



Board Meeting Notes

The BTU Board of Directors met on Monday, May 13, 2013 and discussed the following topics:

Financial

Joe Hegwood, Chief Financial Officer, City of Bryan/BTU, presented the March financial report. Mr. Hegwood also presented several items costing over \$100,000 to the Board that included the following:

- Team Solutions bid proposal of \$142,700 for climate control system for the BTU Main Building;
- MP Technologies bid proposal of \$150,000 for an Overhead Unit Contract for Distribution Construction;
- Mesa Technical bid proposal of \$196,541 for station battery replacement for five substations; and
- Burns & McDonnell contract of \$140,000 for design of relay panels and relay settings for Greens Prairie and South Switch substations.

Gary Miller, BTU General Manager, presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 (FY14) Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) for all divisions of BTU. He explained that the budget has been reduced by \$2.5 million from last month's presentation; the budget is now a \$15.5 million increase from last year's five-year CIP plan for the City. The Rural CIP plan still reflects a \$760,000 increase. The Board reviewed the plan and voted to approve the five-year CIP.

Mr. Miller presented the proposed FY14 Operating and Maintenance (O&M) budgets for all BTU divisions. He said that the overall fiscal year 2014 budgets are 2.9% higher than the 2013 budget due to payroll, additional vegetation control, customer energy efficiency programs and for increased annual software support maintenance. The Board will have the opportunity to review the O&M budget again before considering approval.

Operations

Mr. Miller stated that Bryan City Manager Kean Register's appointment on the Texas Municipal Power Association (TMPA) Board will expire July 18, 2013. The Board voted to recommend that the Bryan City Council reappoint Mr. Register to the TMPA Board.

Mr. Miller next presented Resolution BTU-P-181 that recommends to the Bryan City Council transferring transmission assets from TMPA to member cities. He explained that with North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) compliance regulations, it is crucial that both ownership and operation be clearly defined for the affected transmission lines. The Board approved the recommendation.

Randy Trimble, BTU Group Manager, proposed releasing two partial easements on the southbound access road to State Highway 6 near the Eagle Avenue intersection. The Board voted to approve the release.

Mr. Trimble also discussed the potential purchase of a new substation site near Millican. Board Member, Ben Hardeman moved that the Board recommend to the Bryan City Council that they purchase the Millican substation site. The Board approved the recommendation.

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Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm

Board of Directors

- Mr. Carl L. Benner, Chairman
- Mr. Chris Peterson, Vice Chairman
- Mr. Paul Turney, Secretary/Treasurer
- Mr. Art Hughes, Ex-Officio
- Mr. Flynn Adcock
- Mr. David Bairrington
- Mr. Bill Ballard
- Mr. Ben Hardeman

General Manager

Gary Miller

Group Managers

- Larry Gurley
- Randy Trimble
- David Werley

Division Managers

- James Bodine
- Bill Bullock
- Shawndra Green
- Michael Hering
- Ken Lindberg
- Doug Lyles
- Vicki Reim
- Scott Smith
- James Tanneberger

Lee R. Starr, Chief Risk Officer

City of Bryan

- Kean Register, City Manager
- Joe Hegwood, CFO
- Bernie Acre, CIO

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Billing/Collections/Connects (979) 821-5700

