

EAST SKOKIE DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD  
June 8, 2022

I. A meeting of the East Skokie Drainage District was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Joseph L. Bridges at Highland Park Police Department, 1677 Old Deerfield Road, Highland Park, IL 60035. Those in attendance included Commissioner Joseph L. Bridges, Chairman, Commissioner Todd Needlman, Commissioner Michele Mrachek, Coordinating Engineer Bud Reed, and Attorney Bryan R. Winter. 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 May 11, 2022 were approved by roll call vote, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

IV. The Commissioners reviewed the status of accounts which indicated a balance on hand as of May 26, 2022, in the amount of \$549,277.33.

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

DUNLAP TREE EXPERTS	\$10,300.00
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REED ENGINEERING, LLC	\$7,400.00
FUQUA WINTER LTD.	\$6,737.50
V3 COMPANIES, LTD.	\$5,535.00

VI. The Commissioners received a report from the Coordinating Engineer as follows:

- (a) Skokie River Improvements Phase 2 – (formally referred to as the “Lake Forest Streambank Stabilization Project Phase 2”). Following the Public Workshop held last month, all property owners from which easements will be required have been contacted. Signed easements have or will be obtained shortly. Final Engineering Plans incorporating comments from the City of Lake Forest and other minor revisions are being prepared.

- (b) Stream Maintenance – all blockages located within the Danny Cunniff Park and behind the maintenance facility at the Sunset Valley Golf Course have been removed.
- VII. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion, to approve the Annual NPDES II Report for filing with the IEPA.
- VIII. Attorney’s Report – the Attorney for the District provided the following report:
- (a) Due to a transcription error, Dana Beyer, the Assessment Coordinator for the District, advised that a significant number of assessment amounts were incorrectly submitted to the Lake County Treasurer’s Office. The errors have been corrected and new tax bills will be issued for certain property owners. To assist in explaining this development, the District will post a notice on the District’s website.
- (b) A copy of the proposed Bid Notice for the Skokie River Channel Improvements Phase 2 Project has been provided. It will be necessary to schedule a special meeting to pre-qualify interested bidders to facilitate the possibility of a contract being awarded this summer.
- (c) Significant progress has been made to secure all of the Easement Agreements for the Skokie River Channel Improvements Phase 2 Project. It is expected all easements will be secured shortly.
- IX. The Attorney for the District provided additional information regarding the assessment and tax bill matter referenced in the Attorney’s Report. The Treasurer’s Office is fully cooperating with updating the assessment roll. Discussions have already begun to identify how the District can obtain additional time between the receipt of the property parcel roll and when the assessment amounts must be submitted to the Treasurer’s Office.
- X. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion, to approve the Notice of Requests for Qualifications (RFQ-prequalification) and Bids (Sealed Bids) for the Skokie River Channel Improvements Phase 2 Project. (The project name has been revised from Lake Forest Streambank Stabilization Project Phase 2 to utilize the DCEO reference for the project).
- XI. There was no New Business.
- XII. On motion to adjourn, duly made, seconded, and carried by roll call vote, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Todd Needlman

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Secretary