

SKOKIE CONSOLIDATED DRAINAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
January 10, 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 annual meeting held on November 8, 2023 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 December 19, 2023 in the amount of \$531,364.01 for Subdistrict No. 1-East Skokie, and a balance on hand as of December 19, 2023 in the amount of \$538,062.59 for Subdistrict No. 2-West Skokie.
5. On motion duly made, seconded and roll call vote, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion to approve the payment of the following bills for services to the District:

SUDISTRICT NO. 1-EAST SKOKIE

LAKE COUNTY SMC	\$1,800.00
GEWALT HAMILTON ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$262.50
V3 COMPANIES, LTD.	\$13,840.00
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PSW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$4,777.50
JAMES ANDERSON COMPANY	\$935.00
PEKIN INSURANCE COMPANY	\$601.50
FUQUA WINTER LTD.	\$5,195.68

SUDISTRICT NO. 2-WEST SKOKIE

GEWALT HAMILTON ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$1,411.50
PSW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$2,170.00
JAMES ANDERSON COMPANY	\$4,131.66
COMED	\$485.47
DUNLAP TREE EXPERTS	\$6,000.00
PEARSON FENCE CO. INC.	\$850.00
PEKIN INSURANCE COMPANY	\$601.50
FUQUA WINTER LTD.	\$5,248.18

6. 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: The final DCEO required report has been submitted to the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC). Once SMC submits the report to the state, the final grant reimbursement payment should be issued to the District. V3 Companies is continuing to periodically inspect the project per SMC permit requirements and will be submitting an Operations and Management or O & M plan for the District’s consideration shortly.
- B. Highland Park Project: The SMC and Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) performed a Preliminary Wetland Jurisdictional Determination (PJD) for the project. The PJD identified and classified certain wetlands at the site. The PJD is a requirement for submitting the project for permitting. V3 Companies expects to complete final engineering plans within the next 30 to 60 days.
- C. Atkinson Road Reservoir: Singleton Electric worked with James Anderson Company (JACO) to pull the electrical cable from pump #3 in lake October and met with Mike Grinnell from Gewalt Hamilton Associates (GHA) in November regarding the repair or replacement of pump #3. As a separate agenda item, GHA recommends that pump #3 be replaced.
- D. Deerfield/Woodvale: Drainage easement brush removal has been completed at the Woodvale Avenue site. The work was inspected and approved by a representative from the Village of Deerfield. In the future, this area will be maintained by the Village of Deerfield.
- E. Service Contracts for 2024: There are two separate agenda items for service contracts for work proposed to take place in 2024. The first proposal has been submitted by GHA to provide general engineering services to the consolidated district. The second proposal has been submitted by Forest Builders to continue channel maintenance for P&G, Foss Park Golf Course, ComEd and Chalet projects previously completed in the East Subdistrict. Both proposals have been reviewed and are recommended for approval.

7. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote, all Commissioners approved a proposal to retain Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. for general engineering services.
8. The Commissioners considered the proposal to replace pump #3 at a cost of \$152,171. The price quote for rebuilding the existing 32 year old pump exceeds 50% of the cost for a new pump and is the primary reason Gewalt Hamilton & Associates is recommending the purchase of a new pump. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote, all Commissioners approved the contract with Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. to purchase a replacement pump from Atkinson Reservoir pump #3. The Project Coordinator will furnish warranty and other information requested by the Commissioners prior to submitting the signed proposal to the vendor.
9. The Commissioners discussed the scope of the proposed vegetation management proposal submitted by Forest Builders. It was discussed that several projects included in the proposal will require only general maintenance after this year and will not be included under future contracts. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote, all Commissioners approved a proposal from Forest Builders to provide vegetation management at four sites located on the Subdistrict No. 1-East Skokie channel.
10. The District's Attorney presented the proposed costs for combining insurance coverage for the consolidated district. The areas of Subdistrict No. 2-West Skokie will be added to the existing Pekin Insurance policy, which will result in savings of approximately \$3,000 for the remainder of the existing policy period. It was reported that Pekin Insurance is an A+ rated insurance company by the A.M. Best Rating Agency. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote, all Commissioners approved the consolidation of insurance policies for the District.
11. On motion duly made, seconded and carried by roll call vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Todd Needlman

Secretary