

1-14-10 EOB Construction meeting notes

Attending: Chris Beck – Beck Excavating, Scott Brunsvold – JWA, Jim Leinbaugh – IGLSD, Dan Eckert – Dickinson County engineer, Derek Mananny – Clean Water Alliance, Jeff Felts – IDNR, Mardi Allen – D C Supervisor

The following items were discussed:

- There was a lengthy discussion regarding the concrete, gravel and rock in the IGLSD lines. Pete Howe is doing the clean out on behalf of CTI and has started to clean out the manholes. The north end manholes have been cleaned and in some cases, they have had to jackhammer some of the concrete debris out. IGLSD wants all lines jetted out by CTI since they are responsible for allowing the debris in the lines. CTI is questioning why they need to clean the lines. Beck has left any further discussion to IGLSD and CTI.
- Storm sewers will be cleaned out by Beck in the spring.
- Dan Eckert let Scott know that he saw that the seeder came in during the snow and mulched on top of the snow. Dan suggested that the county not pay for this until we are sure the seed and mulch will take.
- Water valves were sticking up after it snowed. Dan is concerned that his crew might hit them when removing snow but knows of no occurrence. Beck's crew has adjusted most if not all valves that needed adjustment.
- Vegetation blankets: The supplier for the vegetation blankets wants to be paid 1/3 of the cost on February 1, 2010, 1/3 of the cost on April 1, 2010, and the balance on delivery. He claims he had made people aware of this up front but neither Beck nor Scott has any recollection of this. The County does not pay for anything prior to delivery. Scott will talk to Wayne Peterson to see if there is any alternative to the blankets. If there are workable alternatives, we will discuss this with the supplier and see if he won't give some on his requests for upfront payments.
- We discussed the bank of mailboxes on the EOB north end located on the east side of M56. Safety was a concern but it is not possible to move them now that the ground is frozen. Dan doesn't have any signage that is appropriate to alert oncoming cars of the possibility of vehicles or pedestrians crossing to and from the mailboxes.
- The County received a letter from Qwest requesting \$271,942.58 for payment for the work that has been done to date. There is a big question regarding this amount. Qwest never responded to JW request for an estimate, they never attended any construction meetings after the precon, and they did not show up at the site until more than a month after the work was requested to be done. Calls to upper-management at Qwest were made on numerous occasions requesting any response to our previous calls and emails. And, Qwest is still not done. The amount is \$171,942.58 more than the estimate Jacobson Westergard gave the County for financing purposes. Amount of hours were discussed and some work had to be redone because it was not compacted to specs. It was noted that some of the crew were sleeping on the job. Jacobson Westergard will request copies of all 10 work orders and detailed break downs of work done along with hours. A meeting with Qwest will be set up after the work orders and details are received.

The next meeting will be March 11, 2010