

SKOKIE CONSOLIDATED DRAINAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
October 11, 2023

- I. A meeting of Skokie Consolidated Drainage District was called to order at 6:32 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 Michele Mrachek, Commissioner Todd Needlman, Project Coordinator Patricia Werner, Attorney Bryan R. Winter and James Anderson of James Anderson Engineering. 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, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on September 19, 2023 were approved by the Commissioner.
- IV. The Commissioners reviewed the status of accounts for Subdistrict No. 1-East Skokie which indicated a balance on hand as of October 2, 2023 in the amount of \$796,990.70, and for Subdistrict No. 2-West Skokie, which indicated a balance on hand as of September 21, 2023 in the amount of \$491,642.37.
- 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:

SUBDISTRICT NO. 1-EAST SKOKIE

GEWALT HAMILTON ASSOCIATES	\$ 772.55
V3 COMPANIES	\$13,850.00
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PSW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$ 6,340.25
JAMES ANDERSON COMPANY	\$ 4,389.37
FUQUA WINTER LTD.	\$ 3,207.66

SUBDISTRICT NO. 2-WEST SKOKIE

GEWALT HAMILTON ASSOCIATES	\$ 772.54
MODERN MEDIA TECH, LLC	\$ 150.00
PSW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$ 1,032.50
JAMES ANDERSON COMPANY	\$ 7,209.29
FUQUA WINTER LTD.	\$ 2,140.16

- VI. The Commissioners received a report from Patricia Werner, Project Coordinator, who reported as follows regarding the following projects:
- A. Lake Forest Skokie River Improvements Phase 2 Project: Phase 2 of this Project should be completed shortly. V3 Companies ordered additional shrubs/small shrubs for the construction access path and several other areas to complete landscaping for the project. All materials and equipment were removed from the staging area at Waveland Park. Top soil has been spread and leveled over the entire staging area and asphalt path replacement work has begun. SMC has provided a template for the final report for the DCEO grant.
 - B. Highland Park Project: The District has received notice that the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission has selected the District's application for a \$500,000 grant for this project to be submitted to the county-wide grant application to the Illinois EPA. The proposal covers the first phase of the three phase project area. The area represents the most highly eroded streambanks within the District. The total cost for all three phases is estimated to be \$3,698,000. The issuance of the U.S. Army Corps permit is not expected until late 2024 or early 2025.
 - C. Highland Park Park District Trail Feasibility Study (HPPD): The Project Coordinator has sent a follow-up letter to the park district expressing the drainage districts concerns related to the proposed placement of a bike trail south of Old Elm Road connecting to the Danny Cunniff Park. The district has been advised that the park district will revisit the possibility of the trail extension in 10 years.
 - D. Atkinson Road Reservoir: The Commissioners received an update regarding current reservoir operations and maintenance, the following maintenance items have or need to be addressed: (1) The culvert that carries the pump water from the reservoir into the Middle Fork channel was recently replaced due to corrosion. Additional work is required to complete the replacement project and is in process. (2) The Middle Fork tributary channel upstream of the reservoir is partially clogged with sediment and cattails and needs to be cleaned out to improve flow. There is the possibility of DCEO funding for this work. (3) The reservoir has three pumps that pump the water stored in the reservoir back out to the Middle Fork channel as capacity allows. The pumps are now approximately 30 years old. One of the pumps is not fully operational and will need to be repaired. Possible repair approaches will be discussed as a separate agenda item.
- VII. The Commissioners received a report from James Anderson Company regarding Atkinson Reservoir pump repairs. One of the pumps (pump #3) is currently not operational and will need to be repaired. It is recommended that the district arrange for Dan Singleton, an electrician to pull the cable to inspect for damage and to consider a proposal submitted by Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. to pull the pump for inspection and repair. After discussion, it was directed that the cable should be inspected and appropriate follow-up measures be taken. It was also directed that arrangements should be made to schedule a consultation with Michael Grinnell

from Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. to determine whether the pump should be repaired or replaced.

- VIII. New Business. The Commissioners directed James Anderson to obtain additional information regarding a request received from the Village of Deerfield to provide vegetation removal in an area along Woodvale Avenue adjacent to the Middle Fork. To fully consider the request made by the Village, the District would like additional information as to whether the Village will provide future annual maintenance if the existing vegetation is removed.
- 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 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Todd Needlman

Secretary