GENERAL NOTES

Provide all materials and perform construction in accordance with City of Wichita Standard Specifications, unless shown or stated otherwise on these Drawings or in the Special Provisions.
Horizontal Project Datum: NAD83 State Plane, south zone
Vertical Project Datum: NAVD88, USGS mean sea level

EXCAVATION SAFETY:

Provide a minimum advance notice of seventy-two (72) hours to utility companies prior to starting any excavation, as follows:

Kansas one-call	1-800-344-7233
or local Wichita	687-2470

The contractor must notify the following in case of an emergency:

AT&T (telephone)	1-800-870-8390
Cox communications (cable)	262-0861
Westar (electric)	383-8600
Kansas gas service (gas)	1-888-482-4950
City of Wichita, Water & Sewer Maintenance.	262-6000
Black Hills (gas)	946-0096

Preserve all existing property irons. Reestablish any property irons damaged or destroyed by construction operations. Reestablishment of damaged irons shall be at the contractor's expense by a licensed land surveyor in accordance with Kansas state laws.

City of Wichita Public Works Department (PWD) shall provide all construction staking at no cost to the contractor. Coordinate survey staking with the PWD and give the surveyor 24 hours notice when stakes are required.

Project surveys used the NAD83 state plane coordinate system, south zone. No coordinates were modified to ground. Elevations are in USGS mean sea level datum (NAVD 88).

Others will adjust utility service lines, poles, valve boxes, meters, etc., as necessary, prior to construction unless the Drawings specifically call for their adjustment by Contractor. Existing utilities and their location, as shown on the Drawings, represent the best information obtainable for design. Some utilities were previously relocated and may not be reflected on the Drawings as such. Various utility companies provided utility location information from record drawings or field locations; the plan locations shown are not guaranteed. Additional existing utilities may also be encountered. Contractor shall work around existing utilities within the right-of-way that do not conflict with proposed construction.

Others will relocate all business signs, posts and landscaping features that conflict with the new construction prior to construction. Contractor shall remove and dispose of all items that remain within the construction limits upon the start of construction, unless otherwise noted.

Contractor shall dispose of and provide disposal sites for all rubble from the removal of miscellaneous structures and excess excavation that is to be wasted. Engineer shall approve the suitability, appearance and site location of disposal sites. Engineer shall not approve locations that will leave an unsightly appearance, in Engineer's opinion. Obtain approval from Kansas Department of Health and Environment for all disposal sites. Obtain Kansas State Board of Agriculture permits for any material stockpiled or disposed of in a flood plain. Obtain approval and permits from U. S. Army Corps of Engineers for any material deposited in waters of the United States or wetlands. Provide additional archeological investigations for any material buried or stockpiled beyond approved construction limits unless buried or stockpiled in a previously approved disposal location.

Maintain access control along the project corridor throughout construction. Construct temporary fence at no additional cost to the City of Wichita, if necessary, to maintain access control.

Excavation on the levee embankment shall require the excavation area to be re-established in accordance with the Grading Notes section of these General notes.

SITE RESTORATION NOTES:

Repair rutting on levee surfaces due to storm water runoff throughout construction. Significant rutting shall be repaired in accordance with procedure shown on sheet G-1.04. Replace lost seed, fertilizer and erosion control devices at no additional cost to City of Wichita.

Repair or replace damaged items not part of the project at no additional cost to City of Wichita.

Place topsoil to a minimum depth of 6 inches or as specified on the drawings. The finished grade on Drawings indicate the surface elevation after placement of the prescribed topsoil thickness. Offsite topsoil borrow shall be fertile natural topsoil, typical of the locality, obtained from well-drained areas. Stockpiled topsoil may be used. It shall be without admixture of subsoil or slag and shall be free of stones, lumps, sticks, plants, or their roots, toxic substances or other extraneous matter that may be harmful to plant growth or would interfere with future maintenance. Topsoil pH range shall be 5.5 to 7.0. Engineer shall approve topsoil prior to placement.

Rake all gravel or other similar debris larger than ½inch in diameter and remove during final grade preparation.

Seeding Operations

Substitute the following for City of Wichita Specification Section 902.2 and Table 902-1.

