Board 6/9/21 Meeting Planning (50 min.)

- Opening & Consider Agenda (15 min.)
 - Approve 4/14/21 Meeting Minutes
 - Treasurer's Report Monthly Financial Report and Bank Statements

- Updates (25 min.)

- SWCD Spring / Summer Activities and AIS Prevention

- Elk River Canoe Surveying Trip

The survey sign-up form is now live on the SWCD website. Three trips are planned for the 2nd week of June.

- County-wide Zebra Mussel Expanded Monitoring Plan

Dan shared an update on ZM monitoring for the 2021 season. The approach will be customized based upon two new ZM infestations (Lake Orono and Big/Mitchell Lakes) along with a different approach for lakes not believed to hold ZM. A combination of eDNA pilot project testing, veliger tows, DNR transect snorkel/SCUBA surveys, additional settling plates, and education/outreach for a dock inspection program will be used.

- Golden Clam Monitoring update

Dan shared an update on this project and discussed what could be shared at the upcoming Board meeting.

- Watershed Monitoring Outcomes

Dan held a Water Plan Advisory Committee Meeting recently where 2019-2020 monitoring outcomes were discussed. This is a lengthy topic. Patrick recommended sharing this information at the upcoming Annual Meeting in August.

- Starry Trek 2021 (tentative date Saturday, August 21st)

Dan and Patrick were unable to find the date confirmed on the UofM website, but it is assumed that Starry Trek will be the third weekend of August as it has in the past.

- AIS Volunteer Inspector Training

The program is operational for this year. Training will occur via an online platform and background checks are a DNR requirement again. Dan has been in contact with groups who were interested in participating in 2020 and discussed 2021 activity in this program.

- 2021 Annual Meeting Planning (tentatively 8/11/20)

Discussion was had regarding options for this event including in-person with a hybrid option. The Executive Committee will evaluate the COVID-19 situation as the event draws nearer.

- 2021 – 2022 Board Meeting Calendar (5 min.)

- Proposed: 8/11, 10/13, 12/8, 2/9, 4/13, 6/8 – will be voted at the June 9 board meeting.

- 2021 – 2022 Elections & Nominations Committee Appointment (5 min.)

Discussion was held regarding upcoming elections. Patrick has appointed himself and Dan to the Nominations Committee and will work towards identifying a Secretary. He will also seek an additional board delegate to serve on the committee. Support was expressed for Chris and Scot to continue their work on the Executive Committee.

- 2020 – 2021 Initiative Next Steps (20 min.)

- Sherburne County “Adopt-a-Stormdrain” (AAS) Project

Dan will share an update on the Joint Powers Agreement for this project at the board meeting.

- SC COLA Project Funding Further Use (e.g., soil erosion projects, well sealing, or agricultural projects)

Dan has a project in mind for this – more details will come about in mid-summer as the project develops.

- AIS Early Detection and Rapid Response Task Force

Light discussion on this topic, Dan plans to follow up with Patrick and convene the Task Force again to complete this project.

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

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

Patrick will include county-wide impact concerns of the recently announced Lake Orono boat closure in the concern letter going to the City of Elk River. Please see meeting follow-up action items underlined above within the minutes.

Scot moved to adjourn.

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