

# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

## Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Kalk, Christmann and Fedorchak  
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From: Jim Deutsch, Director - AML Division

Date: September 18, 2013

Subject: Close-out of Contract No. AM-674-13 for construction work at the 2013 Richter AML project, Case No. AM-13-93

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Commission entered into Contract No. AM-674-13 with Baranko Brothers, Inc. of Dickinson, ND for construction services at the 2013 Richter AML project. This project involved the backfilling of about 2,000 feet of highwalls and mine pits at an abandoned surface mine in northeast of Glen Ullin in Morton County. Baranko was required to backfill and reclaim approximately 45 acres at this abandoned mine. Approximately 130,000 cubic yds. of spoil material was to be moved during the reclamation process. The original contract amount was \$264,910.

Work on the project began on July 10<sup>th</sup> and was completed August 13<sup>th</sup>. Project Manager Mark Knell and construction inspector Ray Kelsch supervised the project work and determined that all conditions of the contract were completed. The contracted work was completed for a total cost of \$261,682.50, slightly less than the original contract amount. Final payment has also been made to Baranko Brothers.

Attached is a motion for the September 25, 2013, Commission meeting to close Contract AM-674-13.

Attachment

Minedata/AML/2013/Richter/Contract\_closeout\_memo\_9-18-13