Electrical Outage/Lines Down (979) 822-3777

Distribution/Line Design (979) 821-5770

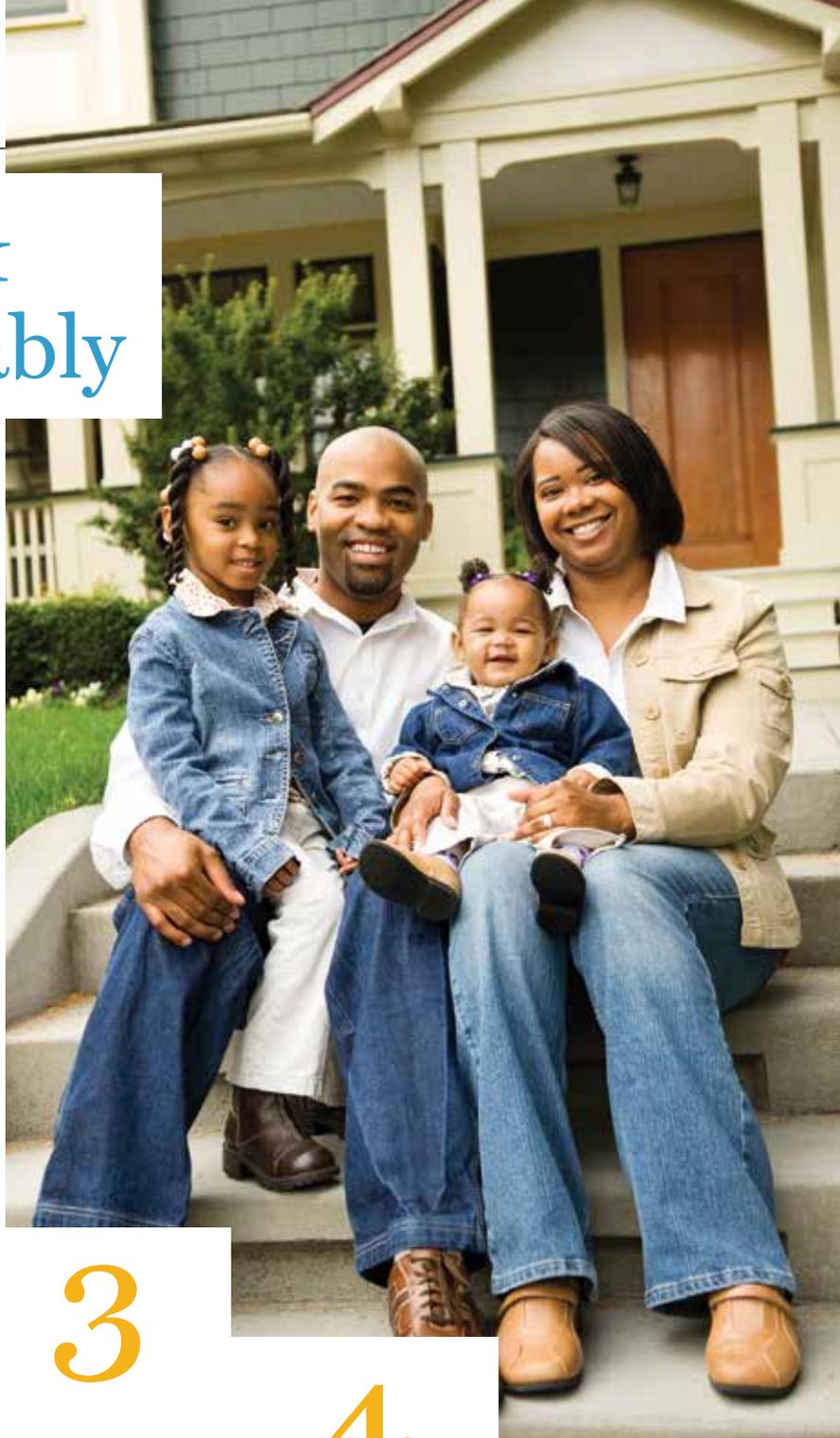


Save Money & Live Comfortably

Are you looking to improve your home? If so, you may be eligible to earn an incentive payment as part of BTU's SmartHOME program. SmartHOME is designed to give residential customers money back on qualified projects, whether you choose to do it yourself or hire a contractor. Qualified projects include

- Installing proper attic and wall insulation;
- Installing windows that are ENERGY STAR® rated; and
- Adding solar screens to your home.

Qualifying homeowners can earn their incentive payment in five easy steps.



1

Submit your SmartHOME application and photos of your current project condition BEFORE you begin work.

2

Complete your home improvement project.

3

Submit invoices and improvement specifications to BTU within 60 days of your application being approved.

4

Call BTU to schedule your post-work inspection.

5

Check your mailbox for your incentive payment within 30 days of your inspection.

The SmartHOME program is subject to qualification guidelines and the availability of funds. This program may be terminated at any time without notice.

Please visit www.btutilities.com to learn more about the SmartHOME program, see if you qualify and apply.

Save Money & Live Comfortably

1 What are solar screens?

Solar screens are the most effective window treatments that you can apply to your home. They can help you save up to 20% on your energy bills by stopping the heat transfer through your windows and doors—lowering the inside temperature by as much as 10-15 degrees—while protecting your furniture, drapes, rugs and carpet from fading while maintaining your view.

