

SKOKIE CONSOLIDATED DRAINAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
May 13, 2026

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, Michael Warner from Gewalt Engineering, and Attorney Bryan R. Winter. 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 March 19, 2026.
4. The Commissioners reviewed the status of accounts which indicated a balance on hand as of April 30, 2026 in the amount of \$919,040.99 for Subdistrict No. 1-East Skokie and a balance on hand as of April 30, 2026 in the amount of \$290,845.28 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

V3 Companies, Ltd.	\$15,050.00
V3 Companies, Ltd.	\$30,290.00
V3 Construction Group Ltd.	\$99,180.11
Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.	\$99.00
Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.	\$791.25
Guy Viti Insurance	\$1,472.50
Pekin Insurance	\$1,344.50
Pekin Insurance	\$1,690.50
Pekin Insurance	\$68.00
Dunlap Tree Experts	\$5,900.00
PSW Environmental Services	\$4,086.25
Fuqua Winter Ltd	\$1,627.50
TOTAL	\$161,599.61

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

Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.	\$3,543.55
Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.	\$2,428.00
Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.	\$791.25
Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.	\$2,943.00
ComEd	\$871.28
Guy Viti Insurance	\$1,472.50
Pekin Insurance	\$1,344.50
Pekin Insurance	\$2,189.00
Pekin Insurance	\$1,690.50
Pekin Insurance	\$68.00
James Anderson Company	\$812.32
Forest Builders, Inc.	\$15,525.00
PSW Environmental Services, Inc.	\$2,485.00
Fuqua Winter Ltd.-Jan	\$1,120.00
TOTAL	\$37,283.90

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):** Work on this project was suspended due to high water conditions during the months of March and April. The Contractor, V3 is ready to resume construction once weather conditions improve.
 - B. **Atkinson Road Reservoir (Subdistrict No. 2-West Skokie):** The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) conducted a two-team simultaneous inspection of the reservoir site and electrical/pump systems on March 19, 2026. Representatives from Gewalt Hamilton & Associates, James Anderson Engineering Company, Lake County Forest Preserve District and the District's Project Coordinator attended the inspection on behalf of the District. A draft report was generated by USACE following the inspection which reviewed 41 items related to the different conditions and equipment at the basin. All items were found to be "Minimally Acceptable", which is the most common rating provided for these types of inspections. The inspection provided an opportunity for the District representatives to follow up on pending permit applications to approve SCADA, and culvert improvements at the site. Further coordination will be required to obtain these necessary permits.
 - C. **Sleepy Hollow Park Project Phase 4 (Subdistrict No. 1-East Skokie):** The District has applied for both a United States Army Corps of Engineers 404 permit and an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Water Quality Certification Section 401 permit for this project. The permit process for these permits is lengthy, but should be completed if DCEO grant funding becomes available for this project in 2027.

- D. **Channel Maintenance (Subdistrict No. 1-East Skokie):** Following several heavy rain events that created high flows in the channel, the SCDD received reports of downed tree blockages from the Park District of Highland Park and the Highland Park Public Works department. Dunlap Tree Service removed the blockages once water levels receded. Other maintenance items include a potential bank and bridge abutment failure north of Westleigh Road and a dead tree along the Lake Forest Phase 2 project area. The District has also received a recommendation to consider prescribed burns at the North Chicago project sites, including the P&G, Foss Park Golf Course, Chalet, and ComEd properties. The Project Coordinator will follow up on this recommendation to obtain contact information for property owner notifications and to determine the specific permission requirements for the proposed prescribed burns.
- E. **Channel Maintenance (Subdistrict No. 2-West Skokie):** During March and April, Forest Builders (FBI) completed maintenance on the Middle Fork channel south of Route 176 (Rockland Road). As part of this project, crews cleared invasive woody plants across an 800-foot zone. The resulting brush piles are currently staged on-site and will be chipped and burned once the work areas dry sufficiently. A report from FBI of the work performed has been provided to the District.
- F. **NPDES Permit – MS4 Program:** Gewalt Hamilton & Associates has completed the Year 23 NPDES II report for the District. It will be submitted to IL EPA by June 1. A link to the report will be posted on the District’s website.
8. The Commissioners received a report from Michael Warner, District Engineer, who reported the following:
- A. **North Chicago Two-Stage Chanel Project (Subdistrict No. 1- East Fork):** It was reported that the City of North Chicago expects to receive authority from the Illinois State Legislature to utilize quick-take condemnation powers to secure a final easement required for the initial phase of this project. The District is not contributing any money toward the construction of this project.
- B. **Atkinson Road Reservoir (Subdistrict No. 2 – West Skokie):** Additional requests for supplemental information has been received from the United States Army Corps of Engineers to process the pending permit applications for basin improvements.
9. The Commissioners received a report from Bryan Winter, attorney for the District, who advised the District has received a request from the State of Illinois Tollway Authority to waive certain late fees related to past assessments under a waiver provision of the Prompt Payment Act. Additional information has been requested from the tollway.
10. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion to approve Change Order #2 for Phase 3 Skokie River Channel Improvement Project. Change Order #2 reduces the contract price by \$54,000. This amount included operation and maintenance work (O&M) that is required over a three year post-construction period and therefore can be paid under a separate O&M contract, which is presented as a separate agenda item.

11. On motion duly made, seconded and by roll call vote, all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion to approve Maintenance and Monitoring (2026-2029) contract for Phase 3 Skokie River Improvement Project with V3 Construction Group, Ltd. This contract will apply to work conducted after the completion of Phase 3 and is payable over a three year period.
12. On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/Mary Scanlan Hogan

Secretary