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**Water Committee  
MINUTES  
July 27, 2016  
9:30 A.M.**

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**Committee Members Present:** Pete Frisina, Chairman  
Vice Chairman Chip Conner  
Charles W. Oddo, Board of Commissioners Chairman  
Jimmy Preau  
Lee Pope, Water System Director  
Steve Rapson, County Administrator

**Committee Non-Voting Members:** Michael Diaz, CH2M Hill  
Dennis Davenport, County Attorney

**Guests:** Dean Breest  
Tony Parrott

**Other Staff:** Russell Ray, Water System  
Phil Mallon, Fayette County  
Carlos Christian, Fayette County  
Lisa Speegle, Water Committee Clerk

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**1. HOPEFUL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH VISIT AT 9:30 A.M.**

The Water Committee met at Hopeful Primitive Baptist Church. Mr. Dean Breest began his presentation at 9:15 a.m. He discussed the many changes that had been made to the Hopeful Primitive Baptist Church, the many volunteers and donations. He said the Kiwanis Club kick-started the Hopeful project. Many individuals volunteered and local companies donated gifts in kind. He asked for consideration for this same type of project to be approved for Starr's Mill. He suggested a ten year renewable contract to be administered by the Kiwanis Club. The purpose would be to promote the arts in Fayette County.

Mr. Breest explained the first floor would be used for a gallery and a tourist welcome desk. Art work would be hung from wires and folding chairs would be set up for meetings, classes and lectures. No tax payer money would be used; they would follow the Hopeful example with the Kiwanis Club taking a key role in the administration. Art groups and artists would work with Kiwanis and volunteer to enhance Starr's Mill.

Paperwork would be filled out for the U.S. Department of Interior for national historic site recognition. Landscaping of the site is planned which would include cleaning up the over growth in front of the Mill on the Highway 85 side where there is 1,200 feet of county owned road frontage. Funds would be raised to install ADA compliant blue slate chip parking and paths. This building was built in 1907 and every effort will be made to be historically accurate. A Starr's Mill web site will be developed and a social media link will be maintained. LED lighting will be installed outside to enhance the

**building and provide security. A large national park type sign will be installed. All this will be made possible by volunteers working, gifts in kind and donations. The Kiwanis Club would like to have a long term agreement.**

**Mr. Breest explained there are certain constraints such as the electrical, heating and air and restrooms that need to be addressed. He would gather all the information and funnel it through one source with the County. Work would only be done as funds are available. As the work becomes more visible more funds would come in. He compared this to the Hopeful situation, which has worked well. He commented the site would be rustic.**

**Mr. Rapson suggested the Water Committee send any questions to him and he would communicate with Mr. Breest. Mr. Breest agreed to communicate with Mr. Rapson as questions arise.**

**Mr. Breest closed by saying people want to see progress; then they are willing to donate. The Kiwanis Club helped kick start the Hopeful project. Everything to date is paid for and was donated.**

**After Mr. Breest's presentation, the Water Committee members toured the grounds of the Hopeful Primitive Baptist Church site and the tour was completed at 9:50 a.m.**

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**Peter A. Frisina**

**The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 10th day of August, 2016.**

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**Lisa Speegle  
Water Committee Clerk**