

SKOKIE CONSOLIDATED DRAINAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
MAY 14, 2025

1. A Regular Meeting of Skokie Consolidated Drainage District was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Deerfield Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Road, Deerfield, IL 60015. Those in attendance included Commissioners Todd Needlman, Mary Scanlan Hogan, Janice Aull, Project Coordinator Patricia Werner, Attorney Bryan R. Winter, and Michael Warner of Gewalt Hamilton Engineering. Notice of the meeting was completed by posting requisite notices, in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act.
2. There was no Public Comment.
3. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 9, 2025.
4. The Commissioners reviewed the status of accounts which indicated a balance on hand as of April 30, 2025 in the amount of \$893,608.83 for Subdistrict No. 1-East Skokie and a balance on hand as of April 30, 2025 in the amount of \$324,351.22 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

PEKIN INSURANCE COMPANY	\$1,565.50
PEKIN INSURANCE COMPANY	\$2,218.00
PEKIN INSURANCE COMPANY	\$68.00
GUY VITI INSURANCE	\$1,472.50
PSW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$3,241.88
GEWALT HAMILTON ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$1,207.75
GEWALT HAMILTON ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$297.00
FUQUA WINTER LTD.	\$2,497.50

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

PEKIN INSURANCE COMPANY	\$1,565.50
PEKIN INSURANCE COMPANY	\$2,218.00
PEKIN INSURANCE COMPANY	\$68.00
GUY VITI INSURANCE	\$1,472.50
GEWALT HAMILTON ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$505.00
GEWALT HAMILTON ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$1,108.75
GEWALT HAMILTON ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$247.50
FOREST BUILDERS, INC.	\$11,850.00
DUNLAP TREE EXPERTS	\$1,500.00
PSW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	\$1,255.63
FUQUA WINTER LTD.	\$1,632.00
COMED	\$579.20
DUNLAP TREE EXPERTS (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)	\$20,200.00

7. The Commissioners received a report from Patricia Werner, Project Coordinator, who reported the following:
- A. Highland Park Project Phase 3 (Subdistrict No. 1-East Skokie): The attorney for the District is preparing final bid documents. The bid opening and the award of a construction contract should occur in the summer of 2025; with construction starting in the fall of 2025.
 - B. Atkinson Road Reservoir Pump Repair Project (Subdistrict No. 2-West Skokie): The District has been notified by Xylem, the sump pump manufacturer, the pump previously ordered will cost more than projected. Due to increased trade costs, the price for the sump pump has increased by \$3,135.90. There is a separate agenda item to consider this increase in price.
 - C. Atkinson Road Reservoir Inlet Channel Repair Project (Subdistrict No. 2-West Skokie): Gewalt Hamilton and Associates (GHA) have prepared a proposal to provide a survey, engineering and permitting services that will be required to repair the inlet channel and associated culverts. The proposal will be submitted for consideration at an upcoming meeting once an estimated cost for construction is completed.
 - D. Channel Maintenance (Subdistrict No. 1-East Skokie): (i) Central Avenue Bridge Vicinity: Dunlap Tree Experts removed tree and debris blockages from the Skokie River channel upstream and downstream in Highland Park in April. These maintenance needs were identified based on communications from City Forester Ben Miller who received reports of downed trees from residents. There were 14 separate blockages. (ii) Half Day Road Bridge Vicinity: IDOT has been contacted to remove two broken rail sections that have fallen into the channel south

of the bridge. Additional tree and debris blockages have been referred to Dunlap Tree Experts for purposes of securing an estimate for removal that can be considered at a future meeting. (iii) Route 22 (Half Day Road) Bridge Vicinity: According to an update received from IDOT Bridge Section Engineer, Sarah Wilson, it is anticipated that IDOT will contract out work to remove the sediment blockage under a portion of the bridge in 2026.

E. Channel Maintenance (Subdistrict No. 2-West Skokie): Forest Builders, Inc. has cleared invasive woody vegetation along an additional 550 linear feet from the Middle Fork Channel bank south of Atkinson Road. This work continues previous clearing efforts completed in March and April at this location.

F. IL EPA NPDES II – MS4 Permit Program: Gewalt Hamilton Associates (GHA) is responsible for submitting the Annual Report to the IL EPA. The current report is referenced as Program Year 22 and will be filed by the deadline of June 1, 2025. For Program Year 23, GHA will perform GIS background work that will assist with documenting outfall maintenance and repair needs as part of their inspection that is required as part of the annual report.

8. Other Reports. Commissioner Janice Aull reported that the North Branch Watershed Work Group (NBWW) is interested in conducting a study to measure the extent to which channel riffles proposed for construction as part of the Highland Park Phase 3 Project, improve dissolved oxygen/water quality within stormwater channels. If the NBWW proceeds with the study, additional water testing will be undertaken before and after construction of the riffles. The NBWW currently conducts water quality testing for the District as part of the District's membership with the work group.
9. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion to approve the price increase for the replacement sump pump previously ordered for the Atkinson Basin. It was noted during discussion on the motion that due to compatibility considerations with existing pumps, the District's Engineer recommended proceeding with the purchase of the sump pump.
10. On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Todd Needlman

Secretary