

SKOKIE CONSOLIDATED DRAINAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
March 13, 2024

1. A regular meeting of Skokie Consolidated Drainage District was called to order at 6:33 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, Project Coordinator Patricia Werner, Karolina Cho from Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc., 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 February 14, 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 February 29, 2024, in the amount of \$470,680.79, for Subdistrict No. 1-East Skokie, and a balance on hand as of February 29, 2024, in the amount of \$523,555.12, 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

NBWW 2024 ANNUAL DUES	\$730.00
GEWALT HAMILTON ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$402.50
V3 COMPANIES, LTD.	\$6,530.00
PSW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$3,233.12
DUNLAP TREE EXPERTS	\$6,700.00
FUQUA WINTER LTD.	\$1,400.00

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

NBWW 2024 ANNUAL DUES	\$730.00
GEWALT HAMILTON ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$1,802.00
PSW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$2,436.88
JAMES ANDERSON COMPANY	\$673.66
FOREST BUILDERS, INC.	\$9,543.76
FUQUA WINTER LTD.	\$1,382.50

6. The Commissioners received a presentation from Karolina Cho from Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. regarding the District's responsibility under its MS4 permit, which is an acronym for M (Municipal) and 4S (Separate, Storm, Sewer, System). The Commissioners were updated on the procedures to inspect outfall structures into the east and middle branch channels. Gewalt Hamilton has been coordinating with the Municipalities surrounding each channel to assist in the coordination of outfall inspections. At this time, it is not known whether the MS4 permit will be combined prior to the current reporting cycle, however; the District will be prepared to file separate reports, if required.

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): A post construction site inspection occurred on March 7, 2024. Several follow-up repairs still need to be made once weather permits. Structurally, the bank stabilization improvements are in good working order.

 - B. Highland Park Project (East Subdistrict): Revised engineering plans have been furnished by V3 Companies. The plans will be shared with the property owners, who will be impacted by the project. A coordination meeting will be scheduled to discuss the location of staging areas and access routes for the project.

 - C. Tree/Debris Removal Projects (East Subdistrict): Tree and debris blockages were removed from the east channel in the City of Highland Park. Due to the number of down trees within the Sleepy Hollow and Danny Cunniff Park areas, the Project Coordinator will walk these areas this spring to determine whether there are any other overhanging trees, which should be removed before creating a blockage. Also, the Project Coordinator has contacted IDOT

to report sediment accumulation at the Route 22 bridge over the east fork channel. The District has not yet received a response from IDOT regarding this accumulation.

- D. Atkinson Road Reservoir (West Subdistrict): The reservoir was inspected by a team of representatives from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). A number of minor items, including a few hairline cracks in the spillway, the formation of small soil mounds due to animal burrowing and isolated areas of erosion were noted during the inspection. A final report will be furnished to the District. In addition, Forest Builders performed soil stabilization and plant management work at the reservoir site from November 2023 through February 2024.
 - E. Channel Maintenance (West Subdistrict): Forest Builders performed channel maintenance work from November 2023 through February 2024, over a quarter mile stretch of the middle fork channel starting at Route 60 and extending south. The work involved brush cutting, herbiciding and removal of woody plants.
 - F. NPDES Permits: With the assistance of Gewalt Hamilton, the District is pursuing the consolidation of existing permits through the Illinois EPA, so that only one MS4 permit is required in the future.
8. The Commissioners reviewed the designation of depositories used by the Treasurer's office to hold District funds. Subdistrict No. 1-East Skokie funds are held in an interest bearing checking account with Old National Bank. Subdistrict No. 2-West Skokie funds are held in two separate accounts, the principal account is a MaxSafe Money Market account, which earns interest. The second account is a non-interest bearing checking account, both accounts are with Lake Forest Bank & Trust Company N.A., a Wintrust Community Bank.
9. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Todd Needlman

Secretary