Construction of the improvements for the Jackson County- Judicial Ditch 19 have continued. Svoboda Excavating has continued making progress on the pond as well as mainline construction. Due to recent weather, construction progress has moved at a steady pace.

The crew has completed excavating the large and small pond in which a future building pad was made with the pond spoil. The crew has also completed installing two field tile outlets into the pond as well as placing additional rip rap around the outlet structure of the pond.

Svoboda has hired a subcontractor to complete the 42” road boring for the mainline under TH 14. The crew has been working at installing the boring for the past couple of week and has recently finished the boring.

Regarding tile installation, Svoboda has recently moved back to the mainline to continue installing 42” HDPE at station 64+63. At station 65+15 the crew connected the 42” HDPE pipe to the 42” steel boring on the north side of TH 14. The crew then moved over to the south side of TH 14 in which they connected the 42” HDPE pipe to the 42” steel boring at station 66+65. The crew finished installing 42” HDPE at station 67+00 for the construction season on the mainline. The crew plans on continuing construction in the early spring.

The next steps in construction will be to perform fine tune grading on the pond as well as seeding of the pond side slopes. Svoboda will need to find a subcontractor to complete a directional drill under TH 14 for branch D1 (station 1+30-2+30). Lastly, a decision will need to be made on the alignment as well as whether to perform an open cut or boring construction through the ITC property on the mainline.