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Here we are into the early days of November. This last Sunday we set our clocks back to Central Standard Time. Most of our projects are wrapped up or into the final stages completion. Two projects that are requiring the most attention and effort are the urban floodwall, pump station and municipal work in Lisbon, North Dakota. This project required complex coordination between many facets of construction; from underground utilities, grading, concrete flatwork, asphalt street paving along with the floodwall and pump station. As the project approaches its' last stages of construction all of these facets of the contract overlap or happen in concert. It's a very difficult task to schedule and coordinate. We can see the finish line and soon the pressure valve will be released.

Down in Brule County, South Dakota on the Lower Brule Reservation, our bridge and approach panels are long done. The quality of work is good. However, unlike the coordination and scheduling challenges of the Lisbon project, our subcontractor needs to prioritize this responsibility with their workforce and equipment to finish up the roadway at Lower Brule. There is much left to complete with the grading subcontractor.

Out in western North Dakota, we have opened up three bridge projects. In Dunn County near Manning, Derek and his crew are ready for delivery of their single span prefab structure. Up in Bottineau County, Jeff and his crew are preparing the sites and substructures for early spring delivery of two prefab structures.

Out west near Watford City, North Dakota, Adolf and his crew are working on temporary bridge structures for a water supply project in the oil fields.

Starting with the November bid lettings all the way through the April bid lettings we will submit many bids as we build our inventory of projects for the 2019 construction season. Along with the competitive bidding process, we will also be negotiating heavy foundation contracts. This is an ongoing process that repeats itself over and over, much like Bill Murray in the movie, Groundhog Day.

These last few weeks Laurie has been interviewing candidates for her position of Office Manager upon her retirement. This week we hired Jennifer Bellinger to join our administrative team. I want to express my gratitude to Laurie for her decades and decades of employment with our family company. I also am extremely thankful that Laurie will be transferring her vast knowledge to Jennifer. Laurie's expertise touches so many critical areas of responsibilities. Over the next handful of months, Laurie will mentor Jennifer and position her to excel and flourish with us at Swingen Construction Company. Thank you, Laurie, for these forty plus years we have spent together; and thank you for agreeing to stay on and help us with this critical transition period.

This is the last newsletter of the 2018 construction season. It was a season of challenges, frustrations, disappointments and successes alike! Once again we leave behind high quality structures that generations will enjoy and benefit from. Thank you all for choosing to employ with us. We are very appreciative of your skills, dedication and loyalty!

Have a great week and holidays ahead.



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