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Subject: Call from Dan Muhlbauer - tile discharge to well, construction progress report
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Contacts: Dan Muhlbauer
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PRINTED TO FILE: Muhlbauer 27 (North) - #66276
Muhlbauer 34 (Middle) - #63239
Muhlbauer 33 (South) - #66277

Paraphrased telephone conversation:

Dan Muhlbauer: I got a bunch of information from you and I talked to Allen Foster. Friday or Saturday we'll take out that tile to the well. It didn't work anyway. That area used to be real wet. Now that we started using the well to water cattle, I think the well drained the whole area. The tile never ran. The well is only used to water cattle, but it doesn't keep up. We have a tank at the feedlot to store water for peak demand periods. We had a 3/4 inch line running into the tank and the 2 wells couldn't keep up. We're looking for more water. We're thinking of going of going deeper. Both of the wells are only like 25 feet deep.

Dan Olson: Generally, private wells are regulated through the county. If you are going to drill a new well or modify the existing wells, make sure you get the proper permits.

Dan Muhlbauer: I think our well guy usually handles it.

Dan Olson: He can probably help, but you'll want to make sure the permits are obtained.

Dan Muhlbauer: Did you look at David's?

Dan Olson: Yes.

Dan Muhlbauer: We will start building the infiltration area there Friday or Saturday. The 6 inch tile at the middle lot is plugged on the north end (has been for months) but we need to keep the infiltration area dry to finish grading so we don't cause too much compaction [which would impair its performance after construction]. The east end will be plugged when the final grading is done. We may put inlets in at the north feedlot this weekend, too. We divided the solids settling basin into 3 sections there. We're thinking of putting in a grass filter strip and not using the gated pipe since we will have 3 outlets instead of only 1.

Dan Olson: Talk to Shawn Shouse about how to distribute the settled effluent to avoid trenching.

Dan Muhlbauer: The "headhunters" were down again last night walking the creek. They were walking along there where their cattle can get right in the creek, but they were looking my way. I farm Gene's ground so I try to get along with him. The other day, he asked us to push up a manure pile for him with one of our payloaders because his tractor wouldn't do it. He wanted us to wash it up so it wasn't "diseased" when we came down. His cattle are the ones with coccidiosis. He ate dinner with us a couple nights ago and I told him I can only go so far. He wasn't happy when he left.