



Memo to: Board of Directors

From: Chuck Etwert

Subject: Program Status Report for September 2023

Date: September 20, 2023

500-Year Authorized Level Status

Wood River Levee System

Construction of Bid Package 8 (by USACE) continues.

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 have a meeting scheduled next week with USACE to discuss the letter sent to the Corps dated February 16, 2023, regarding the work needed at Northwest corner of the intersection of IL-143 & IL-3, at the Old Wood River Channel. As a reminder, the FPD Council and the levee district maintain that the improvements necessary in this area are integral to the overall Federal project (and should be eligible for work-in-kind credit) and the Corps has stated thus far that any changes to the high level planning level design in their LRR published over a decade ago is a “betterment,” meaning it’s not eligible for work-in-kind credit.

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. Other utility relocations in the Hartford area may be necessary and the information to form an opinion of compensability is being compiled.

We have now obtained all the real estate necessary for the Corps' Relief Well Package 3 (RWP 3) project and are working with the Wood River levee district 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 have been approved to date for the Wood River Levee System.

MESD Levee System

Bid Package #11 construction is progressing well and the favorable weather and river levels lately have certainly helped. The need for an additional easement from Beelman near the Venice Pump Station has been identified. WSP initiated contact with Beelman a few days ago to discuss the project and our needs. Provided Beelman does not have any major objections, WSP will expedite the appraisal and easement work.

Construction of Bid Package #11 was approximately 35% completed as of July 31st, an invoice for September work hasn't been submitted as of yet.

Land acquisition from Terminal Railroad Association (TRRA) is still ongoing; FPD Council will be turning over all project files for Bid Package 14B over to USACE to complete design and construction. There is some light coordination occurring with USACE regarding some additional LERRDs crediting for the TRRA purchase associated with the Corps deep cutoff wall project along the riverfront.

St. Louis LERRDs Claim for Credit No. 3 was submitted on August 21 and receipt has been acknowledged by USACE.

Design of Bid Package 18A has begun and the 35% complete design submittal is scheduled for next month.

The 2nd request for LERRDs credit, in the amount of \$80,166.91, was submitted to USACE on June 19, 2023.

Work In-Kind credit of \$24,599,173.61 and LERRDs credit of \$1,261,422.83 have 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.

WSP submitted the scope for both Bid Packages 16 and 17 to USACE on July 10 so that they can begin the process of developing a contributed funds agreement for those two packages. The contributed funds agreement gives the Corps the funding to review our projects against the authorized level criteria that the FPD Council and USACE have agreed upon.

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.

WSP submitted the PdP/FL Section 404 permit application under Nationwide Permit No. 3 on July 12.

Attached is WSP's Monthly Construction Progress Report.