Provide seed in standard containers that is new crop seed complying with and labeled in accordance with U.S. Department of Agriculture rules and regulations under the Federal Seed Act in effect at the time of purchase. Furnish a statement certifying the purity percent, germination percent, and the sproutable seed percent for the seed. Store the seed in a cool, dry place. Seed that is moldy, wet or otherwise damaged will not be accepted.

Water seeded areas with a deep soaking every two (2) weeks during dry periods until a mature stand of grass is obtained.

Seeding shall be accomplished per the following rates and specifications:

COMMON NAME	RATE(PLS lbs/acre)*
Smooth Brome	75
K-31 Fescue	300
Annual Rye	100
Fertilizer (10-20-10)	350

*Pounds of pure live seed per acre

The Seeding process shall include in order:
1. Furnish topsoil
2. Finish grading
3. Prepare seedbed
4. Seed and maintain areas as required.

Cover all seeded areas with a slope steeper than 4:1 with EROSION CONTROL BLANKET (North American Green SC-150, or approved equal). All other seeded areas shall be covered with a prairie hay mulch, or equivalent. No bare ground shall be visible in the seeded area. Thick clumps of mulch are not permissible. Provide uniform coverage. Mulch shall be applied at a minimum of 4,000 lbs. per acre.

Seeding shall not be performed in windy weather. Seeding shall be done in two (2) directions at right angles to each other. A 3-ft wide strip shall be sodded along sidewalks, roadways, and parking areas to prevent washing and erosion. Following initial soil disturbance or redisturbance, permanent or temporary erosion control measures shall be installed within seven days. The erosion control measures shall be installed on all perimeter slopes and all other disturbed or graded areas on the project site.

The contractor shall be responsible for establishing a vigorous stand of vegetation in project seeding areas. A vigorous stand of vegetation for this project shall be defined as vegetation having a density equal to at least 70 percent of the vegetation density on undisturbed areas at the site. All work associated with seedbed preparation, seeding, mulching, and vegetation establishment shall be subsidiary to the Project Seeding bid Item

EROSION CONTROL BLANKET will be paid for seperately.

TRAFFIC CONTROL NOTES:

Prepare and submit a construction sequence plan prior to beginning construction.

Erect and maintain traffic control as necessary. Provide all other traffic control necessary due to construction activity on or near local or private streets at no additional cost to City of Wichita.

Maintain adequate drainage within the project limits throughout all construction activities. Provide any temporary grading or storm collection/distribution necessary to provide adequate drainage not outlined on the Drawings at no additional cost to City of Wichita.

Locate acceptable fill material sources; determine haul routes to and from the construction site, and establish staging on or near the construction site.

SPECIAL NOTES REGARDING BREACHES THROUGH THE LEVEE:

No levee breaches are allowed on this project.

TREE REMOVAL LIMITS:

In general tree removal notes state that all trees within the Levee right-of-way and the fence line shall be removed. Based on boundary surveys, it was found that most existing flood control fence for this project is not currently located on the legal property line. In most cases the flood control fence was found to be anywhere from 1-ft to 10-ft interior of the actual levee right-of-way boundary. Therefore, existing flood control fences shall not be used as boundary limits for tree removal within the Levee right-of-way.

Furthermore, any portion of a tree that lies on the existing (or newly acquired) right-of-way boundary shall be removed such that new access control fence can be installed on the legal property line. This shall include any location where trees have grown up in a fence that is located on the legal property line and owned by an adjacent landowner. The Contractor should pay particular attention to the Tree Removal/Trimming Guide detail on sheet G-1.03 for determining the limits of tree removal.

TREE REMOVAL NOTES:

Removal of all woody vegetation and trees within a clear zone is required to provide access for periodic inspection, regular maintenance, and flood fighting (if required), as well as to protect the levee from damage due to tree root intrusion and from trees blowing over and uprooting the levee.

Substitute the following for City of Wichita Specification Section 202.2.

Remove trees and any other undesirable woody vegetation within the 15 feet clear zone on each side of the existing or reconstructed levee in general accordance with USACE ETL 1110-2-571 "Guidelines For Landscape Planting And Vegetation Management At Floodwalls, Levees, Embankment Dams, And Appurtenant Structures", the project specifications, these notes, and Drawing G-1.03. Measure the clear zone from the levee toe, the land side of collection ditch, land side face of floodwall, or relief well, to the center of the tree trunk.

Before proceeding with any tree removal activities, obtain, or confirm that the City of Wichita has obtained, all required permits.

