

Let Compton water directors do their job

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to the person or persons who have mailed postcards to the members of the Compton Water Association encouraging us to fire our current board of directors. It is true that we pay a high water bill. Our average bills are higher than several neighboring water associations. The reason for this is debt. Compton is in debt to USDA Rural Development and the State of Arkansas. Past projects include multiple well pump replacements and at least three water line extension projects. Our monthly bill is structured to pay back the debt, pay expenses, and set aside a portion for future maintenance. The reason our current board may not have limited their terms is many of the members have either served on the board before, as have I, or are related to someone who is or was on the board. It is unfortunate that so many rumors and gossip have made it improbable for the current board to effectively do their job. If more members drill a well, which costs at least \$10,000.00, then everyone's bills will increase to make up the difference. Our water starts at Beaver Lake with the Carroll-Boone Water District, is purchased by the City of Harrison, is purchased again by Southwest Boone Water Association, and finally is purchased by Compton. Our bill increases come to us in that order. Compton does not have any control over how much it charges, due to USDA regulations, or how much it is charged for wholesale water. Leave the board alone. Please let them do their job. Stirring the pot only makes life more difficult for the members of the association.

Sincerely,
Robert Cline
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