

# Board Meeting

### Wednesday, June 5, 2024

### 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM

Via Zoom: [hyperlink](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81544639030?pwd=dWVqUjdZbDVWK1ZmejdLMWdQQlh5QT09) to join meeting

## AGENDA



1. Opening & Consider Agenda (10 min.)

* Approve [3/6/24 Meeting Minutes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-8AXm780KPrjtcsJRnPDh_LSiBNlGOxh/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=117415464370246852042&rtpof=true&sd=true)
* Treasurer’s Report [Monthly Financial Report](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1u3Od1VXx0JvamoN6bCNmLkTWDYx37C3c) and [Bank Statements](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MOPGplZ0rMIst2UfC3W4FvwmPBJ1Gp6E)

1. Updates (25 min.)

* Steve McComas the “Lake Detective” and PLM Event on 4/13/24
* Business Sponsorship Campaign and Directory-Reference April 2024
* 2025-2029 Sherburne County AIS Prevention Plan
* [Rum River](https://www.millelacsswcd.org/1w1p/rum-river-one-watershed-one-plan/) & [Mississippi](https://www.millelacsswcd.org/1w1p/mississippi-river-st-cloud-watershed-plan/) Watershed Comprehensive Plan (1W1P)

1. 2024 - 2025 Meeting Calendars (5 min.)

* SC COLA Board: 8/7, 10/16, 12/4, 2/5, 4/2, 6/4

\*Please reserve 10/16 as an alternate meeting date if needed.

* SC COLA Executive Committee: 7/17, 9/18, 11/20, 1/15, 3/19, 5/21

1. 2024 – 2025 Officer Election Nominating Committee (5 min.)
2. 2024 – 2025 Initiative Next Steps (30 min.)

* 2024 Legislative Session Monitoring and Advocacy Outcomes
* Sherburne County Partnerships
  + Galerucella Beetles for Purple Loosestrife Control
  + County-wide water monitoring program
  + Rain Barrel Water Conservation Program
  + “[Adopt-a-Stormdrain](https://adopt-a-drain-sherburnegis.hub.arcgis.com/)” (AAS) Project Status
* Additional Special Event and/or Project Planning
  + [Keep It Clean Coalition](https://keepitcleanmn.org/) and/or BLCA Developed Approach
  + Other event or project(s) that we want to purse (e.g. MAISRC Lab Tour)?

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

SC COLA Board Upcoming Meeting Dates: TBD\*

\*2024 – 2025 schedule to be proposed and approved at this meeting.

MINUTES



Attendees: Shelly Alger-Peyton, Nate Bunce, Dan Cibulka, Cindi Edwards-Plant, Steve Mockenhaupt, Patrick Plant and Chris Weber.

1. Opening & Consider Agenda (10 min.)

* Approval tabled due to lack of quorum (from meeting conflicts and likely the power outages associated with a storm that came through the county).
* Approve [3/6/24 Meeting Minutes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-8AXm780KPrjtcsJRnPDh_LSiBNlGOxh/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=117415464370246852042&rtpof=true&sd=true)
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* Chris provided a financial update and a more detailed one will be provided at the August 7 Annual meeting.

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* Steve McComas the “Lake Detective” and PLM Event on 4/13/24

- Participants reported the event as being very worthwhile. SC COLA Google drive has a folder with the [Steve McComas & PLM](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16Xnxldq9kx4DiHwdDSWBBs2d2E_4u9YA?usp=sharing) presentations recorded. It is also planned that they will are also be posted on a BLCA YouTube channel in June or July.

Business Sponsorship Campaign and Directory-Reference April 2024

- Currently $1,300 in sponsorship dollars have been received. We anticipate the final total will be $1,400. The Directory-Reference was emailed out to COLA members for personal use, not public release.

* 2025-2029 Sherburne County AIS Prevention Plan (no updates at this time).
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- Rum River - Dan C. – completed 10yr plan in 2022, 2023 was the first year as a partnership group receiving 1.299 million plus for this program e/o year. Other funding has been found through other sources as well. Dan will email the update to the full board.

- Dan C. - tracks goals and gathers information, such as surface water and conservation projects and creates goals and measurable outcomes.

- Information and progress tracking can be found on tracking report.

- Working on outreach efforts with local community members to increase education and engagement.

- Mississippi – Dan C. – There is a draft of the watershed plan (400+ pages) that has been sent out to policy committee, county commissioners from each county and SWCD staff receiving 72+ comments mainly positive.

- There are large and small scale issues listed with targeting programs and creating measurable goals.

- There are also funding options and outlines as to what the plan is and how it will be carried out.

- Executive board created to approved funding, projects, etc.

- Policy reviews - June 18 to local policy committee, July 8 for a 60-day public review brings timeline into October, back to policy committee for revisions and then Nov/Dec. to state review for 90 days with looking for funding in mid 2025.

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- Chair appoints nominating committee members, Patrick nominated Dan, Sharon and Chris.

1. 2024 – 2025 Initiative Next Steps (30 min.)

* 2024 Legislative Session Monitoring and Advocacy Outcomes

- Patrick P. - no bonding bills were approved this session.

- One category that passed is reducing salt use in winter months and boat wrap materials being disposed of properly.

- Proposed 1.5 million allocated for outreach, education, Keep It Clean grants and an increase in conservation officer compensation.

- LMMCR bonding bill is in the works and Briggs Lake Chain is interested in getting funds for their alum feasibility study if approved.

- Many members were upset about MN DNR imposed early CLP spray, by April 30th instead of proposed May 15th (which previously has always been before June 1).

- CLP Delineation surveys and treatments should be done as late as possible in 2025 and going forward.

- Orono Lake (Patrick P.) is going to forward on concerns about early spraying that is negatively impacting several lakes that were only able to spray 0% to a small percentage of CLP this year due to survey results.

- Dan C. and Patrick P. suggest taking delineation survey’s on a lake by lake basis due to varying temperature warmups based on state locations up north are colder longer to down south where they get warmer faster.

- Patrick and Sharon will bring up the concerns at the MN COLA meeting later this summer.

* Sherburne County Partnerships (no updates on items below at this time).
  + Galerucella Beetles for Purple Loosestrife Control
  + County-wide water monitoring program
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- We will ask about board interest in a tour at the August 7 Annual Meeting.

1. 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 7:33p.m. with a motion to adjourn by Patrick P.

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