



DITCH IMPROVEMENTS

Jackson County - Judicial Ditch 19

July 26, 2018

Construction on the Improvements for Jackson County - Judicial Ditch 19 (JD 19) have begun. The Contractor, Svoboda Excavating, has broken ground on the open ditch, pond area, as well as the mainline pipe installation. Due to recent rainfall events, construction progress has been challenging but is still moving forward.

The Contractor has completed the cleaning of the existing open ditch and has constructed some new open ditch as well for alignment purposes. Construction at the pond has been quite slow due to the wet conditions that the crew has been encountering over the past few weeks, moving approximately 10% of the soil at the pond including the installation of the pond outlet structure. The Contractor also had to remove several clusters of trees to make room for the pond. The Contractor also created a second ditch from the current pond construction to the pond inlet in order to be able to begin installing the 48" HDPE mainline.

Regarding tile installation, the 48-inch High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) tile outlet has been installed into the pond. The Contractor has also begun installing 48-inch HDPE tile to approximately station 29+70 and under the first windmill transmission line.

The next step in construction will be to continue installing 48-inch HDPE tile on the mainline. If weather conditions improve, The Contractor plans to come back to the pond and continue to excavation.

On June 12th The Contractor had a crew begin locating existing tile lines east of 460th Ave that run through the Southwest Quarter of Section 31 of Heron Lake Township, MN. During the tile investigation it was noticed by the ISG field representative that the Contractor was in close proximity of a high voltage underground power line based on maps provided by the windmill representatives in Lakefield (EDF). After a short investigation, it was found that the flags placed by a third party locate company had been tilled under during the planting season. Due to the contractor coming quite close to one of the power lines a work stoppage was ordered by EDF east of 460th Ave. On June 20th, representatives from ISG, TAQA, EDF, and Marubeni, met at the ISG office in Bloomington, MN to discuss safety, future communication, and engineering.

ISG, EDF, and the Lakefield Wind Project Lessees would like to ask all landowners to not disturb any flags or construction staking out on site. These flags are there for the safety of the onsite personnel as well as the safety and integrity of the windmills and buried transmission lines. If anyone has any questions or needs to remove utility flags for any reason please contact Aaron Trio at the number provided within this letter.

Project Summary

CONSTRUCTION SUMMARY

- Open Ditch
- Pond
- Installation of Mainline

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