# Executive Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, September 18, 2024

### 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Via Zoom: [hyperlink](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82084844856?pwd=BLx7fdb73X2RlgaF7RKfNZDcI7R7QV.1) to join meeting

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## AGENDA



1. Opening & Consider Agenda (15 min.)

* Approve [7/17/24 Meeting Minutes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-QJh5Wzj9Mo7bgv5wYlEBQSWZaf07M5z/edit?usp=sharing&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)
  + 2024 – 2025 Membership Renewal Status/Follow up (if needed)

1. SC COLA Board 10/16/24 Board Meeting Planning (40 min.)

* Opening & Consider Agenda (10 min.)
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* Updates (25 min.)
  + Starry Trek 2024 Results
  + [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)
  + 2025-2029 Sherburne County AIS Prevention Plan
* 2024 – 2025 Initiative Next Steps (35 min.)
  + - * Sherburne County Partnerships
      * Galerucella Beetles for Purple Loosestrife Control
      * Rain Barrel Water Conservation Program
      * [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 (e.g. [MAISRC Lab](https://maisrc.umn.edu/lab) Tour)
  + 2025 Legislative Session Monitoring and Advocacy
  + Meeting Follow-up Recap and Closure (5 min)

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SC COLA Executive Committee Upcoming Meeting Dates: 11/20, 1/15, 3/19, 5/21

MINUTES



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

1. Opening & Consider Agenda (15 min.)

* Shelly moved to approve agenda, Sharon seconded, motion passed.
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* Shelly moved to approve minutes, Patrick seconded, motion passed.
* Treasurer’s Report [Monthly Financial Report](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1u3Od1VXx0JvamoN6bCNmLkTWDYx37C3c) and [Bank Statements](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MOPGplZ0rMIst2UfC3W4FvwmPBJ1Gp6E)

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- Chris provided a summary update and will give a full report at the October board meeting.

* Updates (25 min.)

Starry Trek 2024 Results

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- 60 day review window closed for the Watershed Plan, 2 letters received, but no major changes were made.

2025-2029 Sherburne County AIS Prevention Plan

- Good feedback received, including needs for launch cleaning tools and/or educational materials/signage at boat launches and possible geo-fencing use.

* 2024 – 2025 Initiative Next Steps (35 min.)

Sherburne County Partnerships

Galerucella Beetles for Purple Loosestrife Control

- County Public Works may help with beetle program for 2025.

- Dan C. will give updates on SWCD’s involvement.

Rain Barrel Water Conservation Program

- The plan is still to implement the program next year.

[Adopt-a-Stormdrain](https://adopt-a-drain-sherburnegis.hub.arcgis.com/)” (AAS) Project Status

- Dan C. will give updates plans to promote additional city and township participation.

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

- Dan C. will discuss new podcasts that will be available.

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))

KIC Program did not receive 2024 funding, they will be working on getting funding for 2025.

Discuss geo-fencing through the KIC Program and funding assistance through the COLA with interested lake associations.

Dan C. with see if Sherburne County Public Works would like to get involved regarding water quality, along with the SWCD possibly giving some funding.

Chris will contact County partners to see if they would like to get involved.

Discuss other event/project(s) that we want to pursue (e.g. [MAISRC Lab](https://maisrc.umn.edu/lab) Tour)

MAISRC press release coming for a “Labs to Lakes” program for a long-term carp management program. Lake Freemont was chosen as one of the lakes for the program through 2028. This will hopefully create cleaner water down the watershed.

Reach out to association members to see if we have interest in a large group afternoon tour.

Patrick will confirm available dates from the lab this fall and send out a survey Doodle for interested parties.

Chris, is anyone involved in the MN Lakes and Rivers “Lake Steward” program? The BLCA is a member of the MNLR and the Lake Steward program. For the BLCA it has been found to be a positive conservation program with having 15 lake properties within the chain being awarded the “lake steward” level of conservation for their properties just this summer of 2024. The SC COLA will discuss with the COLA members as to joining MNLR and/or Lake Steward Program.

2025 Legislative Session Monitoring and Advocacy

Patrick gave an update on an additional legislative monitoring website that he intends to use to track legislative bill progress this year.

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* Please see meeting follow-up action items underlined above within the minutes.
* The meeting was adjourned at 5:11p.m. with a motion to adjourn by Sharon.

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