

## **LEWIS & CLARK AWARDS RESERVOIR CONTRACT**

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**Tea, SD** – Lewis & Clark Regional Water System’s Board of Directors yesterday awarded a \$2,961,700 contract to Preload of Louisville, KY for a four million gallon above ground storage reservoir that will be located six miles southwest of Luverne – project officials refer to it as the “Rock County Reservoir”. The substantial completion deadline is March 2018. “The low bid was more than \$300,000 less than originally budgeted, which was great news. We continue to enjoy the benefits of a very favorable bidding environment,” said Executive Director Troy Larson.

### **Update on Construction Contracts:**

Thanks in large part to the combined \$49.7 million in “federal funding advances” approved by Minnesota and South Dakota, in the last two years the Lewis & Clark Board has awarded ten construction projects totaling \$45.65 million. This does not include engineering, easement acquisition, legal or administrative expenses related to construction.

Since construction began on the project in 2004, a total of \$342,370,005 in construction projects have been awarded. The project is currently 67% complete and is estimated to reach 72% complete by the end of 2017. Thirteen of the Lewis & Clark’s twenty members are currently connected to the System. “That may sound like we are getting close to the end, but we still need close to \$200 million in federal funding in order to complete the system so we have a long way to go,” said Larson.

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