

# Board Meeting

### Wednesday, December 4, 2024

### 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM

Via Zoom: [hyperlink](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85386741767?pwd=zpbbmn2rQJSU9LLmvJcoMAwfLSIOJg.1) to join meeting

## AGENDA



1. Opening & Consider Agenda (10 min.)

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  + Approve [10/16/24 Meeting Minutes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/112svt0Dgzg0NiCtMTmjPnKv6Dflu26hm/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)
* Updates (30 min.)
  + [2025 MN DNR AIS Grant Program](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/aquatic_invasive/control-projects.html) Changes & MN COLA Checklist
  + MN COLA December Membership Meeting on 12-10-24
    - * DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen (featured guest)
  + 2025-2029 Sherburne County AIS Prevention Plan
    - * [2025 Sherburne SWCD AIS Grant Program](https://www.sherburneswcd.org/ais-grant-program.html)
  + [Rum River](https://www.millelacsswcd.org/rum-river-watershed-2/) & [Mississippi](https://www.millelacsswcd.org/mississippi-river-st-cloud-watershed/) Watershed Comprehensive Plan (1W1P)
* Treasurer Appointment to Fill Term (5 min.)
* 2025 [Business Sponsorship Campaign](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PAuxC9qxIeI3Gq-rZ6g5w0-G6ZL16tXg?usp=sharing) (5 min.)
* 2024 – 2025 Initiative Next Steps (20 min.)
  + Sherburne County Partnerships
    - * “[Adopt-a-Stormdrain](https://adopt-a-drain-sherburnegis.hub.arcgis.com/)” (AAS) Project Status
      * [SWCD Podcast Series](https://www.sherburneswcd.org/podcasts--webinars.html)
  + Additional Special Event and/or Project Planning
    - * [Keep It Clean Program](https://keepitcleanmn.org/) ([24’-25’ geofencing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/10sFSmDLHfjyNWls2pL1Qv_gcA2bC7ZgX/view?usp=sharing) and [promotional items](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-inTupx-5o3g_sZsIKs2foJ96wjRM9zz/view?usp=sharing))
      * Other event/project(s) that we want to pursue
    - [MAISRC Lab](https://maisrc.umn.edu/lab) Tour at 6:30pm on May 7th or April 2nd
  + 2025 Legislative Session Monitoring and Advocacy

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

SC COLA Board Upcoming Meeting Dates: 2/5, 4/2, 6/4

MINUTES



Attendees: Attendees: Shelly Alger-Peyton, Dan Cibulka, Mike Donnelly, Cindi Edwards-Plant, Sharon Fischer and Patrick Plant.

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* The board reviewed the financial update that Chris Weber had provided. The current asset balances are $ 874.51 in Spire Checking and $2,624.21 in Spire Savings with $884.12 in expense having been incurred YTD.
* Updates (30 min.)
  + [2025 MN DNR AIS Grant Program](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/aquatic_invasive/control-projects.html) Changes & MN COLA Checklist

- Any assoc. that hasn’t received a grant in 2023 or 2024 would have the highest eligibility to be awarded a grant.

- CLP can be treated with a DNR grant, but not SWCD grants.

- Patrick will send out the MN COLA AIS and Grant Checklist and related communications template that we reviewed.

* + MN COLA December Membership Meeting on 12-10-24
  + DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen (featured guest) – if members wish to participate Patrick P. or Sharon F. will get them the Zoom invite.
  + 2025-2029 Sherburne County AIS Prevention Plan

Dan C. stated that a draft is available, he will send out the draft to the COLA board for discussion as needed. Dan will attend a workshop with the county board on 12/17/24, make any needed changes and then take it to the county board for approval in January.

A lot of information has been generated by working with lake associations and various community members with diverse backgrounds for the new plan.

Doug Jensen with the DNR is working with SWCD and create new conservation education programs/opportunities.

Working with Air BnB’s and VRBO’s to keep them informed about AIS and conservation education.

Briggs Lake Chain is working on reaching out to VRBO’s in the area to give them conservation folders/materials to post in the rental homes to keep renters informed of lake conservation and rules & regulations through the DNR.

Dan C. suggested working with the Briggs chain and other lakes to reach out to VRBO owners to possibly have a meeting to discuss AIS and conservation education.

* + 2025 [2025 Sherburne SWCD AIS Grant Program](https://www.sherburneswcd.org/ais-grant-program.html)

Focusing on public education and good conversations are occurring about cleaning tools/stations at boat launches and getting education out to multiple groups of people.

AIS education is the main focus this year as well as, AIS incentive and control programs.

CLP is not eligible for grant funding due to it being in all major lakes in Sherburne County.

* + [Rum River](https://www.millelacsswcd.org/rum-river-watershed-2/) & [Mississippi](https://www.millelacsswcd.org/mississippi-river-st-cloud-watershed/) Watershed Comprehensive Plan (1W1P)

Public hearing on 12/5/24 at 12:00 PM public hearing at the History Center, then they approve submittal of the plan and send it into the MNSWCD.

Each of the 6 SW districts need to adopt the plan and then it would be approved in February.

Looking at receiving 1.3 million in funding in July. SWCD is working on getting policies, procedures and projects inline so they are ready to go when the funding becomes available.

* Treasurer Appointment to Fill Term (5 min.)

This position does not require a lot of hours due to the lower budget and expenses.

SC COLA is looking at having one of the other lake associations that does not already have an executive committee member volunteer to have more individuals involved.

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Dan C. said no major advancements for the most part, however City of Big Lake is interested in this program.

* + [SWCD Podcast Series](https://www.sherburneswcd.org/podcasts--webinars.html)

Dan C. - watch website for when new videos are released.

* + Additional Special Event and/or Project Planning
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  + Other event/project(s) that we want to pursue
    - [MAISRC Lab](https://maisrc.umn.edu/lab) U of M location

Tour at 6:30pm on May 7th or April 2nd

**The group selected May 7th as the tour date (please mark your calendar)**. We can have up to 25 attendees for our lab tour. SC COLA board members first priority and then we will have associations reach out to other members that may want to attend. Patrick P. and Dan C. will send our sign-up information to the SC COLA board members and Sherburne County AIS Task Force after the holidays.

* + 2025 Legislative Session Monitoring and Advocacy

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 7:42 p.m. with a motion to adjourn by Patrick P.

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