

Dear Sylamore Valley Water Association Member/Neighbor,

Given the efforts of Delvin Freeman, Becky Crum, Robert Hickman, Tom Crum, and the members of the Board, the Association has made some great steps during 2024 – from locating/identifying meter/valve locations (GPS) to retaining backup staffing, to buying backup components for usage during emergencies. This leadership has shown with reduction in water losses, better communications and more active with city negotiations. We have formed alliances with other water associations, whereby providing better backup during outages, etc.

Like a lot of things in our lives, sometimes what seems to be running smoothly, but just under the surface are turbulent waters. The latest challenge is with the Arkansas Rural Water Association rate study recommendations, which AR state statute requires. Without truly looking at our situation they have recommended a rate reduction, however that would put us in a situation whereby we could never pay down our current debt nor be prepared for infrastructure repairs/replacement. So, before this makes all the local news avenues and social media spins, we would request an annual membership meeting to address these issues:

1) Choose a plan of action with rate study recommendations

2) Board nominations/elections.

Please join in the meeting on April 10th,

6:00pm

Sylamore Creek Campground

214 Sylamore Creek Rd

Mountain View, AR 72560

===== PROXY =====

I authorize _____ or Tom Crum to vote on my behalf.

If you can not attend, please sign, and mail your proxy to:

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