

Memo to: Board of Directors

From: Chuck Etwert

Subject: Program Status Report for October 2023

Date: October 18 2023

500-Year Authorized Level Status

Wood River Levee System

Construction of Bid Package 8 (by USACE) continues.

The FPD Council has received a copy of the Draft Integral Determination Report (IDR) amendment for review. As previously reported, Bid Package 9 is on hold pending an update to the Integral Determination Report (IDR) and Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) amendment. It is anticipated that WSP can begin design by December 2023, if not before. The project has an estimated construction cost of \$2,400,000.

The FPD Council, WSP, and the Wood River Drainage and Levee District (WRDLD) met last month to discuss the work needed at northwest corner of the intersection of IL-143 & IL-3, at the Old Wood River Channel. The Corps continues to maintain that any improvements outside of those contemplated in the Limited Reevaluation Report (LRR) will be considered a “betterment” and not eligible for Work-In-Kind (WIK) credit. During the meeting, WRDLD presented a 1957 letter which indicates that the area in question was never meant to be used for the Federal project, which WRDLD and WSP feel is important in this discussion. The Corps is reviewing the letter and agreed to reevaluate considering this finding. Additionally, WRDLD and the City of Wood River are coordinating about what plans/drawings the City has for development of the site.

We continue to work towards obtaining the right-of-way necessary for the Corps’ Relief Well Package 2 (RWP 2); however, some acquisitions are awaiting a resolution on the Old Wood River Channel matter. Additionally, utility relocations will be necessary as part of RWP 2; however, some of the relocations are also pending a decision on the Old Wood River Channel.

We have now obtained all the real estate necessary for the Corps' Relief Well Package 3 (RWP 3) project and are working with the WRDLD to obtain the necessary certification of real estate from their legal counsel. The Corps has indicated that RWP 3 is scheduled for award in August 2024, so our completion of LERRDs is well ahead of schedule.

Work In-Kind credit of \$17,739,418.51 and LERRD's credit of \$693,274.23 has been approved to date for the Wood River Levee System.

MESD Levee System

Bid Package 11 construction of relief wells has continued since last month. Construction of pipe collection system improvements is currently on hold pending an additional easement needed from Beelman near the Venice Pump Station. WSP initiated contact with Beelman last month and learned that Beelman is agreeable to granting a temporary construction easement but is opposed to any additional permanent easements. Beelman expressed a lack of interest to further encumber the parcel in question, which is already heavily encumbered with utilities. WSP is evaluating the options available to modify the design before further steps are taken with respect to land acquisition for the permanent easement. Work to obtain the temporary construction easement continues in the meantime.

Construction of Bid Package #11 was approximately 40% completed as of August 31st, an invoice for September work hasn't been submitted as of yet.

The FPD Council turned over all project files for Bid Package 14B to USACE last week so that they can complete design and construction of that package. Land acquisition from Terminal Railroad Association (TRRA) for Bid Package 14B is still ongoing.

Design of Bid Package 18A has begun and the 35% complete design submittal is anticipated to be submitted to USACE at the end of this week.

On September 21, 2023, the Corps approved an additional \$346,093.73 of LERRDs credit, which covered all expenses requested in our East St. Louis LERRDs Claim for Credit No. 2 and No. 3, as well as an additional \$146,662.40 towards the amount paid towards the first Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis (TRRA) acquisition. With this latest crediting, the FPD Council has received full credit for all of the funds paid to TRRA thus far for the Authorized Level projects.

Work In-Kind credit of \$24,599,173.61 and LERRDs credit of \$1,607,516.56 has been approved to date for the MESD Levee System.

Prairie Du Pont/Fish Lake Levee Systems

WSP continues work on the 65% design submittal for Bid Package 15. Substantial value engineering has occurred over the past several months on the Bid Package 15 project, which has delayed the schedule but brought substantial financial savings.

WSP's value engineering work is estimated to reduce the construction cost for Bid Package 15 from \$21.8M to \$18.3M.

Per the contributed funds agreement between the USACE and the Council dated December 7, 2017, the Council has provided an additional \$124,832.97 of contributed funds to the USACE to complete the Section 408 Evaluation of Bid Package #15. These funds came out of the \$500,000.00 budgeted for the Corps in the FY 2024 budget.

WSP prepared a new Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and submitted it to USACE on March 29 and received comments on July 11. WSP is working on responses to comments and edits to the Draft EA.

Attached is WSP's Monthly Construction Progress Report.