



Newsletter

September 2017

Interested in Serving on the Board?

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51 East Water has two open board positions coming up for election at our next annual meeting currently scheduled for November 14, 2017. One position will be a four-year term, and one will be a three-year term. This is an excellent opportunity to help serve your community and ensure your family and friends have a safe and reliable water system for years to come.

Our board of directors meets monthly on the Thursday nearest the 15th of each month at 2:00pm for approximately one and a half hours. Dates and times are subject to change by vote of the board.

The duties of a board member include:

1. Meet the needs of our members
2. Set policies and procedures that will guide the company's board and personnel.
3. Establish goals for the company that will ensure its long-term integrity
4. Review and adjust water rates as necessary to ensure long-range goals can be met and that the system can be properly operated and maintained.
5. Ensure company funds are spent responsibly.
6. Attend monthly meetings and actively serve on special committees.
7. Attend board member training as required by Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Currently six hours of training is required during the first 12 months, and six hours every three years.

Our water system is an extremely important utility in our community and serving on the board carries with it the responsibility to be prepared, to participate, and to conduct the business of the company. Serving on the board can also be a great way to gain insight on how the system is run.

If you are a Member* of the Corporation and are interested in serving on the board, contact our offices at 405-372-1151.

*Directors must be Members of the Corporation. Tenants or renters are not eligible.

Good News

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A line extension has been completed on Wildwood Acres drive allowing us to begin providing safe and clean water to new members who had lost their previous source of water. Additional line extensions and upgrades are in the works across the system so that we may continue to improve the service provided to our members.

Less Good News

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The costs of materials required to maintain the system and the cost to purchase water have steadily increased over the past several years. After an in-depth and comprehensive review of our current rates and fee structures, the Board of Directors has determined that, in order to maintain a high level of service and to help ensure that all members have a safe and reliable water supply, an adjustment is needed to maintain the financial health of the Corporation. The rate will increase by \$2 per thousand gallons. The new rate will be reflected on the water bills due Nov 15, 2017. As always, the Board's goal is to provide safe and reliable water to all of our members.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Public Water Systems routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. One of our suppliers recently violated drinking water standards that affected one of the six master meters we purchase water through. Although this is not a violation on our part, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, and what we have done to correct this situation.

LONE CHIMNEY WATER ASSOCIATION HAS LEVELS OF HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) ABOVE DRINKING WATER STANDARDS

Lone Chimney Water Association (LCWA) has notified us that testing results they received for **July 2017** through **June 2017** (sic) show that their system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for haloacetic acids (HAA5). The level of HAA5 is determined by averaging all samples collected at each sampling location over the past 12 months. The standard or MCL for HAA5 is 0.060 mg/L. The level of HAA5 at Lone Chimney Water Association's locations was **0.062 mg/L**.

How does this affect my water?

51 East Water purchased on average 8,000 gallons from the affected master meter out of the 4 million gallons total we purchase monthly from all sources. This LCWA master meter only functioned as a supplemental source of water during periods of peak demand. When water pressure dropped below a certain point during periods of high demand, this meter would supplement the supply of water. This means that all water delivered through this master meter was combined with water from other sources. The primary source of water in the area supplemented by the affected master meter is from the City of Stillwater, which is not in violation of HAA5 levels. We purchase on average 2.1 million gallons of water per month through the Stillwater connection that serves the area supplemented by the affected LCWA master meter.

Where is the affected master meter?

The affected LCWA master meter is located near the intersection of E 6th and West Point Rd.

What has 51 East Water done to correct the situation for its customers?

This master meter only functioned as a supplemental source of water during periods of peak demand, but is not a required source of water for our system to function safely and reliably. **51 East Water has closed this connection, and no longer purchases water from this master meter.** 51 East Water will monitor the situation, and will inform you of any future developments that may impact our customers.

As always, we are committed to provide the safest water possible to our customers. For further information, please contact our offices at 405-372-1151.

A copy of the notice and corrective action taken by Lone Chimney Water Association is attached for your review.

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