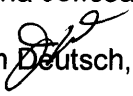


# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

## Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Kalk, Cramer and Fetch  
Darrell Nitschke  
Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco

From: Jim  Deutsch, Director - AML Division

Date: December 5, 2012

Subject: Closeout of Contract No. AM-639-12 for AML's 2012 Maintenance Project,  
Case No. AM-12-84

On June 14<sup>th</sup> the Commission entered into Contract No. AM-639-12 with Ross Smith, dba Earthworm Excavating, of Carrington, ND for sinkhole filling and other reclamation work associated with AML's 2012 Maintenance Project. This project involved filling dangerous sinkholes caused by underground mine collapse at sites near Haynes, Dickinson, Wilton and Baldwin. The original contract amount was \$59,989.50.

Work began on October 30<sup>th</sup> and was completed November 27<sup>th</sup>. Project Manager Bill Dodd and construction inspector Thomas Vigesaa supervised the sinkhole filling and some erosion stabilization work was also conducted at the Buechler/Velva site under Mark Knell's supervision. A change order was issued for some additional dozer hours and the rock rip-rap that was placed for erosion control. This change order increased the contract amount by about 3%. As noted above, the original contract price was \$59,989.50, but the total costs went up to \$61,772.75. The work performed by Earthworm was satisfactory and final payment is being processed.

Attached is a motion for the December 12, 2012, Commission meeting to close Contract AM-639-12.

Attachment

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