

Piney Drainage District
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I am Jim Carroll, III. I am here today on behalf of the Piney Drainage District, which is located in Monroe County and Lee County, Arkansas. In March of this year, I came before this group to request and solicit your support for the Corps of Engineers to make all investigations and reports which may be required to determine the feasibility and economic justification of a project to alleviate flooding in the Piney Drainage District.

Since appearing before this group in March, Piney Drainage District, Monroe County and the State of Arkansas through the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission are all moving forward with early action items that were identified in a preliminary engineering study. Piney Drainage District adopted a maintenance assessment on the lands within its district which will be benefitted by the project. Funds have begun to be received by the District from payment of the assessment with the payment of county taxes.

Piney Drainage District and Monroe County have secured two state grants and loans from the state in order to initiate some early action improvements to provide a small measure of protection until a Corps project can be implemented.

The Arkansas Game & Fish Commission's clearing around Lake Greenlee has restored some of the flow capacity of Piney Creek contiguous to Lake Greenlee and the diversion channel around the lake.

The Drainage District has awarded a contract for clearing and debris removal for a small portion of the Piney Creek Channel in Brinkley, with work to begin in the near future.

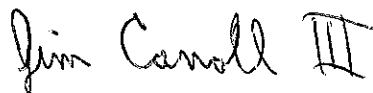
Design and contract documents prepared by the engineer have been completed for replacement of an inadequate culvert that currently restricts flood flows in the diversion channel around Lake Greenlee.

At the end of this week a Committee of Monroe County will review responses to a request for proposals for an engineering firm to provide design and construction services in removing vegetation and blockages in a three mile segment of Piney Creek.

We still need your help. The work being done is in a very limited area of the drainage district. While the early action items are expected to provide some relief from possible flooding, the entire drainage district needs study and planning to fully address and alleviate flooding. Much of what needs to be accomplished can be done with little or no environmental changes or damages. We need to study and analyze the full length of the Drainage District so that solving one problem doesn't create another for someone else. Our plans remain to accomplish our work by staying within the original 1930's channel and utilizing existing spoil banks.

Please remember, Noah didn't wait till it rained to start building the Ark. We respectfully request your assistance in working toward a solution for flooding in our area before we face significant loss to homes and property or damage to crops and lands needed to feed our nation and world. In the March meeting, General Weir mentioned our area is a bread basket for the world. I may be a bit prejudiced, but I believe American Farmers are the world's best at what we do. We need your help to protect and preserve our ability to feed our world, and to protect our homes.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Carroll III". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jim Carroll, III
Chairman