

Spillway Update # 36 - October 19, 2022

On Saturday, October 15th we submitted revised construction drawings to EGLE to effectively split our spillway project into two phases. The first phase provides for demolition of the existing spillway and site balancing. The second phase will involve construction of the concrete spillway, which is now targeted for submittal at the end of 2022. We have asked Fisher Contracting to provide us with a new cost estimate by early November given both the design changes since their original quote and the new phased approach.

On Wednesday, October 19th we asked Spicer Group of Saginaw to provide us with an engagement proposal to serve as our spillway project Owner's Representative and to lead three key efforts:

1. Provide a quality review of all future permit submittals;
2. Oversee a third-party engineering peer review and simulation model of our current spillway design; and
3. Monitor construction progress and supporting documentation through the duration of the project.

Spicer Group plans to engage the national firm of GEI to complete the engineering peer review and simulation model and the expectation is their review could be completed by the end of the year. A peer review could provide the support needed to gain a phase two permit for the spillway construction or may lead to design changes if the modeling identifies risks with the current design. Spicer Group has advised they are receptive to working alongside Lapham Associates as our engineer of record, which is an important to our continued goal of completing the project by the spring of 2023. We expect a written proposal from Spicer this week and we have asked for supporting cost estimates that will be submitted to USDA for funding consideration. To this point USDA NRCS funding has covered nearly all of FLPOA's engineering costs, and the expectation is that Spicer's costs would also qualify. In fact, USDA NRCS staff recommended FLPOA meet with Spicer Group to explore options to resolve our permitting status. We are grateful for the collaborative approach demonstrated by our USDA representatives, Fisher Contracting and Lapham Associates.