Remove all trees, regardless of size, within the 15 foot clear zone as shown on the attached Drawing G-1.03. Trees located outside the 15 foot clear zone, but having limbs encroaching within the levee right-of-way (R.O.W.), shall be trimmed back to a minimum of 20 feet above the ground level. Any trees specified for removal outside of the 15 foot clear zone do not require root ball extractions and may be cut level with the surrounding natural ground surface.

Determine the diameter of a tree by measuring the widest section of the tree trunk at a point 2 feet above the ground surface.

Cut trees and other woody vegetation having a trunk diameter less than 4 inches flush with the ground and treat the remaining exposed stump with herbicide containing Glyphosate (Roundup, Accord) or Triclopyr (Redeem) to prevent regrowth. Treat the entire cut surface by applying herbicide immediately after cutting. Following herbicide application, treat exposed surfaces with a protective coating similar to polyurethane that will prolong the decaying process.

Totally remove (including stump and root ball) trees located in the "clear zone" and having a trunk diameter greater than 4 inches. Cut trees that are 4 inches and larger approximately 2 feet above the ground level leaving a prominent stump for use in the root ball extraction process. Protect and avoid damaging the existing embankment, overhead/buried utilities, conveyance structures, vegetation to remain, and nearby properties.

Grub stumps of all trees 4 inches in diameter and larger within the levee 15 feet clear zone. Remove root balls by pulling the stump or extraction with appropriate excavation equipment. Special tree removal procedures are required for trees on levee crown or slopes; see Drawing G-1.03 for details. Once the root ball has been extracted, any remaining loose soil or remaining root system shall be removed from the cavity by excavating the root ball cavity with a horizontal bottom and maximum side slopes of 1.0:1.5 (horizontal to vertical) as shown on sheet G-1.03.

Backfill all excavations with approved, Engineered Fill as specified in GRADING NOTES. Overfill all root ball cavities or excavations a minimum of 5 percent of fill depth to provide positive drainage and allow for settlement. Flowable Fill as specified in GRADING NOTES may be used to backfill excavations that are not located within the embankment.

Within the levee embankment slopes and crown, place approved backfill material in accordance with Compaction & Moisture Control as specified in GRADING NOTES except the maximum thickness of loose lifts shall be 6 inches. Verify compaction in accordance with Routine Density Tests as specified in GRADING NOTES.

Outside the levee embankment, place approved backfill material in accordance with Compaction & Moisture Control as specified in GRADING NOTES. Verify compaction in accordance with Routine Density Tests as specified in GRADING NOTES.

Grade and seed all areas disturbed by the construction activity, except as otherwise noted in Seeding Operations. Prevent water from ponding on the levee or within the 15 feet clear zone and provide for positive drainage away from the levee. Restore grades in accordance with SITE RESTORATION NOTES and provide positive drainage of finished surface to prevent ponding of water.

Remove all woody debris, stumps, root balls, tree trunks, limbs, etc. from the levee to approved disposal locations.

No material/debris removed from the construction site will be allowed to be deposited inside the levee right of way.

TREE TRIMMING NOTES:

Perform tree trimming with sharp instrument/tool intended for such operations. Knocking branches off with a backhoe or other similar machine is not acceptable. Refer to tree trimming detail on Drawing G-1.03 for trimming procedure.

EROSION CONTROL NOTES:

The contract documents provide for the construction of all improvements with no disturbance to the adjacent stream. When the contractor determines that entering the river will be necessary, he will be responsible for adhering to all regulatory requirements. The contractor shall make all reasonable efforts to minimize streambed disturbance and time spent working in the river. The contractor shall prevent all construction debris from coming in contact with the river.

GRADING NOTES:

Levee construction usually occurs in narrow strip with limited access for equipment to transport, place, spread, and compact the fill. To assure that the levee is stable and resistant to the forces of water, it is critical that the foundation be properly prepared, good materials be used, and that satisfactory compaction be accomplished. Because the construction usually takes place in a narrow strip, conventional mass grading techniques and testing frequencies are usually not appropriate.

GRADING NOTES (cont.):

Preparation

Clear the Work area by complete removal of all objectionable matter and/or obstructions above the ground surface. Objectionable matter includes all trees, fallen timber, brush, vegetation, loose stone, abandoned structures, fencing, and similar debris. Clear the entire foundation area under the proposed levee and berms following construction operations. Dispose of objectionable matter and/or obstructions in approved disposal area.

