



Memo to: Board of Directors
From: Chuck Etwert
Subject: Program Status Report for March 2024
Date: March 18, 2024

500-Year Authorized Level Status

Wood River Levee System

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

The Corps will now begin the process of amending the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA), which is necessary before design of Bid Package 9 can safely begin. The PPA amendment is expected to take several months and be completed 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.

The Corps is preparing 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 BCOES review of Bid Package 14B is complete and all comments have been backchecked and closed. As a reminder, 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 Project in East St. Louis. The BCOES was 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 were 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. As of March 11, all branches of the Corps had reviewed the package except for the geotechnical branch. WSP has begun the process of identifying necessary easements. 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 starting in late March and will be ongoing effort over the next several months, wrapping up in late summer 2024.

Revisions to the Draft Environmental Assessment for the PDL/FL project were submitted to USACE on January 23, 2024. No further comments have been received from USACE at this time. The Environmental Assessment is necessary to obtain the Section 408 permissions needed to construct Bid Packages 15, 16, and 17.

Attached is WSP's Monthly Construction Progress Report.

Recommendation:

Accept the Program Status Report for March 2024.