

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Via Zoom & Teleconference

AGENDA

1. Opening & Consider Agenda (15 min.)

- Approve 10/11/23 Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report <u>Monthly Financial Report</u> and <u>Bank Statements</u>

2. SC COLA Board 12/6/23 Board Meeting Planning (40 min.)

- Opening & Consider Agenda (10 min.)
 - o Approve <u>11/1/23 Meeting Minutes</u>
 - o Treasurer's Report Monthly Financial Report and Bank Statements
- Updates (25 min.)
 - Sherburne County AIS Fall Task Force Meeting
 - o 2024 Sherburne SWCD AIS Grant Program
 - o 2024 MN DNR AIS Grant Program Status
 - MN COLA December Membership Meeting
 - o Rum River & Mississippi Watershed Comprehensive Plan (1W1P)
- 2024 Business Sponsorship Campaign (5 min.)
- 2023 2024 Initiative Next Steps (30 min.)
 - Sherburne County Partnerships
 - County-wide water monitoring program
 - "Adopt-a-Stormdrain" (AAS) Project Status
 - AIS Prevention Tools/Stations (<u>Aqua Weed Stick, Meeker, CD3</u>)
 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 <u>PBS video</u>, <u>KAXE article</u> and <u>PDF</u> file with further information.
 - 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.)

SC COLA Executive Committee Upcoming Meeting Dates: 1/10, 2/14, 5/8

MINUTES

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

1. Opening & Consider Agenda (15 min.)

- Sharon moved to approve agenda, Patrick seconded, motion passed.
- Approve <u>10/11/23 Meeting Minutes</u>
 - Shelly moved to approve minutes, Sharon seconded, motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report <u>Monthly Financial Report</u> and <u>Bank Statements</u>
 - BLCA dues have been paid per Shelly <u>and others that are not listed will be reflected in the report</u> for the December Board meeting.
 - Big Eagle Lake dues will also be coming in.
 - <u>Dan C. and/or Patrick will check with Fremont Lake and Big Lake/Mitchell Lake Associations for</u> dues reminder.
 - Patrick will check with Chris on membership renewal forms to verity this year's board delegates.

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 - Sherburne County AIS Fall Task Force Meeting
 - Dan C. will scheduled an early December meeting.
 - o 2024 Sherburne SWCD AIS Grant Program
 - Dan C., the timelines should be similar as 2023 and the DNR will have their selections chosen first and then SWCD selections will be completed.
 - Water Guard hour wage will likely increase for 2024
 - Due Late January early February 2024
 - o 2024 MN DNR AIS Grant Program Status
 - Patrick and Scott R. are not sure if the applications will be on a lottery system or back to a first come first serve basis and in previous years.
 - Patrick said that if other associations want to apply and are not sure how to apply, we can setup a time to help them prepare that application. Dan C. stated Eagle Lake, Ann Lake and Sandy Lake may want to apply and have not applied in the past.
 - Sharon asked if a grant would cover this cost and if Sandy Lake can get hire scuba divers to pull small leaf lily pads (water shield) that are growing everywhere or do something to help. Dan stated that water shield is not invasive but they could look into a native species treatment with DNR approval, could hire Scuba Guys company or Water Restorations company. Patrick said that Orono Lake property owners had Lake Management Inc. come and apply herbicide (under an optional additional lake shore treatment permit) to control lily pads that were crowding areas and was approved by the DNR can contact LMI for information.

- MN COLA December Membership Meeting
 <u>Is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2023 and Patrick and Sharon will attend and inform</u> board of outcomes.
- Rum River & Mississippi Watershed Comprehensive Plan (1W1P)
 Dan C. and Scott R. will likely have only a couple of updates for the December board meeting since the next group meetings are upcoming.
- 2024 Business Sponsorship Campaign (5 min.)
 - <u>Patrick will revise the letter/forms and remove some businesses that have had not donated in a</u> few years and add more potential business sponsors.
 - It was agreed to keep business sponsorship mailing and campaign start to mid-January 2024, after the holidays.
- 2023 2024 Initiative Next Steps (30 min.)
 - Sherburne County Partnerships
 - County-wide water monitoring program
 - Dan C. emailed out a second scheduling document to be able to schedule a date with interested individuals.
 - "Adopt-a-Stormdrain" (AAS) Project Status
 - Dan C. this topic will be postponed until the February agenda.
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- Please see meeting follow-up action items <u>underlined</u> above within the minutes.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:15p.m. with a motion to adjourn by Sharon.

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