Within the Work area, grub all stumps, roots, buried logs, old piling, old paving, drains, and other objectionable matter. Remove roots or other intrusions over 1-1/2 inches diameter within the levee foundation area to a depth of 3 ft below existing ground surface. Slope the sides of all holes and depressions caused by grubbing operations no steeper than 1.5:1.0 (H:V) before backfilling. Dispose of grubbed material in approved disposal area.

Strip topsoil from Work areas to a minimum depth of 4 inches or as designated on Drawings. Stockpile stripped material that is suitable for use as topsoil for later reuse. Material that does not contain wood, clods, and other objectionable material (i.e. roots, rocks, and debris) and contains adequate moisture and is capable of supporting vegetation growth may be suitable for use as topsoil. Dispose of unsuitable stripped material in approved disposal area.

Before removing any old or abandoned pipes or any other objects that are in the levee, approval should be obtained from USACE indicating the removal and backfilling process.

Engineered Fill

In general, soil excavated in Work areas is suitable for use as engineered fill if it is free of organic matter and other objectionable material (i.e. roots, rocks, and debris), is of suitable moisture content, and it meets the requirements of an approved USC classified soil as stated in the Record Tests section.

Test proposed engineered fill soil as indicated in "Record Tests" prior to beginning fill placement for the Work. Once placement of engineered fill commences, the new set of "Record Tests" shall be completed a minimum of once every 5,000 cubic yards (or fraction thereof) of engineered fill placed. Retest the engineered fill as indicated in "Record Tests" if the consistency, color, texture, or appearance of the engineered fill changes significantly or if three or more routine density tests on the same material fail by yielding relative compaction percentages below 95% or above 105% of maximum dry density (MDD).

Maintain construction slopes and grades to provide positive drainage during all grading operations; if necessary, install sumps and provide pumps to maintain the Work free of standing water.

Frozen material shall not be used nor shall any fill be placed on frozen surfaces.

No foundation or embankment backfill shall be placed in standing or running water. Should a quick condition develop, dewatering by well points or other methods, shich will nullify the excess gradient, shall be used. Sump pumping will not be permitted.

Record Tests

Test each type of engineered fill used for the Work to determine the MDD and optimum moisture content (OMC) per ASTM D-698 (standard Proctor) and the soil classification per ASTM D2487 (USC) of the material. Perform all tests necessary to provide the USC classification (e.g., plasticity characteristics per ASTM D4318 (Atterberg Limits), particle size distribution per ASTM D422, specific gravity ASTM D854) for each type of engineered fill soil. Assure that all engineered fill used for the Work meets the Unified Soil Classification (USC) system type SM, SC, CH, CL, or ML. Soil not meeting those USC types must have hydraulic conductivity (ASTM D5084) and triaxial shear (ASTM D4767) tests at 95% of the soils MDD at OMC submitted to the Engineer for approval.

Identify each record test with a unique designation that includes a clear description and photographs of the soil in both moist and dry states so the routine density tests can be readily matched to the appropriate record test. Publish copies of all record tests to City of Wichita, Engineer, Testing Service, Contractor, and/or other entities on the distribution list. Maintain at least one up-to-date set of copies at all Work site(s).

Compaction & Moisture Control

Place approved engineered fill in maximum 8 inch thick, loose lifts and compact to at least 95% of its MDD within the levee embankment slopes and crown. Maintain engineered fill moisture content between -1% to +2% of its OMC prior to and during compaction.

Outside the levee embankment, place approved backfill material in maximum 8 inch, loose lifts and compact to at least 90% of its MDD. Maintain engineered fill moisture content between -1% to +3% of its OMC prior to and during compaction.

Routine Density Tests

Perform routine density tests at a frequency of at least one test per each 2000 square feet, per lift, on all engineered fill placed for the Work with a minimum of at least three tests for each complete lift of engineered fill. Match each routine density test to the record test that most closely matches the soil at the test location.

Identify each routine density test with a unique designation and provide written documentation of each test location, elevation, actual lift thickness measurement, matching record test, actual moist density, actual moisture content, actual dry density, percent of MDD and OMC relative to the matched record test, whether the test passes or fails, and, if a retest of a failed test, the original test's unique designation.

