

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE # 15

Spring 2015 will go down in the record book for being one of the wettest on record and the rain definitely had an impact on several of the construction projects throughout the school district. The rainy weather put some of our projects on hold due to standing water and the start of others were delayed until the conditions improved; needless to say the summer has brought drier weather and the contractors and subcontractors are working hard to catch up on some of the projects.

Work on the FEMA Dome at the high school started in October 2014. Since that time the stem-wall (outer ring wall) has been erected and the roofing membrane (dome shell) was inflated. It took about 30-minutes to inflate the dome; currently the contractors are working on applying rebar and shotcrete to the inside surface of the dome. This is a time consuming process of applying layers of shotcrete at a time along with rebar reinforcement starting at the bottom and working to the top. This stage is projected to be complete in the middle of August. Once work on the dome is finished the next phase of the project will be to lay the concrete floor and start on interior finishing. Around the outside of the structure, the concrete driveways and sidewalks are currently being put in to allow emergency vehicle access to the dome from all sides. The completion date of this project, barring any more bad weather, is anticipated to be January 2016 and should be ready for softball and baseball seasons. BARCOM Inc. is the general contractor on this project.



The next project is the middle school tennis court demolition and reconstruction project. This project was due to structural failure of the concrete surface to the previously built courts which lead to the courts being unusable. The first phase of this project was demolition of the existing concrete surface which has been completed; however, the wet spring has delayed this project by over 40+ days. The next phase of the project is forensic testing of the existing foundation (concrete beams and piers) to ensure the structural integrity. Based on the results of the testing, we could be able to reuse the foundation which expedites the time frame of the project and would also be a cost saving to the district. Once the foundation is cleared, the next step will be fine grading and pouring a new concrete playing surface. KJM is the general contractor on this project; the tentative completion date is scheduled for October 2015 (again depending on the weather).



Work also started in spring 2015 on the Intermediate Classroom Addition and FEMA Dome project. This project calls for 16 new classrooms, a 12,000 sf FEMA dome that will serve as multi-purpose space/gymnasium and a new student drop off/pick up and parent parking lot in front of the school. Again, the weather has had a significant impact on delaying this project. For the past several months site work and dirt work has been on-going along with drilling of piers. The drilling of piers for the classroom addition is 100% complete; 179 piers were drilled. Currently, work is being done on the 88 piers for the FEMA dome and the contractor has started trenching for the grade beam for the foundation. The next phase of this project is site utilities with working beginning on sewer, water and storm water lines. Completion of the classroom phase is scheduled for June 1, 2016. Also, part of this project is the work being done to the front two parking lots. Demolition of the existing parking lots is

complete along with grading and lime stabilization of the base. Work has started on the curbing and gutter with concrete to start being poured next week. Once the curbing and guttering is done, the next phase will be laying the asphalt surface; again weather permitting, the parking lot renovations should be complete by August 21st.



Perhaps the most awaited project is the new ag-facility at the high school. Due to platting and city permitting issues this project did not start until June 2015. The general contractor is Journeyman. This project calls for a 17,316 sf facility that will house 6 - 10'x10' steer pens, 92- 6'x10' pig and sheep/goat pens, 10 - 8'x5' poultry pens and 10 - 3'x30" rabbit pens. Site work and utility work has begun on this project. The official groundbreaking ceremony has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm. Completion of this project is scheduled for May 2016.

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As you can tell, we have been very busy this past summer and especially since the weather is cooperating work is progressing at a steady pace. Hopefully, all of our projects will be completed during the 2015-2016 school year and we will begin the transition process of moving into these facilities. The completion of the ag-facility and Intermediate School classroom addition concludes the 2011 bond that was approved for 36 million dollars. The FEMA domes and tennis courts projects are funded from other sources.

Feel free to contact my office with any questions and concerns you might have regarding any of these projects at (361) 903-6422.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robyn S..." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Assistant Superintendent for School Operation Services