

LAST TWO CONTRACTS AWARDED for WORTHINGTON CONNECTION

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Tea, SD – Yesterday the Lewis & Clark Board of Directors awarded the last two construction contracts needed to connect Worthington by the end of 2018. One contract also includes the last piece of infrastructure needed for a third and final connection for Minnehaha Community Water Corporation (MCWC).

Nobles County Reservoir:

A \$2,630,000 contract was awarded to Preload of Louisville, KY for the Nobles County reservoir. This two million gallon reservoir will be located four miles west of Worthington. The substantial completion deadline is October 2018.

Worthington and MCWC-East Meter Buildings:

A contract was awarded to KHC Construction of Marshall, MN for two meter buildings – at Worthington and for the MCWC-East service line currently being constructed along Six Mile Road southeast of Sioux Falls. The MCWC meter building will provide the rural water system with its third and final connection to L&C. The contract also includes a pump station for Worthington, which is not part of the L&C system so Worthington Public Utilities will pay all the construction and engineering expenses related to the pump station. L&C's cost for the two meter buildings is \$1,698,800. The substantial completion deadline is October 2018.

On a related note, construction started earlier this month on the 15 mile segment of pipeline between Adrian and Worthington. The attached photo shows a crew boring under the highway one mile south of Rushmore. Pipe installation will begin in September and the substantial completion deadline is November 2018.

“Worthington has needed more water for over 100 years. The community joined Lewis & Clark in 1990. After many years of worrying about low water levels in their wells, the finish line is in sight. Barring any unexpected delays with construction, Lewis & Clark water will finally be flowing to Worthington by the end of 2018. Congratulations to past and present community leaders who worked long and hard to help make this happen!” said Executive Director Troy Larson. **Worthington has reserved capacity from L&C of just over 1.9 million gallons a day.**

The timeline for these contracts was made possible by the State of Minnesota approving \$44.5 million in federal funding advances. “We cannot thank enough Governor Mark Dayton and the Legislature, particularly State Senator Bill Weber, State Representative Rod Hamilton, and State Representative Joe Schomacker, for their strong support and leadership,” said Larson.

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