



Memo to: Board of Directors  
From: Chuck Etwert  
Subject: Program Status Report for April 2022  
Date: April 20, 2022

### **100-Year Certification Packages Status**

A FEMA letter of accreditation is to be issued on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois will hold a press conference on April 27<sup>th</sup> to celebrate this regional accomplishment of accreditation of all of the Metro East Levee Systems.

### **500-Year Authorized Level Status**

#### Wood River Levee System

The USACE Bid Package 08 is under construction and USACE has begun sending Wood contractor Requests for Information (RFI) and submittal reviews under the Engineering During Construction (EDC) services, to be performed as Work In-Kind.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Corps of Engineers presented their design for Relief Well Package 2 (RWP 2) to the City of Wood River, Wood, Wood River Drainage and Levee District, and the FPD Council. Wood submitted several questions related to RWP 2, as the Corps Notice to Proceed with the land acquisition process did not address utility relocations. Currently, USACE is reviewing and potentially revising some areas for RWP 2, which has the potential to delay or reset the land acquisition work in this area.

Relief Well Package 3 land acquisition is underway with completion anticipated by the end of 2022.

On April 1<sup>st</sup> Wood submitted the first LERRDs credit submittal to USACE for land acquired thus far and for contractor invoices through December 31, 2021.

Wood is still waiting for a decision from USACE regarding their November 17<sup>th</sup> letter requesting approval for the FPD Council to construct another Work In-Kind project, Bid Package #9.

Work In-Kind credit of \$16,041,496 has been earned to date for the Wood River Levee System.

The remaining \$4,256,750 dollars of Work In-Kind credit needed, will be achieved with eligible Wood design and Bid Package #9 project mentioned above.

### MESD Levee System

The USACE Agency Technical Review (ATR) on Bid Package #11 plans started February 14<sup>th</sup> and is still ongoing. Wood and USACE hope to wrap up the last remaining comments and responses this week. Following ATR, Wood will re-submit to the Corps for the Corps' Bidding, Constructability, Operability, Environmental, and Sustainability (BCOES) review. The Corps' BCOES review is anticipated to take approximately 4 to 6 weeks. After all the Bid Package #11 reviews are complete, the project will be advertised for bid. Board approval of this project was originally scheduled for November 2021, but the delay in ATR process has pushed board approval to at least August 2022. More information about scheduling will be provided once the ATR process is fully wrapped up.

Current estimated construction cost is \$12,000,000.

Bid Package #18A – A report summarizing the results and scope recommendations is still underway and is expected to be submitted to USACE in May. It is anticipated the estimated cost will be in the vicinity of \$6,000,000. Construction of all or part of this project is dependent on the remaining amount of Work In-Kind required for the MESD Levee System.

Land acquisition also continues along the MESD-owned levee system.

The first LERRDs submittal for the East St. Louis system is anticipated to be submitted to USACE by the end of May 2022.

Work In-Kind credit of \$12,415,405 has been earned to date for the MESD Levee System.

### Prairie Du Pont/Fish Lake Levee Systems

Wood submitted the Phase III PDP Drilling Plan to USACE on October 10, 2021. Wood received comments last month and has replied to those comments and now awaits final approval. This Drilling Plan covers the remaining subsurface investigations for the PdP/FL System. With drilling plan approval still outstanding, it is anticipated drilling will not begin until late summer.

A meeting with the USACE Regulatory Branch to discuss the environmental permitting was held on April 14. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss reusing as much of the Corps' prior

permitting work product as possible so as to save time and costs, while still complying with the necessary regulations and laws to protect our environment and cultural resources. There is agreement the general framework going forward to complete the permitting necessary to construct the PdP/FL Authorized Level improvements.

Detailed design work on Bid Package 15 has begun and additional survey will start within the next 2 months. Wood is continuing to coordinate with the Prairie du Pont Levee and Sanitary District regarding the improvements in Bid Package 15 and beyond to incorporate as much of the local, institutional knowledge about the system as possible.