

SKOKIE CONSOLIDATED DRAINAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
May 8, 2024

1. A regular meeting of Skokie Consolidated Drainage District was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Joseph L. Bridges at the Deerfield Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Road, Deerfield, IL 60015. Those in attendance included Chairperson Joseph L. Bridges, Commissioner Todd Needlman, Commissioner Michele Mrachek, Project Coordinator Patricia Werner, 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.
2. There was no Public Comment.
3. On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the meeting held on April 10, 2024, were approved by roll call vote, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.
4. The Commissioners reviewed the status of accounts which indicated a balance on hand as of April 30, 2024, in the amount of \$564,929.31, for Subdistrict No. 1-East Skokie, and a balance on hand as of April 12, 2024, in the amount of \$492,668.07, for Subdistrict No. 2-West Skokie.
5. 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 to Subdistrict No. 1-East Skokie:

SUBDISTRICT NO. 1-EAST SKOKIE

V3 COMPANIES, LTD.	\$10,915.00
GEWALT HAMILTON ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$ 1,412.19
PSW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$ 4,125.63
FUQUA WINTER LTD.	\$ 3,158.75
PEKIN INS – COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY	\$ 2,113.00
PEKIN INS – BUSINESS AUTO	\$ 60.00
PEKIN INS – COMMERCIAL UMBRELLA	\$ 1,565.50
GUY VITI INS – DIRECTORS & OFFICERS	\$ 1,472.50

6. 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 to Subdistrict No. 2-West Skokie:

SUBDISTRICT NO. 2-WEST SKOKIE

GEWALT HAMILTON ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$ 860.00
GEWALT HAMILTON ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$ 1,412.19
COMED	\$ 461.50
JAMES ANDERSON COMPANY	\$ 162.41
FOREST BUILDERS, INC.	\$12,341.25
PSW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$ 1,150.63
FUQUA WINTER LTD.	\$ 1,893.75
PEKIN INSURANCE – COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY	\$ 2,113.00
PEKIN INSURANCE – BUSINESS AUTO	\$ 60.00
PEKIN INSURANCE – COMMERCIAL UMBRELLA	\$ 1,565.50
GUY VITI INSURANCE – DIRECTORS & OFFICERS	\$ 1,472.50

7. The Commissioners received a report from Patricia Werner, Project Coordinator, who reported on the following projects:

- A. Lake Forest Skokie River Improvements Phase 2 Project (East Subdistrict): Due to adverse wet weather conditions, completion of minor repairs have been delayed.
- B. Highland Park Channel Project (East Subdistrict): A project coordination meeting was held a Danny Cunniff Park on April 17, 2024, with all property stakeholders in attendance. The plans for the project were well received. Following this meeting, the District was notified by the Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) that this project may qualify for a \$2,000,000.00 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant. There is a separate agenda item to consider this grant opportunity.
- C. Atkinson Road Reservoir (West Subdistrict): Gewalt Hamilton and Associates (GHA) are conducting regular inspections concerning pump and electrical operations. A preventative maintenance inspection for pump #1, pump #2 and the sump pump is scheduled for 5/16/2024. GHA continues to work with the pump manufacturer regarding the replacement of pump #3.
- D. Channel Maintenance (West Subdistrict): Forest Builders Inc. has continued to perform channel maintenance on the west bank of the Middle Fork between North Avenue and Deerfield High School. The work includes cutting wood brush materials, burning and the application of herbicides.
- E. Dady Slough Flood Storage and Wetland Enhancement Project Park City (East Subdistrict): Dady Slough is an approximate 30-acre degraded wetland located in Park City. The Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) contacted SCDD regarding existing drainage easements. To respond to this request, the James Anderson Company (JACO) retrieved and provided documents and mapping from work they performed for the District in 1991. The documents furnished will assist both SMC and the District regarding stormwater improvements. An invoice for this work will be provided at a future meeting.

- F. NPDES Permits: Gewalt Hamilton & Associates, Inc. (GHA) is compiling the necessary information for both the East and West Skokie Annual Reports, which will need to be filed separately until the permits have been consolidated.
8. The Commissioners received a report from the Project Coordinator regarding efforts to address the formation of a sediment blockage at the IDOT bridge located at Route 22, Highland Park, Illinois. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote, all Commissioners voted in favor of authorizing correspondence to request the Illinois Department of Transportation to remove the sediment blockage located at Route 22, Highland Park, Illinois.
 9. The Commissioners received a report from Attorney Bryan Winter regarding the availability of additional DCEO Funding for the Highland Park Channel Improvements Project. The Commissioners also considered a Conceptual Engineers Opinion of Probable Construction Cost prepared for the project. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote, all Commissioners voted in favor of authorizing the negotiation of an Intergovernmental Agreement to receive a grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for the Highland Park Channel Improvement Project. This grant will permit the District to begin the project starting in the fall of 2025.
 10. The Commissioners discussed the appropriateness of withdrawing the District's previous application for 319 funding in the amount of \$500,000 for the Highland Park Channel Project. It was discussed that multiple grants cannot be used to fund the same project. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote, all Commissioners voted in favor of the District withdrawing its previously filed Illinois 319 Grant Proposal for the Highland Park Channel Improvement Project.
 11. The Commissioners reviewed a Resolution Adopting the Watershed-Based Plans for Lake and Cook County, IL. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote, all Commissioners voted in favor of approving Resolution No. 2024-01 adopting the Watershed-Based Plans in Lake and Cook County, Illinois.
 12. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Todd Needlman

Secretary