

**SKOKIE CONSOLIDATED DRAINAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
October 9, 2024**

1. A 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 Mary Scanlan Hogan, Commissioner Todd Needlman, Project Coordinator Patricia Werner, Attorney Bryan R. Winter and Michael Warner of Gewalt Hamilton Associates. Notice of the meeting was accomplished by posting all requisite notices, all in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act.
2. Public comment – no public comments were presented.
3. On motion duly made, seconded, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on September 11, 2024 were approved by the Commissioner.
4. The Commissioners reviewed the status of accounts for Subdistrict No. 1-East Skokie which indicated a balance on hand as of September 30, 2024 in the amount of \$942,617.82, and for Subdistrict No. 2-West Skokie, which indicated a balance on hand as of September 27, 2024 in the amount of \$582,352.01.
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 rendered to the District:

SUBDISTRICT NO. 1-EAST SKOKIE

GEWALT HAMILTON ASSOCIATES	\$ 429.50
PSW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$1,023.75
ILLINOIS EPA	\$1,000.00
FUQUA WINTER LTD.	\$3,036.25

SUBDISTRICT NO. 2-WEST SKOKIE

REIMBURSEMENT TO SUBDISTRICT NO. 1 EAST SKOKIE	\$2,735.00
DUNLAP TREE EXPERTS	\$2,700.00
COMED	\$ 434.01
GEWALT HAMILTON ASSOCIATES	\$ 429.50
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PSW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$ 533.75
FOREST BUILDERS, INC.	\$ 340.00
JAMES ANDERSON COMPANY	\$ 161.07
FUQUA WINTER LTD.	\$1,041.25

6. The Commissioners received a report from Patricia Werner, Project Coordinator, who reported as follows regarding the following projects:

- A. Lake Forest Project Maintenance Program (East Subdistrict): The remaining 2024 tasks for this project include one supplemental seeding event within sparse areas and one end of year summary report letter.
- B. Highland Park Channel Project (East Subdistrict): This project continues to be in the permit stage. The District received the letter submitted by Old Elm Golf Club (Old Elm) to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regarding the project. Also, a follow up meeting with the stakeholders occurred on September 26, 2024. The club is in support of the project but has requested that there be a number of minor design changes, including removal of sheet pile around a golf tee box, inclusion of a 5th green spillway outlet pipe, and the installation of fencing, the cost of which will be reimbursed by the club. Also, the District has been advised by SMC that DCEO is requiring projects to be completed by May 31, 2026. The District is attempting to confirm whether that line can be extended upon request, since a US Army Corps permit for this project has not yet been issued.
- C. Atkinson Road Reservoir (West Subdistrict): A report has been received from Gewalt Hamilton & Associates (GHA) confirming that the new pump has been installed at the basin, however, it was discovered that the provided cables have defects which prevented connecting the new pump to its power source. Xylem has been notified of this development and will provide new cables. It is anticipated that the cables will take several weeks to be delivered.

It was also reported that the District's has not received any response to the grant application submitted to USACE for funding to update the existing pumps. Further inquiry will be made to determine the status of the pending grant application.

- D. Channel Maintenance (West Subdistrict): Dunlap Tree Experts recently removed two large trees from the Middlefork Channel located in Deerfield, Illinois.
- E. NPDES (General): The District is continuing its efforts to consolidate the NPDES permits so that only one report will need to be filed on behalf of the District in the future. For purposes of completing the current report, GHA has conducted approximately 40 outfall inspections throughout the District.
- F. New Website (General): Preliminary content has been provided to the web designer for the new website. Efforts are being made to have the website operational by the end of the year.
- G. 2024-2025 Expense Budget Discussions (General): Proposals are being sought from vendors so that a preliminary budget can be presented at the annual meeting.

7. There were no new communications to consider under new business.

8. 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 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Todd Needlman

Secretary