Construction of the improvements for the Jackson County - Judicial Ditch 19 have continued. Svoboda Excavating has continued making progress on the branch pipe installation. Due to recent weather, construction progress has been challenging but is still moving forward at a steady pace.

Construction of the pond has been placed on hold until Svoboda feels that conditions are adequate enough to continue excavation.

Regarding tile installation, Svoboda has completed installing 18-inch HDPE tile on branch C at station 22+60 and has changed to installing 10-inch HDPE tile. Svoboda then moved to branch C3 where they began installing 18-inch HDPE. The crew installed 192 LF of 18” HDPE tile and then finished branch C3 with 8-inch HDPE. The crew did not install the 6” cross connection at the end of the line due to the existing 6” branch C3 ended at the property line. After that, Svoboda moved to branch C4. At station 6+23 the crew crossed an underground electrical line. Randy Richter was on site to inspect the crossing. Once the crew finished installing branch C4 they moved to branch B to begin installing 8-inch HDPE up to station 2+25.

The next step in construction will be to continue installing 8-inch HDPE tile on branch B. Svoboda also plans to return back to branch C and to begin construction on branch C1 in the weeks to come. Svoboda plans to have a subcontractor complete the mainline boring under the highway on TH 14 (station 65+10-66+60) on the mainline as well as on branch D1 (station 1+30-2+30) by the end of the year. If weather conditions improve, Svoboda plans to come back to the pond and continue excavation.