



Memo to: Board of Directors  
From: Chuck Etwert  
Subject: Program Status Report for May 2025  
Date: May 19, 2025

## **500-Year Authorized Level Status**

### Wood River Levee System

Bid Package 8: The Corps of Engineers has indicated that the sluice gate actuator has now been delivered and installed. Some of the new relief wells remain to be tested, but the Corps is working out an arrangement to test those later so that the Bid Package 8 contract can be closed out. Once closed, WSP will compile and submit the Work-In-Kind (WIK) request for engineering services during construction (EDC).

Bid Package 9: WSP submitted the 65% complete design documents (plans, specifications, report, and cost estimate) to the Corps of Engineers on April 14. The Corps provided comments last week. WSP will respond to the comments and re-submit the project for USACE Agency Technical Review (ATR) on May 20. The Corps is expected to issue a Notice-to-Proceed (NTP) for land acquisition for Bid Package 9 project soon. Currently, this project is scheduled to be issued for bid in late fall 2025.

Relief Well Package 2: The Corps' Relief Well Package #2 is the project in need of an easement from the City of Wood River at the northwestern corner of the intersection between IL-3 and IL-143. At present, the FPD Council is awaiting approval from the Wood River Drainage and Levee District before requesting the Corps proceed with condemnation proceedings to acquire the lands necessary from the City of Wood River. USACE has requested assistance with locating utilities (e.g. potholing) around a culvert crossing within their Relief Well Package #2. The utility locate work is on Olin property, which requires special right-of-entry requirements.

LERRDs: Updates to the FPD Councils' 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Pipe construction continues as weather allows. An agenda item for utility protection is included on the agenda so that pipe work east of the pump station can begin. WSP received a request for change order for work associated with the emergency action plan (EAP) work that was necessary last spring. WSP and the contractor are negotiating the price of the EAP work and will bring a change order to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. (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 Contractor stipulates that the FPD Council will reimburse for emergency work during flooding.)

Bid Package 18A: WSP submitted the 65% complete design package on April 22. Comments from USACE have been received and WSP is working to respond to the comments and resubmit for the 65% USACE ATR.

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

The Corps issued the final Environmental Assessment (EA) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) on April 22.

Bid Package 15: The Corps provided comments to the 95% design and construction documents on April 4. WSP is in the process of responding to comments and coordinating with the Corps as needed. The easements being sought from the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis (TRRA) and the two entities within the Pulcher family are still being sought.

Bid Package 16: 65% design is in progress with submittal to the Corps delayed due to the content of several Bid Package 15 comments received at the 95% review. Several of the comments are foundational to the underseepage design and could impact future packages if changes in design methodology are necessary.

Bid Package 17: 35% design is underway with 35% submittal to the Corps delayed due to the content of several Bid Package 15 comments received at the 95% review.

Attached is WSP's Monthly Construction Progress Report.