



**Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, April 14, 2021  
6:30 PM – 7:45 PM  
Via Zoom & Teleconference

## AGENDA

### 1. Opening & Consider Agenda (10 min.)

- Approve [2/10/21 Meeting Minutes](#)
- Treasurer's Report [Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Bank Statements](#)

### 2. Updates (20 min.)

- SWCD Elk River Canoe/Kayak Surveying Trip
- AIS Task Force Spring 2021 meeting on 4/19/21
- AIS Volunteer Inspector Training
- 2021 – 2022 SC COLA Calendar Development

### 3. 2020 – 2021 Initiative Next Steps (40 min.)

- 2021 Business Sponsorship Campaign
  - Review updates to [contact list](#), [website](#) and [draft directory](#)
- AIS Early Detection and Rapid Response Task Force
  - [SC COLA Early Detection Rapid Response Template](#)
  - EDNA Zebra Mussel Testing
- Sherburne County “Adopt-a-Stormdrain” (AAS) Project
- SC COLA Project Funding Further Use (soil erosion projects, well sealing, or agricultural projects)

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

SC COLA Board Upcoming Meeting Dates: 6/9\*

\*2021 – 2022 schedule to be proposed and approved at June meeting

# MINUTES

Attendees: Ken Andreen, Nate Bunce, Scot Chapman, Dan Cibulka, Cindi Edwards-Plant, Karna Lundquist (voted via email), Joni Morton, Ed Peitso, Patrick Plant, Scott Ruiter and Chris Weber.

## 1. Opening & Consider Agenda (10 min.)

*A quorum was not met at the time of the meeting. Patrick contacted Karna Lundquist following the meeting to seek approval of the meeting agenda, previous minutes and Treasurer's Report, the only three voting items on the agenda, and Karna approved those motions.*

A motion was made by Chris and a second from Ed to approve the agenda. All were in favor; agenda approved.

- Approve [2/10/21 Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Joni and second from Scott R. to approve the 2/10/21 meeting minutes. All were in favor; minutes approved.

- Treasurer's Report [Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Bank Statements](#)

Chris shared the Treasurer's Report with the group. 8 lake groups have paid dues along with 1 individual member, several sponsorships have been received. Insurance and MN COLA dues have been paid.

A motion was made by Ed P. and a second from Scot C. to approve the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor; minutes approved.

## 2. Updates (20 min.)

- SWCD Elk River Canoe/Kayak Surveying Trip

Dan shared that the SWCD is planning a series of surveying trip of the Elk River to look for AIS, pollution inputs and other conservation concerns. The trips are scheduled to occur on June 8, June 11 and June 12 (weather and flow conditions dependent, alternative dates are set for June 15 and 17). If anyone has knowledge about navigational hazards or good "put in" and "take out" locations on the river, please let Dan know. Dan anticipates a May announcement for signing up for this program.

- AIS Task Force Spring 2021 meeting on 4/19/21

The SWCD will host a spring AIS Task Force meeting next Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Dan will send agenda with Zoom link will be sent out on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will feature a recap of 2020 events, anticipated programs for 2021, and an open forum for attendees to discuss AIS matters.

- AIS Volunteer Inspector Training

Scot C. shared that he had contacted DNR staff to ask if the AIS Volunteer program will be up and running for 2021. Our local DNR coordinator for this work, Christine Hokkala-Kuhns, has sent a request to upper management within the DNR to see if the program will be operational. She is reportedly optimistic, but still waiting for approval before the program can start.

- 2021 – 2022 SC COLA Calendar Development

Patrick shared that planning has occurred for the following year's meeting schedule. The schedule will be similar to last year (bi-monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month). Regarding in-person meetings, there may be a possibility for this to occur in late summer based on the trajectory of how the pandemic is unfolding and vaccinations occurring. We may want to hold a hybrid style of meeting with in-person attendance as well as a call-in option. This would allow folks who have a significant drive to attend, as those traveling or unable to due to bad weather.

### 3. 2020 – 2021 Initiative Next Steps (40 min.)

- 2021 Business Sponsorship Campaign

Patrick shared an overview of the business sponsorship campaign status to date.

- Review updates to [contact list](#), [website](#) and [draft directory](#)

We are close to reaching the business sponsorship revenue target for 2021.

Cindi has been updating the contact list, website and draft directory as well as adding sponsor images. The goal is to distribute the directory to lake group members by the end of April or sometime in May. Discussion was had regarding outreach efforts.

- AIS Early Detection and Rapid Response Task Force

- [SC COLA Early Detection Rapid Response Template](#)

Patrick shared an update regarding the EDRR progress that has occurred, including the real-life data collected and review of an existing (but modified) EDRR template which is housed in an Excel spreadsheet. Patrick went through the template and discussed the content as well as recent additions. The group found the updates valuable and Patrick will send the template out to those in attendance.

- EDNA Zebra Mussel Testing

Dan has reached out to colleagues and a laboratory in Boulder, CO regarding eDNA technology for zebra mussel monitoring. The science of this is still being refined and the approach has its pro's and con's. An eDNA pilot project will be attempted on Lake Orono this year to search for zebra mussels which were identified last year, before the drawdown occurred.

- Sherburne County "Adopt-a-Stormdrain" (AAS) Project

Dan discussed the AAS project and some recent progress that has occurred. Further discussion occurred over the management of lawns and leaves and best practices for living on a lake lot and managing leaves and grass clippings. Ken suggested that this be an education piece, and Dan agreed that this could be discussed in a County or SWCD newsletter or other medium that various local organizations have.

- SC COLA Project Funding Further Use (soil erosion projects, well sealing, or agricultural projects)

More discussion will occur on this at the June meeting.

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

Patrick will put together a 2021 – 2022 draft meeting schedule to be reviewed and approved at June meeting. Please see additional meeting follow-up action items underlined above within the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. with a motion to adjourn by Ed.

Meeting minutes submitted by Dan Cibulka, Sherburne SWCD ex-officio representative.