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March 29, 2005

Hon. Doug Formon, Mayor
City of Jonesboro
515 W. Washington
Jonesboro, AR 72401

RE: Viney Slough ditch (Ditch 26)

Dear Mayor:

This concerns the necessity for Poinsett Watershed District to file condemnation against G. Dwayne Winters, who owns a tract of land in the last four miles of the undertaking by this district and the Federal Government through Natural Resources, to dramatically widen and improve the ditch, offering considerable drainage impact to the South and West portions of the City of Jonesboro.

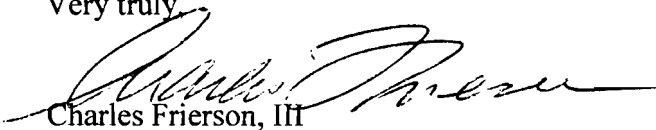
The arrangement between this district and the Federal funding is that this district is responsible only for right-of-way acquisition and for the necessary rebuilding of bridges, which did occur in Poinsett County, and I think one in Craighead County. All of the other funds are provided through Natural Resources. We have been negotiating with Mr. Winters for quite some time. Mayor Brodell, Larry Johnson and Ken Ziegler with N.R.C.S., talked to him more than once, as I have, trying to get him to agree to allow us to complete this project. All other property owners along this 4-mile stretch, and along the 18 miles of ditch below that, have signed without cost, easements.

We were unable to get Mr. Winters to agree, and therefore this past week, I filed a condemnation action on behalf of Poinsett Watershed District in the Circuit Court of Craighead County. We were able to get an Order allowing us to proceed, based on depositing with the Clerk of the Court an amount equal to the appraisal performed by the three Craighead County appraisers, which had earlier been appointed by the Circuit Judge. That appraisal used a total allowance of \$ 20,475. I have not yet received a bill for the appraisers services, but we had another \$100 filing fee with the Circuit Clerk.

At this time therefore, I am asking that you and the City review this and support this necessary condemnation by reimbursing Poinsett Watershed District in the amount of \$ 20,575. There is no doubt that these 4 miles were absolutely necessary in order to provide proper drainage to the inhabitants of Jonesboro. This district is a small watershed district, and while it provided a great deal of relief in the lower portion of this ditch to its taxpayers, this upper four-mile stretch is really primarily and principally for the benefit of the City. In fact this four-mile stretch was added to the original plan only at the request and assistance of City officials at the time, and was not in the original plan of N.R.C.S. or the watershed district.

If you have any questions at all please let me know.

Very truly,



Charles Frierson, III

POINSETT WATERSHED DISTRICT

STATEMENT

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Cost of condemnation action on Viney Slough Ditch (Ditch 26) against landowner G. Dwayne Winters, based on appraisal of three citizens of Craighead County appointed by the Circuit Judge, whose appraisal reflected the amount of \$ 20, 475, plus \$100 for filing fee at the Circuit Clerks office.

TOTAL	\$ 20, 575
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(Remittance should be made to Poinsett Watershed District, c/o Charles Frierson, III, P.O. Box 8007, Jonesboro, AR 72403, to which district supplied the initial funds in order to proceed with this condemnation.)