

Deer Creek Water Corporation History

In the late 1960's the Phillips Petroleum/Sohio oilfields (West Edmond Oil Fields/West Edmond Oil and Gas Fields) began to shut down. This meant the water and natural gas being supplied to residents in the rural areas of Oklahoma/Logan/Canadian/Kingfisher Counties was coming to an end. Deer Creeks Schools faced impending closure due to the upcoming removal of the fresh water supply provided by the Phillips/Sohio system.

In 1968, a group of residents lead by Vincent Lawson met with Sohio Petroleum and agreed to take over the existing water system to continue providing water to Deer Creek Schools and residents in the affected area. All existing water lines were donated to the Deer Creek Water group and a natural gas engine was loaned to them so they could continue pumping water into the system until another pump could be obtained. Volunteer community members maintained the water system and continued supplying water to the Deer Creek School and rural residents.

Deer Creek Water Corporation (a non-profit rural water corporation) was formally incorporated on December 11, 1970.

The system worked with Farmer's Home Administration and on June 16, 1972, received their first loan in the amount of \$438,200.00, enabling them to develop two new wells and replace the steel water mains with PVC pipe.

We have diligently worked to improve and grow the Deer Creek Water Corporation system and continue to work with Rural Development (Farmer's Home Administration) with loan funds for several of these projects. We currently have 18 production wells on-line, three storage towers and well over 150 miles of water lines in four counties. Future plans include additional test wells and several main line projects to improve and protect the water service to all of our existing and future customers.