



Central Washington County Water Supply Corporation

CENTRAL WASHINGTON COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION - TIMELINE

1988 – Central Washington County Water Supply Corporation was incorporated on March 4th by a group of local individuals for the purpose of furnishing clean water for both general farm use and domestic purposes to individuals residing in the county. The water supply corporation's jurisdiction would be approximately 100 square miles of central Washington County.

The original directors leading the corporation were Lois Albright, David Hohlt, Laura Jurries, Rueben Kelm and Calvin Lehde.

1989 - Washington County Commissioners Court authorized CWCWSC to install water lines within the right-of-way and under county maintained roads in the area.

1991 - Phase 1 construction began on the Berlin Plant. Right-of-way easements could then be obtained and filed by potential members to start receiving water from the corporation.

CWCWSC first field operators responsible for maintaining the system were Lloyd Haevischer and George Wied.

1994 - Phase 2 construction began on the Longpoint Plant in July. Membership grew and a third well was installed on Hoddeville School Road.

1995 -The completion of Phase 2 allowed water service to be provided to a larger area of rural Washington County beginning in November of 1995 and the corporation grew to 411 members.

2000 - From the early 1990's to the mid 2000's many local residents worked hard to keep the corporation operating and growing. Jackie Powell (1991-2006) wore many hats including Office Manager and managing the field operators, all while she helped managed Northeast Washington County Water supply Corporation.

Mark Kettler was the System Operator from 1996 to 2002.

2001 - Troy Meyer was hired to train under Mr. Kettler to be the future System Operator.

2002 - Joe Wooley was hired as System Operator to support Mr. Meyer and Joe is still with the corporation today.

Board members included David Hohlt, president; Waldo Nienstedt, vice president; Jan Kelm, secretary/treasurer; and Earl Schwenke, David Blakey and Butch Bugaj, directors.

2003 - The board was approached by Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative about acquiring the corporation. Members had differing opinions on the subject and meetings were held in various places like Westside BBQ, owned by member Alvin Hanath. Supporters to keep the corporation private like Mr. Hanath and Mr. Bufkin even ran commercials on local radio stations. At the end of the day, a vote was held at Berlin Fire Station and members voted to keep the corporation private by a 3/1 ratio.

2004 - The water system had grown to include 615 members and it was determined that the water system had become too large to be managed with part-time employees and board members. A search began to identify a service to manage the corporation

Board members included Butch Bugaj, Steve Davis, Alvin Hanath, David Hohlt, Dana Hughes, Hal Machat, Jackie Powell and Tracey Raska.

2006 - The Corporation hired Professional General Management Services (PGMS) out of Dripping Springs, TX to manage and operate the water system. By contracting with PGMS, the corporation was able to provide stability and support for future growth. PGMS still manages the corporation today.

Board members included David Hohlt, president; Mike Redman, vice president; Jan Kelm, secretary/treasurer; and Earl Schwenke, Butch Bugaj and BJ Fisher, directors.

2013 – To increase capacity, the Longpoint Plant was expanded to include an additional standpipe and several miles of service lines at a cost slightly more than one million dollars.

Board members included Butch Bugaj, president; Steve Davis, vice president; Ella Rau, secretary/treasurer; and Tracey Raska, William Kendall, Garral Tiaden and Bill Piernot, directors.

March 4, 2018 - Central Washington County Water Supply Corporation celebrates its 30th year as a non-profit water supply corporation.

Today CWCWSC continues to grow and currently has 845 members, and as throughout its history, is looking to the future. The board recently obtained a 2.8M loan from the Texas Water Development Board to add a second well and standpipe to support the Berlin Plant location. The project is in the design and environmental study phase with O'Malley Strand Engineering. Construction is to be completed in 2019.

The current Board of Directors is committed to providing the highest quality water and service to its members.

Board meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 5:30pm at the PGMS office located at 201 S. Market St., Brenham, TX. Members and the public are invited to attend.