The following table indicates the required precision for test locations:

Location station and offset	to the nearest ten feet
Elevation	to the nearest 1/2 foot
Lift thickness	to the nearest 1/10 foot

A test fails if the compaction is less than the specified criteria for MDD or if the moisture is outside of the specified range for OMC (e.g., a test may have acceptable compaction but fail due to being too dry or too wet). If routine density tests indicate inadequate compaction or excessively dry or moist soil, rework the whole lift represented by the failing test. Retest the failed area after is has been reworked and recompacted.

Flowable Fill

Flowable fill may be used to backfill excavations not located within the levee embankment. The following table presents the minimum allowable mix design for flowable fill. Test aggregates for alkali-aggregate reactivity per ASTM C1260 if more than 200 cubic yards of flowable fill is used for the project. Materials with measured expansion of less than 0.10% at 16 days after casting are acceptable.

Flowable fill consistency - The fresh mixture shall not be thin and watery, but shall have a consistency similar to that of batter. It shall be tested by filling an open-ended 3-inch diameter, 6-inch high cylinder to the top with the mixture and immediately pulling the cylinder straight up. The correct consistency will produce an approximate 8-inch diameter circular-type spread with no segregation.

Material	Fill Mix (batch weight per cubic yard)	Remarks
Portland Cement Type I or II	minimum 100 lbs	ASTM C150 meeting low alkali requirements. Or, ASTM C989, Grade 100 or 120 GGBFS(1) Cement.
Fly Ash	minimum 275 lbs	ASTM C618, Class N, C(2) or F.
Sand SSD(3)	2795 lbs	ASTM C33, concrete fine aggregate.
Total Water	maximum 370 lbs	Potable water.
Air Entraining Agent	Minimum 2 ounces	ASTM C260
Water reducing Admixture	As required to produce cohesive flowable mixture	ASTM C494, Type A or F.

(1) Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag.
(2) Class C shall not be used with aggregate that exhibit alkali-aggregate reactivity potential.
(3) Saturated Surface Dry

LEVEE SURFACING:

The top width of the Levee shall be stripped and graded such that all organic matter is removed and a level side-to-side surface is provided.

After stripping and grading, RAP (recycled asphalt pavement) shall be placed at a nominal compacted depth of 8" thick and rolled with a large steel drum or approved equivalent. Width of RAP placement on the top of the existing surface shall match the full existing width of levee and side slope of RAP shall match the existing side slope. R.A.P. shall consist of 100% recycled asphalt material, either millings or crushed with a maximum particle size of 3".

Levee surfacing with RAP shall not be started until all other earth work and grading has been completed.

FENCE INSTALLATION:

The fences, as shown in the plans, are for the most part to be installed on the property lines. However, the property lines, as shown on sheets LM-2.05 and LM-2.06, are based on draft Tract Maps that have not been fully negotiated with the adjacent landowner. Therefore, the contractor shall confirm with the City of Wichita that the right-of-way acquisition has been completed and shall obtain the final Tract Maps from the City of Wichita before removing or installing any fence in these areas. Likewise, any tree removal in these areas shall only be completed up to the current Levee right-of-way until the contractor confirms that the additional right-of-way has been acquired by the Wichita Flood Control.

STRUCTURE DEMOLITION AND DEBRIS REMOVAL:

The contractor shall be responsible for obtaining any necessary permits required by the City of Wichita or Segwick County for demolition.

The contractor shall also be responsible for properly disposing of demolition debris and other debris required to be removed from the flood control right of way.

Debris removal shall include but will not be limited to: trash, construction materials, concrete slabs, non-functioning equipment, and all debris resulting from demolitions.

All demolitions and non-vegetative debris removals shall be subsidiary to Demolitions and Debris Removal bid item.

CONSTRUCTION PRIORITY:

1. COMPLETE ALL LEVEE SURFACING WORK.
2. REMOVE ALL TREES AND FENCE AS DIRECTED IN THE PLANS.
3. INSTALL FENCE AS DIRECTED IN THE PLANS.
4. CONSTRUCT LEVEE ACCESS ROAD.
5. REPAIR ANY DAMAGE TO THE LEVEE DURING CONSTRUCTION AND SEED ALL DISTURBED AREAS.
6. ENSURE VEGETATION ESTABLISHMENT.

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