

## AGENDA



### 1. Opening & Consider Agenda (15 min.)

- Approve [1/26/22 Meeting Minutes](#)
- Treasurer's Report [Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Bank Statements](#)

### 2. SC COLA Board 4/13/22 Meeting Planning (55 min.)

- Opening & Consider Agenda (10 min.)
  - Approve [2/9/22 Meeting Minutes](#)
- Treasurer's Report [Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Bank Statements](#)
- Updates (30 min.)
  - 2022 Sherburne SWCD and/or MN DNR AIS Grant Applications
  - Mississippi Watershed Comprehensive Plan (1W1P)
    - Appoint SC COLA Representative
  - AIS Early Detection and Rapid Response [Planning Material Revisions](#)
  - MN COLA March Meeting Report
  - Sherburne County AIS Spring Task Force Meeting
- 2021 – 2022 Initiative Next Steps (30 min.)
  - Business Sponsorship Campaign
    - Review updates to [contact list](#), [website](#) and [draft directory](#)
  - Project Fund Use (e.g., Education, Lake Stewardship, Lake Association Promotion, AIS prevention, soil erosion, well sealing, or ag. projects)
  - Sherburne County Partnerships
    - “Adopt-a-Stormdrain” (AAS) Project
    - [DNR Shoreland Training for Local Officials](#)
    - Septic System Education and Compliance
    - Sheriff's Office Water Safety Annual Meeting
- Meeting Follow-up Recap and Closure (5 min.)

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

SC COLA Executive Committee Upcoming Meeting Dates: 5/25\*

\*The proposed 2022-2023 meeting calendar will be discussed on 5/25/22 for group approval.

# MINUTES

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

## 1. Opening & Consider Agenda (15 min.)

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

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

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

Chris provided an update of the financial status. Two Business sponsor payments have been received and Dan confirmed that four more have been received at the Sherburne SWCD Office and mailed to Chris for deposit. Chris will update the March financial reports to reflect that information. Chris provided a summary of the financial status this year compared to last as well. Our balance continues to grow and all agreed that a high priority is utilizing some of the balance this spring and summer to advance our educational and project goals.

Patrick moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Scot seconded, motion passed.

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- Updates (30 min.)

- 2022 Sherburne SWCD and/or MN DNR AIS Grant Applications

15 grants were submitted to the SWCD, several were also submitted to the DNR for consideration. Three grants were approved by the DNR for funding and the remaining 12 will be recommended to the Sherburne SWCD Board of Supervisors for funding.

- Mississippi Watershed Comprehensive Plan (1W1P)

- Appoint SC COLA Representative

Dan shared an update regarding the 1w1p process for the Mississippi River. The LGUs from Sherburne, Benton, Wright, Stearns, Meeker and Mille Lacs Counties are working to get the project up and running. Structuring of the project and developing legal agreements are some of the preliminary work that needs to be completed. The project has hit a snag due to a difference in thought on the legal agreement in which to work under. Conversations are occurring with the counties and legal counsels to reach a resolution, but more time will be needed. The project has been pushed back to July 1 as a potential new starting date. Dan recommended that the SC COLA move appointing a representative at the June meeting.

- AIS Early Detection and Rapid Response [Planning Material Revisions](#)

Patrick reported that comments were received from DNR staff (Tina Fitzgerald, Chris Jurek, Emelia Hauck-Jacobs). They were appreciative of the effort and the opportunity to provide comments. Many of the comments were very helpful. Patrick and Cindi have been reviewing the comments and integrating changes.

Dan shared the AIS EDRR materials with his peers from counties across the state in a virtual meeting on March 17. There was positive feedback on the materials and Dan shared the link to

the SC COLA website with his peers.

- MN COLA March Meeting Report

Sharon and Patrick attended the March Members meeting and will give a report. The MN COLA group is in negotiations with a lakes focused administration and marketing firm (<https://lakeadmin.org/>) to produce better and more consistent communications. There were some good reports and presentations given.

- Sherburne County AIS Spring Task Force Meeting

Dan is looking to schedule the AIS spring AIS meeting for sometime in early / mid May. He requested if there are ideas as to any specific content or speakers the group might like to hear from. One suggestion Dan thought of was if there is someone who can speak about “up and coming” species to be on the watch for.

- 2021 – 2022 Initiative Next Steps (30 min.)

- Business Sponsorship Campaign

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Six sponsors have signed on to be a COLA sponsor. Discussion occurred on some of the outreach and focusing on companies that were accepting new clients, so that potentially some of the COLA members could work with these organizations.

- Project Fund Use (e.g., Education, Lake Stewardship, Lake Association Promotion, AIS prevention, soil erosion, well sealing, or ag. projects)

The Executive Committee along with Sharon and Shelly will identify a meeting date to discuss outreach promotional items. Dan will send a list of available meeting dates to the Executive Committee to start planning this.

- Sherburne County Partnerships

- “Adopt-a-Stormdrain” (AAS) Project

Several townships and one city have signed on, and the City of Elk River will sign on soon. Dan will work with Franny to put together an email to circulate to the COLA. Dan will also email Addison for a digital copy of the EE so that can be shared with the board. COLA members can help form scouting groups to determine drains that are frequently clogged.

- DNR Shoreland Training for Local Officials

Discussion occurred about this training. The County Planning and Zoning Department did bring the training to the County Board of Adjustments in March. Discussion over whether other shoreland enforcement entities (cities, other townships) would be well received.

- Septic System Education and Compliance

No plans at this time for a county-based presentation on septic systems. The Executive Committee decided to revisit this later and perhaps go with a smaller discussion approach.

- Sheriff’s Office Water Safety Annual Meeting

Patrick will look to set up a meeting for the month of May with Cole Petroske. At the April meeting, the board can discuss potential questions or topics for Cole.

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

Patrick will seek a date for the Project Fund use small group discussion. Please see meeting follow-up action items underlined above within the minutes.

Chris moved to adjourn at 5:36 p.m.

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