

Memo to: Board of Directors

From: Chuck Etwert

Subject: Program Status Report for October 2014

Date: October 13, 2014

We continue to work on the acquisition of easements needed to complete the projects that have been awarded. We are now down to 4 owners involving 10 parcels on the BP #3 and BP #7B construction projects. The easements involve 1 individuals, 1 railroad, and 2 corporations. As previously mention it is imperative that we reach agreements with these property owners as soon as possible. There will be an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss one or two situations.

Approximately 36% of the \$40.8 million of construction involved in our six current construction bid packages had been completed thru September 30 <sup>th</sup>. Bid Packages 7A has already started construction this month with BP #7B to begin shortly.

Construction continued to improve in September with over 2.0 million dollars' worth of construction being completed.

We have three change orders on this month's agenda, one for BP #6 which is over the ten percent change order threshold which requires Board approval of any change order, and two for BP #2B, for line items exceeding ten percent. AMEC will be explaining each.

On October 1<sup>st</sup> a request was sent to the Corps of Engineers for an amendment to the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) that the FPD and the Wood River Levee and Drainage have with the Corps of Engineers. This amendment would allow for crediting of in-kind contributions by non-Federal sponsors. An expeditious review was requested, as construction of project BP #7A has started and BP #7B is expected to start soon. One of the conditions of receiving credit is that the PPA have the in-kind credit language prior to the "notice to proceed" and the "initiation of construction". The Corps has responded with an alternate process of using a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by all parties involved in the PPA. This will be discussed as an agenda item at the meeting. A copy of the request, which was previously e-mailed to the Board, will be available at the meeting.

The decision by the Corps of Engineers' Contracting Officer on the PLA issue, which was scheduled for September  $22^{nd}$  as presented by the Corps at the August  $20^{th}$  meeting, hasn't been received to date. Recent conversations with the Corps indicate a determination decision should be made shortly.

I have included in your Board packet a copy of AMEC's Monthly Progress Report for October.