

## AGENDA



### 1. Opening & Consider Agenda (20 min.)

- Approve [7/19/23 Meeting Minutes](#)
- Treasurer's Report [Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Bank Statements](#)
  - 2023 – 2024 Membership Renewal Status/Follow up (if needed)

### 2. SC COLA Board 11/1/23 Board Meeting Planning (50 min.)

- Opening & Consider Agenda (10 min.)
  - Approve [8/2/23 Meeting Minutes](#)
  - Treasurer's Report [Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Bank Statements](#)
- Updates (30 min.)
  - Starry Trek 2023 Results
  - MN COLA September Membership Meeting
    - [Draft minutes](#) from the 9/19/23 meeting
    - Link to the [video from Dr. Mark Seeley's presentation](#) on Climate Change - Impact of MN Lakes
  - Sherburne County AIS Fall Task Force Meeting
  - [Rum River](#) & [Mississippi Watershed Comprehensive Plan](#) (1W1P)
- 2023 – 2024 Initiative Next Steps (30 min.)
  - Sherburne County Partnerships
    - County-wide water monitoring program
    - AIS Prevention Tools/Stations ([Aqua Weed Stick](#), [Meeker](#), [CD3](#))  
Working Example: Association of Cass County Lakes (ACCL), DNR, Cass SWCD, LAs, Resorts, Service Providers are placing 100 AIS Cleaning Station Signs & Tools at public water access locations. Links to a [PBS video](#) and [PDF](#) file with further information.
    - [“Adopt-a-Stormdrain”](#) (AAS) Project
  - Additional Special Event and/or Project Planning
  - 2024 Legislative Session Monitoring and Advocacy
- Meeting Follow-up Recap and Closure (5 min.)

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

# MINUTES

Attendees: Shelly Alger-Peyton, Dan Cibulka, Sharon Fischer, Patrick Plant and Chris Weber.

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- Chris W. moved to approve agenda, Sharon F. seconded, motion passed.
- Approve [7/19/23 Meeting Minutes](#)
  - Patrick P. moved to approve minutes, Shelly AP. seconded, motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report [Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Bank Statements](#)
  - 2023 – 2024 Membership Renewal Status/Follow up (if needed)
    - \* Chris W. will send out a reminder email to Lake Associations to pay 2024 dues.

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    - \* Dan C. will give an update at the COLA Board meeting from previous email at next general meeting.
  - MN COLA September Membership Meeting
    - [Draft minutes](#) from the 9/19/23 meeting
    - Link to the [video from Dr. Mark Seeley's presentation](#) on Climate Change - Impact of MN Lakes
    - Sharon F. will email Patrick P. her notes from the MN COLA meeting and both will provide a summary at the next general meeting.
  - Sherburne County AIS Fall Task Force Meeting
    - Dan C. will give an update on plans for the Task Force meeting to the board on 11/1/23.
    - \* An update/summary of activity from 2023 and new Starry Stonewort that was recently found.
    - \* Need to reconvene a new AIS task force and update the plan, 5yr. previous plan is expiring.
    - \* Meeting typically includes U of M reps and DNR reps and past lake/LID representatives and they will address funds for ongoing AIS studies, water guard monitor funding, etc.
    - \* Jake Walsh DNR AIS grant program coordinator, recently left this position and we believe they are looking for a replacement, Adam Dahl DNR state wide coordinator also took a different position. We are losing some good coordinators and supporters of AIS control in our lakes. Hopefully the new staff will be as supportive.
  - [Rum River](#) & [Mississippi Watershed Comprehensive Plan](#) (1W1P)
    - \* Watershed Citizen advisory board met in Aug. and will meet again in Oct. to continue with creating an action plan, Scott R. is on the committee.
    - \* Patrick - asked if the Rum River Comprehensive Plan has a revised link to use in agenda?
    - \* Dan C. – will check to see if there is an updated Planning Process link & Comprehensive

Implementation stage link and he will send out an updated links.

\* Watershed committee meets quarterly to discuss current changes & Dan C. will give an update on the watershed wide projects that are being completed/implemented and at different stages in different areas.

\* Dan C. and Scott R. will provide plan updates at the next general meeting.

● 2023 – 2024 Initiative Next Steps (30 min.)

○ Sherburne County Partnerships

- County-wide water monitoring program

\* Patrick and Dan will get a meeting scheduled for the Shared Water Testing committee and get that rolling. Patrick will send out a meeting link to interested committee members from August meeting minutes.

- AIS Prevention Tools/Stations (Aqua Weed Stick, Meeker, CD3)

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\* Discuss ideas for various AIS stations, signage and adding signs to current DNR signposts and/or adding posts for retractable cable options and adding QR codes similar to Cass Lakes sign example. May need approval from the DNR and townships if added post hardware and signage.

- "[Adopt-a-Stormdrain](#)" (AAS) Project – no new updates at this time.

○ Additional Special Event and/or Project Planning

\* Dan C. - each year the SWCD contributes funding towards Minnesota Traditions who creates a lot of social media content. They now have a YouTube page with a lot of great videos. Maybe we should update the COLA board on this resource and encourage folks to share with their lake associations?

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/@Minnesotatraditions/featured>

○ 2024 Legislative Session Monitoring and Advocacy – no new updates at this time.

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

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:30p.m. with a motion to adjourn by Shelly AP.

Meeting minutes submitted by Shelly Alger-Peyton, SC COLA Secretary.