



Memo to: Board of Directors
From: Chuck Etwert
Subject: Program Status Report for August 2024
Date: August 19, 2024

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.

Bid Package 9: The Corps is in the process of amending the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA), which is necessary before the 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 this month. 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.

LERRDs: WSP is preparing Wood River LERRDs claim for credit No. 2, which includes multiple easements purchased for USACE-constructed projects and multiple utility relocation agreement expenses the FPD Council has incurred.

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. 60 of 76 relief wells have been pump tested. The Mississippi River has fallen well below flood stage since last month's meeting and the contractor re-mobilized and restarted work on August 14th. 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 Contractor 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 emergency action measures have been removed.

Bid Package 14B: 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.

Bid Package 18A: WSP submitted a revised 35% design report to USACE on July 9. USACE provided review comments on August 12, which WSP will incorporate into the 65% design submittal.

LERRDs: East St. Louis LERRDs Claim for Credit No. 4 was submitted to USACE on August 2 in the amount of \$740,734.80. This request includes negotiation services, routine legal expenses related to acquisitions, surveying & easement plat preparation, appraisals, management of LERRDs work, and the TRRA easement purchase of \$460,000 for Bid Package 14B, along with attorney fees for the litigation associated with the TRRA acquisition. USACE is currently reviewing the claim.

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: WSP is currently preparing the final Section 408 submittal for Bid Package 15 (95% Design). USACE has informed WSP that they do not have the capacity to review Bid Package 15 alongside Bid Package 16, which was submitted on July 8. Furthermore, USACE will not be complete with review of Bid Package 16 until approximately September 12. (USACE review was scheduled to be complete on August 5.) WSP has been looking at alternatives to keep the bidding and award from being delayed, but at this point it is not possible to award at the

November 2024 Board meeting as planned. By bidding the project concurrent with USACE Section 408 review and public comment, we may be able to award at the January 2025 meeting but cannot be certain until USACE is complete with their review this fall.

Bid Package 16: 35% design of Bid Package 16 was submitted to USACE on July 8 and is under review. USACE anticipates completing review by September 12. (USACE review was scheduled to be complete on August 5.)

Bid Package 17: 35% design is underway and will be submitted in fall 2024 after USACE has completed review of Bid Package 15.

PDP/FL Environmental Permitting: 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 August 2024.