

## Swain and FNB with Huntsville Utility District from beginning

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The Huntsville Utility District of Scott County, Tennessee, began its operations quietly and efficiently with a meeting in Huntsville on May 4, 1957. W. H. Swain, James T. Baker, and D. B. Walker, who were the first Water Commissioners certified by the County Court for Scott County, attended this meeting, and constituted the first Board of Commissioners. W. H. Swain was elected President and James T. Baker was selected Secretary of the Board. These first volunteers were dedicated to the goal of providing clean and safe water to so much of the community as economically feasible. Their vision and efforts began to take shape immediately.

HUD initially purchased water from Oneida beginning in the early 1960s, but following water shortages in 1980-81, the Commissioners undertook to develop an independent water source for the District. HUD established a 30-acre water supply reservoir at Flat Creek in Huntsville and began supplying water to its customers from this reservoir in 1986. In 1999, plans were undertaken to expand this reservoir from the original 30 acres to 210 acres, and this enlargement was accomplished in the summer of 2002.

The Huntsville Utility District currently serves approximately 4,400 customers or approximately one-half of the citizens and residents of Scott County. The goal of the first Commissioners to provide the community with a safe, clean, and dependable water supply has been fulfilled, and improvements are continuing to this day. Management and the current Board of Commissioners take pride in the accomplishments of the District and recognize the invaluable contributions of the many individuals who gave generously of their time and talents as employees, commissioners, and supporters.



Figure 1- Larry Crowley - Huntsville  
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