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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$2,167,000 TO CITY OF FAYETTE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING WATER SYSTEM

On August 16, 2007, USDA Rural Development presented the City of Fayette with a mock check for \$2,167,000 to improve storage facilities and add capacity to the existing water system. These funds are provided through a \$1,867,000 loan and \$300,000 grant from Rural Development.

Rural Development funds will be used to improve storage facilities and capacity to the existing system that will increase pressures and flow.

The distribution system will consist of replacing the water mains at Besgrove, North Church, and Park Road. The services pumps at the water treatment plant will be upgraded. This will greatly enhance the services provided to the rural population of 2,808 in the City of Fayette, Missouri.

Congressman Sam Graves stated “These dollars are important to Fayette and Missouri. Not only are they vital to creating the conditions for economic growth, but they also help better Missouri communities. I am grateful for the work of the USDA staff and I look forward to continuing our work on behalf of Missourians.”

“It is great to be a partner in a project that will allow for a dependable, safe drinking water supply for the residents of Fayette. The local leadership and the USDA, Rural Development staff are to be commended for their dedication and hard work to make this project a reality”, said Senator Kit Bond.



Back row, left to right - Robin Overstreet, Administrator/Clerk City of Fayette; Ken Woods, President MECO Engineering; Larry Peery, Chair Water/Sewer Ad Hoc Committee; Mike Diamond, Southwest Ward Alderman; Jan Addison, Northwest Ward Alderwoman; Gwen Wilder, East Ward Alderwoman

Front row - Greg Branum, Rural Development State Director; Congressman Sam Graves, Missouri Sixth District; William Fisher, Mayor

“This kind of assistance mirrors USDA Rural Development’s mission and President Bush’s initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities,” said Greg Branum, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development. “Appreciation is extended to our federal elected officials for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missouri.”

USDA Rural Development’s mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to financed and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on Rural Development programs is available by visiting USDA’s web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or by contacting Leann McClanahan at the Kirksville USDA Service Center at 2410 South Franklin, Kirksville, MO 63501 or by calling 660-665-3274 ext 4.

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