



Memo to: Board of Directors  
From: Chuck Etwert  
Subject: Program Status Report for February 2024  
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## **500-Year Authorized Level Status**

### Wood River Levee System

Construction of Bid Package #8 (by USACE) continues.

The updated Integral Determination Report (IDR) necessary for Bid Package 9 was approved February 13, 2024. The Corps will now begin the process of amending the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA), which is expected to take several months and be complete in summer 2024. As reported over the past few months this delay in IDR and PPA approvals will shift design and construction work of Bid Package 9 by at least 6 months and likely result in slightly higher construction costs due to the natural increase in prices over time.

On February 5 the Corps, WSP, and the Wood River Drainage and Levee District discussed the easement area necessary to both clear the area around the Old Channel Wood River and the area necessary to maintain the channel once cleared. The levee district provided their opinion on the land area needed and the Corps is reviewing in preparation for a revised Notice-to-Proceed (NTP) letter for land acquisition for Relief Well Package 2 (RWP2). (RWP2 is the project that the Old Channel Wood River work falls within.)

After the revised NTP is received from the Corps, the FPD Council will begin the formal appraisal process and make an offer to the City of Wood River for the easement(s) necessary for the project. Eligibility of this easement acquisition for LERRDs credit is currently being evaluated; however, if LERRDs credit will not be awarded, the decision on how to proceed will need to be determined.

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

As reported over the past several months, the river stage continues to slow construction on Bid Package 11, but work is progressing.

The Corps completed their BCOES review of Bid Package 14B and WSP is working to address comments. Bid Package 14B was designed by the FPD Council but will now be constructed by the Corps since the FPD Council is projected to meet its 35% match with the design and construction of Bid Package 18A being added to the Authorized Level Projects in East St. Louis. The BCOES is the last review before the Corps issues the project for bid later this year.

The 35% complete construction drawings, specifications, and design report for Bid Package 18A was submitted to the Corps on November 29. We are awaiting a revised relief well plan from the Corps before work can progress any further. The revised plan was anticipated at the end of January, but the Corps has indicated they are still working towards completing it.

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

The 65% design of Bid Package 15 was submitted to USACE on January 29 and the Corps is currently reviewing. WSP has begun the process of identifying necessary easements and, after the Corps concurs with the general concept and footprint of the 65% designs, the land acquisition process will start.

Geotechnical design of Bid Package 16 is underway, and the 35% complete design is scheduled for this summer, with Bid Package 17 following a few months after. Legal survey for both Bid Packages 16 and 17 is being coordinated with the surveyors and we expect legal survey and title work for both packages to be an ongoing effort over the next several months.

Attached is WSP's Monthly Construction Progress Report.