



Memo to: Board of Directors

From: Chuck Etwert

Subject: Program Status Report for December 2017

Date: December 18, 2017

The construction packages for the 100-Year certification continue to be finalized and completed. During the last month Bid Package 5 was the seventh bid package to be closed out. All that remains is \$8,000 dollars of construction on Bid Package 5A and the release of \$52,530 dollars of retainage on Bid Packages 2B, 4, and 5A. The total final cost of these ten construction packages will be \$74,629,856.18

Amec Foster Wheeler will submit the MESD certification information to the Corps of Engineers at the Council meeting on Wednesday. The Corps will then submit the MESD Levee System Evaluation Report to FEMA in the spring of 2018. This will complete the submittal of the five certification packages to FEMA.

After numerous attempts, contact was finally achieved with FEMA on November 29th. Mr. Ken Hinterlong, Regional Engineer, FEMA Region V, indicated for the Wood River East & West Forks and the Prairie Du Pont/Fish Lake certification packages, FEMA comments should be received by December 8th.

Unfortunately, he also indicated that he had no record of the Lower Wood River certification package submittal of October 17th, even though he had previously acknowledged, by e-mail, that he would look for the arrival of the package, in response to a pre-submittal e-mail by Mr. Cook. Amec Foster Wheeler resubmitted the Lower Wood River package the next day.

Comments on the Lower Wood River East & West Forks and Prairie Du Pont/Fish Lake packages weren't received by December 8th, therefore, Mr. Hinterlong was contacted again on Monday December 11th, where he indicated that he had just received comments from STARR, FEMA's project consultant, on December 9th, and Amec Foster Wheeler should receive something shortly. Talking to Mr. Hinterlong again this morning, he indicated that Amec Foster Wheeler should receive something either this afternoon or tomorrow. Hopefully, by the time of our meeting on Wednesday, comments will have been received.

Mr. Hinterlong did indicate that the five certification packages would be individually approved.

As previously indicated, FEMA has a backlog of work and it is anticipated the accreditation review and approval process will take up to a year. Approval of the MESD package, the last package being submitted, isn't expected until the spring of 2019.

I am attaching to this memo, copies of the 100-Year Asset letters being sent to each Levee District. These letters outline the improvements, constructed by the Council to achieve levee certification, and provide the each Levee District the location, type, and valuation of each improvement.

The Council and the Corps have reached agreement on the Council contributing funds for the Corps' overview and evaluation of flood protection system improvements to the Prairie Du Pont Levee and Sanitary District and the Fish Lake Drainage and Levee District. The Council will be providing the Corps \$207,000. A copy of the agreement is attached.

The reprogramming request to transfer Wood River funds to East St. Louis continues to be reviewed by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works. It doesn't appear that a determination will be made by the end of the year, as originally anticipated.

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