

EAST SKOKIE DRAINAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
May 10, 2023

- I. A meeting of the East Skokie Drainage District was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Joseph L. Bridges at the Highland Park Police Department, 1677 Old Deerfield Road, Highland Park, IL 60035. Those in attendance included Chairperson Joseph L. Bridges, Commissioner Michele Mrachek, Commissioner Todd Needlman, Project Coordinator Patricia Werner, Michael Warner from Gewalt Engineering, 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 meetings held on April 12, 2023 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 April 14, 2023, in the amount of \$191,603.80.
- 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:
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| GUY VITI INSURANCE | \$ 2,945.00 |
| PEKIN INSURANCE | \$ 806.00 |
| PEKIN INSURANCE | \$ 2,575.00 |
| PEKIN INSURANCE | \$ 91.00 |
| V3 COMPANIES, LTD. | \$71,617.65 |
| GEWALT HAMILTON ASSOCIATES, INC. | \$ 1,014.00 |
| DUNLAP TREE EXPERTS | \$ 9,900.00 |
| PSW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES | \$ 6,365.63 |
| FUQUA WINTER LTD. | \$ 4,330.00 |
- VI. The Commissioners received a report from Patricia Werner, Project Coordinator, who reported as follows:
- a. Skokie River Channel Improvements Project Phase 2 – Stage 1 landscaping planting sites have been identified and marked. Planting is scheduled to be completed in the next couple of weeks. As to Stage 2, V3 has mobilized its equipment to resume work and will begin construction efforts shortly.

- b. Streambank Maintenance – Dunlap Tree Experts removed six tree debris blockages located between the EJ&E Railroad track culvert to Laurel Avenue.
 - c. Park District of Highland Park (PDHP) matters - A virtual meeting with Park District representatives occurred regarding the proposed channel stabilization project to be located within Park District property limits. Park District staff provided a very positive response to the proposed project. Representatives also advised that the feasibility study to consider extending potential trail locations to Old Elm Road will continue, taking into consideration the comments furnished by the District.
- VII. The Commissioners received a report from Attorney Bryan Winter regarding the consolidation effort with the West Skokie Drainage District. It has been determined that there are several areas that should be annexed to the Drainage Districts based on updated Subwatershed map. In order to include these areas, it would be necessary for the District’s Engineer to determine what subdistrict should receive these properties upon annexation. There was discussion as to whether this work could be completed in a timely fashion. Engineer Michael Warner indicated that it was possible and was authorized to include this analysis as part of the engineering report needed to support a Petition for Consolidation.
- VIII. The Commissioners received a report from Attorney Bryan Winter regarding the proposed Professional Engineering Services Agreement from V3 Companies for channel stabilization within properties owned by the Park District of Highland Park. The areas proposed for stabilization has been classified as severely eroded in the most recent North Branch Chicago River Watershed-Based Plan. The engineering services outlined in the proposal are required to submit this project for an U.S. Army Corps permit and possible future grant funding. On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the proposal for Professional Engineering Services for the Highland Park Stabilization Project was approved by roll call vote, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.
- IX. 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 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Todd Needlman

Secretary