


PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

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From:  Jim Deutsch, Director - AML Division

Date: October 26, 2016

Subject: Close out Contract No. AM-770-16 for the 2016 Bowman Foxhole AML Project, Case No. AM-16-26

On August 17, 2016 the Commission entered into a contract with Martin Construction, Inc. of Dickinson for reclaiming an abandoned surface mine about seven miles north of Bowman. This project involved the elimination of nearly 1100 feet of highwalls at the mine in Slope and Bowman Counties. There were two mine pits at the site separated by a county road that runs on the county line. About 40,000 cubic yards of spoil material was used to backfill the highwalls and 10 acres were reclaimed at the site. The reclamation work has been completed and the contract can now be closed.

Earthwork at the Bowman Foxhole site started on September 19th and was completed October 4th. Fertilizing, tilling, and mulching was completed on October 10th. Project manager Jordan Burns and seasonal inspector Alan Erickson inspected the work throughout the project. Jordan determined that all the work and conditions of the contract were satisfactorily completed by Martin Construction.

The original contract with Martin Construction was in the amount of \$89,300. The contracted work was completed for a total cost of \$90,447.15, or \$1,147.15 more than the original contract amount. A change order was issued for a net increase of \$1,147.15. The change order increased the amount paid for earthwork by \$4,013.75 and decreased the amount paid for topsoil salvage, seeding, and straw wattles collectively by \$2,866.60. The contractor certified that all employees, subcontractors and suppliers used for this project have been paid. The final invoice was submitted and paid.

All work under the contract with Martin Construction was satisfactorily completed and the AML Division recommends the contract be closed. Attached is a motion for the November 2nd Commission meeting.

Attachment

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