Construction of the improvements for the Jackson County - Judicial Ditch 19 have continued. Svoboda Excavating has continued making progress on the mainline portion of the project. Soil conditions and weather have improved greatly over the past weeks in which the crew has been able to make good progress.

Svoboda has placed leveling, seeding, and pond punch list items of the pond on hold until conditions improve.

Regarding tile installation, Svoboda has continued installing 42” HDPE on the mainline. The crew has installed 80LF of 42” boring east of the substation, installed 2-18” cross connects to the existing mainlines, as well as performed an open cut crossing at station 81+47. The crew is currently at station 96+00 on the mainline. The crew and county also found a sinkhole approximately 10 feet by 10 feet by 3 feet deep underneath CSAH 14 where the boring from last December crossed the road. The crew brought in clay and packed the area back in. The crew felt that it was caused by Plut having to remove his boring auger during frozen conditions. This may have caused an area to slough off in the process. The area has not been blacktopped in order to monitor the situation.

The next step in construction will be to continue installing the 42” mainline up to approximately station 117+00. After that, the crew plans to begin construction on branches M, H, H1, J, and K.