



Memo to: Board of Directors
From: Chuck Etwert
Subject: Program Status Report for March 2025
Date: March 17, 2025

500-Year Authorized Level Status

Wood River Levee System

Bid Package 8: The Corps' contractor is anticipated to complete construction of Bid Package 8 soon, after which, WSP will submit the Work-in-Kind (WIK) submittal for engineering during construction (EDC) services. The remaining work includes a new gate actuator and relief well testing for 6 newly constructed wells, which require a higher river stage than we have had for much of the past 12-18 months.

Bid Package 9: WSP received 9 comments to the 35% design submittal for Bid Package 9. All comments have been responded to, and submittal of the 65% complete design package is scheduled for April 14. WSP has been coordinating the project and timeline with both the Wood River Levee District and the Village of Roxanna, which owns the land necessary to build the project. Both have seen the current plan and are in support of the project. Land acquisition will begin shortly after the 65% submittal is completed. We anticipate land acquisition to be swift. As you may recall, a few years ago the Wood River Drainage and Levee District and the Village of Roxanna signed a MOU regarding the land required for this project. The MOU stated that Roxanna would provide the lands necessary for the project if the primary feature was a seepage berm and detention pond in lieu of the original plan for relief wells and a pumping station that was proposed by the USACE

Relief Well Package 2: WSP, the Wood River Drainage and Levee District, USACE, and the FPD Council met with the City of Wood River on January 27 to discuss the easement needed for construction of the Corps' Relief Well Package #2. As a reminder, the local sponsors are responsible to obtain the easements necessary for the Corps to construct their project. The city expressed concern about the Corps' project and followed up via email on January 31 to inform us that the city is not interested in granting the easements as proposed. The City is willing to consider an alternative design easement, but the Corps has estimated that the alternative design in question would carry an additional cost of approximately \$2M, which the Corps will consider a "betterment" to the approved project and is, therefore, not eligible for

work-in-kind (WIK) credit. The FPD Council's land acquisition team has been discussing potential paths forward to help the Corps their complete the remaining Authorized Level improvements in a timely fashion for the budget available.

LERRDs: Updates to the FPD Councils' 2nd & 3rd LERRDs submittals to the Corps are still underway.

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: All relief wells are complete. Pipe construction continues as weather allows. Change Order 12 was issued on Feb. 25 in the amount of \$109,802.64 for pipe diameter changes inside the GCED Pump Station wet well. Additionally Change Order 12 extended to contract completion date to Oct. 3, 2025. As a reminder, on April 29, 2024, with a forecasted flood stage on the river, the General Contractor was directed to temporarily backfill all open excavations and install the temporary bypass pumping system, per the Emergency Action Plan. The contract with the General Contactor stipulates that the FPD Council will reimburse for emergency work during flooding.

Bid Package 18A: WSP is currently working on pump station replacement for the Phillips Reach #2 Pumping Station in Cahokia Heights. The 65% complete design is scheduled to be submitted on April 22.

LERRDs: Updates to the FPD Councils' LERRDs submittals to the Corps are still underway.

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

Bid Package 15: At the January meeting there was discussion about potentially bidding the project early to get ahead of the Corps' Section 408 permission and be ready to close the bid and award immediately after 408 permission is granted. Given the continued uncertainty of when the easements for this project will be granted, bidding will be postponed.

One easement is being sought from the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis (TRRA), while the other two are being sought from different entities within the Pulcher family. All parties have been kept apprised of the project over the past several years and support the work and have never expressed unwillingness to grant an easement; however, the logistics of each has been challenging for this project. TRRA is historically slow to process easements, especially when the size (and compensation) is very small—which is the case for this project. One of the Pulcher family parcels is owned by a trust. This trust, which our team has been unable to obtain a copy of, purportedly names several individuals as heirs to the estate. Our negotiator has been in regular contact with several parties within the Pulcher family for months and learned that the property is being divided among the several family members and may possibly be going through the courts to do so. The timeline for this being completed is unknown at this time, but the land acquisition team will continue to pursue this easement in the months ahead and, when the team gets a better indication of when these easements can reasonably be expected, the project will be bid.

Bid Package 16: 65% design is in progress with submittal to the Corps scheduled for June 6.

Bid Package 17: 65% design is in progress with submittal to the Corps scheduled for June 6.

WSP is developing updated project schedules for PDP/FL packages based on recent guidance and review timelines from USACE.

Attached is WSP's Monthly Construction Progress Report.

Recommendation:

Accept the Program Status Report for March 2025.