



Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

6:30 PM – 7:45 PM

Via Zoom: [hyperlink to join meeting](#)

AGENDA

1. Opening & Consider Agenda (10 min.)

- Approve [4/13/22 Meeting Minutes](#)
- Treasurer's Report [Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Bank Statements](#)

2. Updates (25 min.)

- Mississippi Watershed Comprehensive Plan (1W1P)
- MN COLA Upcoming Events and Meetings
- Sherburne County AIS Spring Task Force Meeting Summary

3. 2022 – 2023 Board Meeting Calendar (5 min.)

- ☞ Wednesday, August 17
- ☞ Wednesday, October 19
- ☞ Wednesday, December 14 or 21
- ☞ Wednesday, February 15
- ☞ Wednesday, April 19
- ☞ Wednesday, June 21

4. 2022 – 2023 Officer Election Nominating Committee (5 min.)

5. 2021 – 2022 Initiative Next Steps (25 min.)

- [SC COLA Directory-Reference May 2022](#)
- 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 Video
 - Septic System Education and Compliance
 - Sheriff's Office Water Safety Annual Meeting

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

SC COLA Board Upcoming Meeting Dates: TBD*

*2022 – 2023 schedule to be proposed and approved at this meeting.

MINUTES

Attendees: Ken Andreen, Andie Bumgarner, Nate Bunce, Scot Chapman, Dan Cibulka, Cindi Edwards-Plant, Sharon Fischer (voted remote), Patrick Plant, Scott Ruiter and Chris Weber.

1. Opening & Consider Agenda (10 min.)

A motion was made by Scott R and a second from Chris W to approve the agenda. All were in favor; agenda approved.

- Approve [4/13/22 Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Patrick and second from Cindi to approve the 4/13/22 meeting minutes. All were in favor; minutes approved.

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

A motion was made by Scot C and second from Scott R to approve the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor; report approved.

2. Updates (25 min.)

- Mississippi Watershed Comprehensive Plan (1W1P)

Dan provided an update about the 1w1p project. Attorney groups representing each County/SWCD have provided a legal agreement that all are comfortable with. A legal agreement (Memorandum of Agreement) is required for the parties to work under. Staff from each of the parties have several small comments for the attorneys to consider, but all are approving of the agreement in principle. Each local government unit has to approve of the agreement, and each has a different board meeting date. Dan is hopeful and optimistic that the final comments will be addressed and boards from participating agencies will approve the agreement in the month of July / August. This would set up an August / September start date for the project.

- MN COLA Upcoming Events and Meetings

Patrick shared an update from MN COLA. A Round Robin session is to be held June 15 via Zoom. Patrick and Sharon are going to join. The group has lobbied for a Watercraft Operators License and this concept had bi-partisan support in the legislature. Unfortunately, the final language did not make it into a bill. It is unlikely that this would be pursued in a special session. MN COLA is hosting several informative events which Patrick shared with the group.

- Sherburne County AIS Spring Task Force Meeting Summary

Dan shared a summary of the AIS Spring meeting. An overview of 2022 programs was provided and a guest speaker from the University of Minnesota, Julia Bohnen, gave a great presentation on non-native phragmites. Dan will send the Board a link to the presentations.

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Patrick had sent out a poll for either the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday of the month to hold meetings. The majority responded in favor of the third Wednesday of the month. The group expressed an interest for December 14th as opposed to the 21st due to the holiday.

Patrick asked for a motion to approve the dates, Scot made a motion for the third Wednesday along with December 14th, and Chris seconded. All were in favor; dates approved.

4. 2022 – 2023 Officer Election Nominating Committee (5 min.)

Patrick has nominated Dan, Scot and Chris to be on the election nomination committee. Secretary and Chair positions are on the ballot for this year. Dan encouraged interested parties to contact the nominating committee to let them know of their interest.

5. 2021 – 2022 Initiative Next Steps (25 min.)

- [SC COLA Directory-Reference May 2022](#)

Cindi produced an updated directory in May of the membership that includes business sponsors and contact information. Patrick asked for any feedback on the document and if there was any information that would be useful that was not there. The group was encouraged to share with their membership.

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

A sub-committee has met several times in the past few weeks to discuss use of the business sponsorship funds. Several ideas have emerged with categories of education & lake stewardship, lake association / district promotion, and water quality improvement collaborations.

The type of outreach has been discussed with the sub-committee. Patrick presented what he has learned about geo-fencing. Geo-fencing is a marketing service that triggers an action when a mobile device enters a set location, such as a proximity to a lake or to a specific postal code. Marketing materials could be developed and sent to mobile devices when people enter these areas. Patrick is looking further into how the messages are sent, what are the costs, etc.

Other ideas the sub-committee have discussed include magnets with seasonal conservation messaging, can koozies, floating key-chains, etc. The magnet idea has gotten some traction with the group. Some ideas for seasonal conservation tips were developed and Cindi has put together a “stewardship magnet” draft. Discussion occurred on how many to purchase, and if magnets would be available to dues paying members of lake associations or all lake residents.

- Sherburne County Partnerships

- [“Adopt-a-Stormdrain” \(AAS\) Project Video](#)

Patrick shared the AAS project video that the SWCD created. Dan provided an update that people are starting to sign on to the AAS program. Conversations are taking place with the City of Big Lake and Elk River to get their drains include in the program.

- Septic System Education and Compliance
- Sheriff’s Office Water Safety Annual Meeting

Patrick shared that a meeting with Cole Petroske is pending.

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

Please see meeting follow-up action items underlined above within the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. with a motion to adjourn by Scot C.

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