

Memo to: Board of Directors

From: Chuck Etwert

Subject: Program Status Report for July 2024

Date: July 15, 2024

# 500-Year Authorized Level Status

# Wood River Levee System

<u>Bid Package 8:</u> 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.

<u>Bid Package 9:</u> The Corps is in the process of amending the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA), which is necessary before design of Bid Package 9 can safely begin. The Corps Division office endorsed the PPA amendment on June 17 and headquarters is now reviewing the changes, with final approval expected in August 2024. As reported over the past several 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.

Relief Well Package 2: The FPD Council is awaiting the revised Notice-to-Proceed (NTP) letter for land acquisition for Relief Well Package 2 (RWP2). RWP2 is the project which 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 be presented to the Board.

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 the new relief wells have now been developed. 59 of 76 relief wells have been pump tested, with tests occurring daily now. Presently the Mississippi River is in flood stage, so excavation work is on hold until the river drops below 18.5 feet (per project specifications/USACE). As a reminder, on April 29, 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. A contract change order for emergency flood preparedness work will be forthcoming after the river recedes and excavation/backfill operations resume.

<u>Bid Package 14B:</u> WSP and the Corps have been addressing contractor questions as this project, as USACE has issued this project to bid. Presently, additional access easements are being sought from Terminal Railroad Association (TRRA), Kansas City Southern Railroad, and Ameren. The access easement in question were used for the Corps' cutoff wall project in East St. Louis and the Corps has asked to renew the easements for the Bid Package 14B project.

<u>Bid Package 18A:</u> WSP submitted a revised 35% design report to USACE on July 9 and is working towards the 65% design submittal.

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

<u>Bid Package 15:</u> WSP is currently working on 95% complete plans, specifications, and calculations, with a planned submittal to USACE for Section 408 permission in the next few weeks. The current estimate is to have the project bid late in 2024 and bring to the Board for approval at the November 2024 meeting.

<u>Bid Package 16:</u> 35% design of Bid Package 16 was submitted to USACE on July 8 and is under review.

Bid Package 17: 35% design has begun and is scheduled to be submitted to USACE in the fall.

<u>PDP/FL Environmental Permitting:</u> All comments to the Draft Environmental Assessment have been resolved, except for Section 106 (cultural resources) aspects, which are close to being resolved between USACE and WSP. The Environmental Assessment is a necessary component of the Section 408 permissions that will be sought for each of the PDP/FL bid packages.

Attached is WSP's Monthly Construction Progress Report.

#### Recommendation:

Accept the Program Status report for July 2024.