



Memo to: Board of Directors

From: Chuck Etwert

Subject: Program Status Report for February 2018

Date: February 20, 2018

All of the construction packages for the 100-Year certification have been finalized and completed with all retainage being released. The final cost of the ten construction packages was \$74,629,856.18. Amec Foster Wheeler will provide the final Monthly Progress Report at the March meeting.

Four certification packages have been submitted to FEMA, with the Corps of Engineers submitting the final package, the MESD Levee System Evaluation Report, to FEMA in April.

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.

A FEMA Completeness Check and Comment for Levee Accreditation Submission was received for both the Wood River East & West Forks Levee Systems (submitted to FEMA on December 5, 2016) and the Prairie Du Pont & Fish Lake Levee Systems (submitted to FEMA on July 6, 2017) from FEMA Region V Regional Service Center on January 26, 2018.

A follow-up conference call between FEMA, Amec Foster Wheeler and myself was held on February 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss the comments presented. Amec Foster Wheeler is in the process of assembling the additional data, verification, and certification information requested by FEMA, with an anticipated submittal within the next three to four weeks.

We continue to wait for the official notice regarding the reprogramming request to transfer Wood River funds to East St. Louis. The request has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works and is now at the Office of Management and Budget.

On February 8, 2018, our request for Work In-Kind Credit for East St. Louis in the amount of \$9,131,564.90 was submitted to the Corps of Engineers. When approved, this credit will be

utilized by the Corps of Engineers for the non-federal share of future Corps projects such as the East St. Louis Deep Cutoff Wall and the Cahokia Relief Well Project.

A similar request for Work In-Kind Credit for Wood River will be made in the near future.

On February 15<sup>th</sup>, the Corps of Engineers held the Lower Wood River Deep Cutoff Wall Phase 2 Partnering Meeting at the National Great Rivers Museum Melvin Price Lock and Dam. This is the project, which at last month's meeting, the Council committed to provide \$2,600,000 of cost-share funds for the Phase 2 Option. The Corps currently anticipates the majority of the construction should be completed by the end of the year.

The March meeting agenda will include the 2017 Annual Audit Report by Scheffel Boyle, an Economic Impact Report by Marks and Associates, and an agreement with the Prairie Du Pont Levee and Sanitary District to demolish the recent structures purchased for the Authorized Level, which are located within their boundary.

The Illinois Business Journal has contacted us for information and will be doing a special section in their March issue covering the restoration of the levees and the submittal of reaccreditation requests.