

EAST SKOKIE DRAINAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
November 11, 2020

- I. The Annual Meeting of the East Skokie Drainage District was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Joseph L. Bridges at 9 N. County Street, Ste. 200, Waukegan, IL 60085. Those in attendance included Commissioner William Schrimpf, Commissioner Todd Needlman, Engineer Bud Reed, and Attorney Bryan R. Winter. Commissioner Joseph L. Bridges, Chairman joined the meeting remotely. Notice of the meeting was accomplished by posting all requisite notices, all in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

- II. Public Comment – no public comments were presented.

- III. On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on October 14, 2020 were approved by roll call vote with all Commissioners voting in favor of the motion.

- IV. The Commissioners reviewed the status of accounts which indicated a balance on hand as of October 23, 2020, in the amount of \$1,115,668.23.

- V. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote with all Commissioners voting in favor of the motion, the Commissioners approved the payment of the following bills for services rendered to the District:

V3 COMPANIES	\$281,069.57
ILM	\$3,500.00
FUQUA WINTER LTD.	\$3,913.80
DUNLAP TREE EXPERTS	\$13,500.00
REED ENGINEERING, LLC	\$10,587.50

- VI. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote with all Commissioners voting in favor of the motion, the Commissioners approved, the 2021 Meeting Schedule for the District, as presented.

- VII. The Coordinating Engineer and Commissioners discussed the 2021 proposed Preliminary Expenditure Budget. The budget reflects by category, administrative, engineering, contract services and project items for 2021. The preliminary budget reflects general maintenance items as well as the cost to complete Phase 1 of the Lake Forest Project. As previously project, the current balance of all funds will be drawn down as the Lake Forest Project progresses toward completion. A new item has been added to the budget to provide for additional engineering services to update erosion conditions within the Lake Forest right-of-way.
- VIII. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote with all Commissioners voting in favor of the motion to approve the assessment amount of \$515,000.00 for the 2020 Tax Levy to be filed on or before December 1, 2020 with the County Clerk was approved.
- IX. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote with all Commissioners voting in favor of the motion to approve the Annual Report of Commissioners to be filed with the Circuit Court of Lake County.
- X. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote with all Commissioners voting in favor of the motion to approve the Affidavit of Commissioners as presented.
- XI. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote with all Commissioners voting in favor of the motion to elect Joseph L. Bridges to serve as Chairman and William Schrimpf to serve as Secretary for 2021.
- XII. The Commissioners received a report from the Coordinating Engineer Mr. Reed, which included the following information:
- A. LAKE FOREST STABILIZATION PROJECT: It was reported that construction has progressed on schedule and is expected to be completed by the end of the month. Dry weather conditions have allowed the work to proceed at a fast pace. As a result, the District can expect a sizeable invoice for the completed work shortly. The project is expected to be completed within the budgeted amount of \$2,173,500.00.
- B. STREAM MAINTENANCE: ILM (Interlake Management) has completed the controlled burns at Foss Park, ComEd and Proctor & Gamble sites. In addition, Dunlap Tree Experts have completed the debris clearance that was noted south of Old Elm Road and the drainage system is operating as designed.

- C. NPDES II ANNUAL REPORT: The Coordinating Engineer reported that he has walked the lower third of the drainage system as part of the reporting requirements for this annual report.
 - D. SMC/ESDD/HIGHLAND PARK FLOOD MITIGATION MEETING: Commissioner Needlman attended and provided a report of the most recent flood mitigation meeting held by the City of Highland Park. Commissioner Needlman reported that it was a positive meeting and that SMC provided a detailed report of ongoing efforts to evaluate and develop holding areas to prevent flooding.
 - E. 319 GRANT FUNDING: Ashley Strelcheck, a Water Resource Specialist for SMC, provided an update concerning grant reimbursement for the Lake Forest Stabilization Project. A reimbursement request has been submitted in the amount of approximately \$270,000. Payment is expected to take place early next year. If the project is completed by this calendar year, a second reimbursement request can be submitted subject to a 10% holdback requirement.
- XIII. Coordinating Engineer, Bud Reed, provided background information related to certain change orders to be considered by the District. As part of the construction process, the engineers identified areas within the project, which had sustained additional erosion, since the original assessment was conducted. As previously discussed, a hybrid toe stabilization method has been used to address these erosion areas. To reflect the cost for the hybrid toe stabilization method, several Change Orders have been provided for the District's approval. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote with all Commissioners voting in favor of the motion to approve Change Order No. 2, 3, 4 and 5 for the Lake Forest Streambank Stabilization Project with V3 Companies was approved.
- XIV. The District was advised that Patricia Werner is available to assist in submitting a grant application under a newly created Stormwater Capital Improvement Program available only to Lake County communities and agencies. This is a unique opportunity as the legislation which created this program provides up to \$125 million dollars for stormwater projects in the Lake County. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote with all Commissioners voting in favor of the motion, approval was granted to retain Patricia Werner to assist with submitting a grant application for Phase 2 of the Lake Forest Stabilization Project under the Stormwater Capital Improvement Program.

- XV. Under New Business, it was reported that the District received a complaint concerning a contractor displaying a flag in support of a political candidate. The Commissioners were advised that the District could consider a contract provision to prohibit such activity in the future.
- XVI. On motion duly made, seconded, and carried by roll call vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ William Schrimpf

Secretary