



Memo to: Board of Directors

From: Chuck Etwert

Subject: Program Status Report for November 2015

Date: November 16, 2015

Approximately 70% of the \$62.1 million of construction, involved in all nine current construction bid packages, has been completed thru October. During the month of October \$2.4 million dollars' worth of construction was completed. The total amount of construction completed is now \$43.7 million.

Amec Foster Wheeler will provide an update on the change orders authorized for BP #2B, BP #4 and BP #5 involving the replacement of the High Density Polyethylene Pipe (HDPE) with Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP) and the BP #3 Farm Drain Pipe System Change Order which was held at last month's meeting. At this time, there aren't any additional change orders requiring Board action.

With the RCP pipe replacing the HDPE pipe, and the 10.5 ft. East St. Louis sewer being addressed, it has been determined to be in the best interest of the Council to allow the Corps of Engineers to conduct a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Levee System Evaluation Report (LSER) for the East St. Louis (MESD) Levee System as they are currently performing in the Upper Wood River Levee System. A copy of our request letter is attached.

Tomorrow, the Corps of Engineers will hold a pre-solicitation conference for the Wood River Shallow Cutoff Wall Phase 2 which is based on the utilization of a Best Value Tradeoff approach instead of a Lowest-Price Technically Acceptable approach. The Corps has indicated, that in addition, to the comments the Council submitted (previously provided to you), a few additional technical comments were received. All comments received are to be discussed.

Amec Foster Wheeler and I met with the City of East St. Louis, MESD, and the Corps of Engineers regarding the East St. Louis 126-inch Sewer at the MESD Levee and it appears that the sewer will need to be replaced instead of being removed. Council's attorney is working with the City's attorney developing an agreement for the repayment of the design costs approved by the Board last month.

We have received the Implementation Guidance for Section 3012 of the Water resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA) – Management of Flood Risk Reduction Projects (a copy is attached). It appears that our June 2014 request to combine the separately authorized levee projects located in Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties into one project authority, thus providing greater flexibility and efficiency in the use of federal funds, falls under the Implementation Guidance. The Corps has asked that we re-request, now that the Implementation Guidance has been issued.

The 2015 Bond Issue continues to proceed with Chapman and Cutler as Bond Counsel, Thompson and Coburn as Disclosure Counsel, and Gilmore & Bell being the Underwriters' Counsel. Rating calls have been held with Standard & Poor's and Moody's. Senior Lien Bond pricing is scheduled for December 3rd and Subordinate Lien Bond pricing for December 9th.

There will be an executive session on litigation at the end of the meeting.

I have also included in your Board packet, a copy of Amec Foster Wheeler's Monthly Progress Report for November.