You can determine if installing solar screens can make an improvement in your home by understanding the answer to five questions.

Solar Screens are exterior full-length screens that cover the entire glass of your windows and doors. They are typically fixed panels of dense mesh that are installed in place of traditional insect screens. The right solar screen can improve the appearance of your home while adding extra privacy and protection against insects and pests.

Because they deflect the sun's energy, the screens help to keep your home cooler during the summer resulting in a lessened load for your air conditioner and its life being extended as well as a reduction in cooling costs.

2 How do solar screens work?

Solar Screens work in three different ways:

- *Shading Coefficiency*: the amount of shade created between the solar screen and exterior pane of glass;
- *Reflectivity*: reflecting the direct sun's rays of light off of the screen, defusing the amount of direct sun's rays; and
- *Absorption*: the heat that is absorbed and held in the screen material itself and then dispersed into the air away from the glass.



Solar Screens

3 Why are solar screens effective?

Solar Screens are made from a long-lasting outdoor fabric that is both flame and fade resistant; most popular is a long-lasting synthetic fabric made of PVC coated polyester. Manufacturers make the product with varying degrees of sun protection. Some will block 80% of the sun's harmful rays while others go up to 90% and beyond.

The screens come in a variety of colors and can be matched to almost any exterior, although many prefer to install the more traditional dark screens. Most installers can custom-fit the screens to your windows.

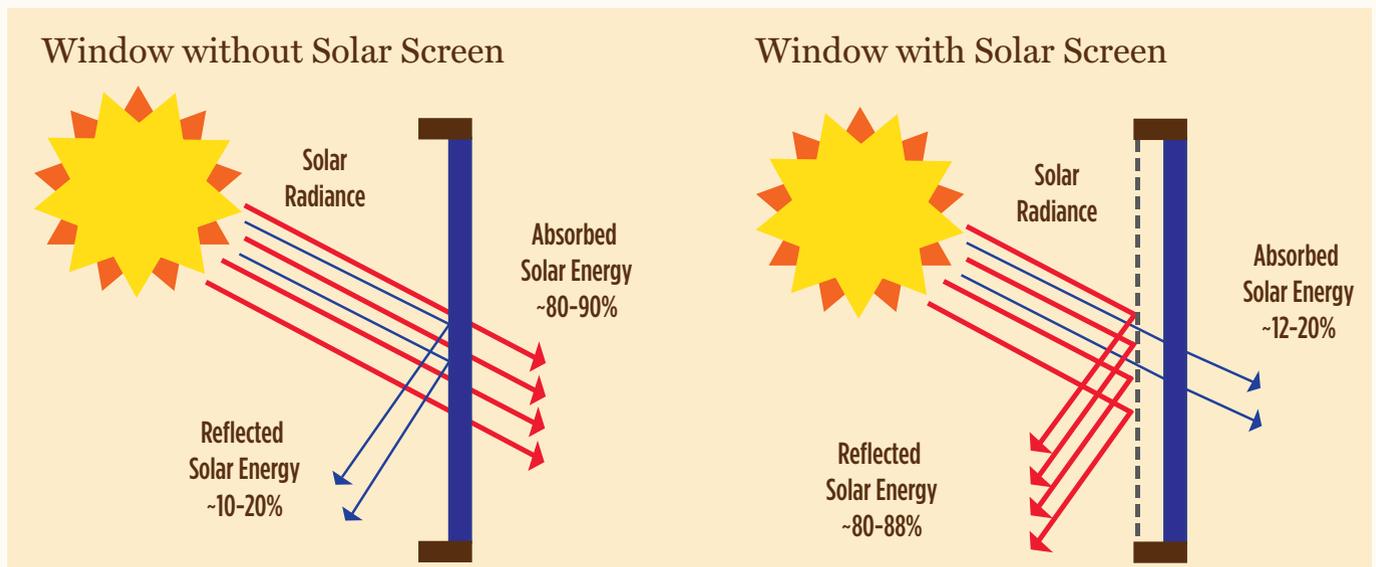
4 Why is installing solar screens important?

Installing solar screens is important for many reasons. You'll be able to keep your home cooler in the summer, extend the life of your air conditioning unit and ultimately lower your monthly utility bill. A complete set of new solar screens professionally installed on your home can pay for themselves quickly. You'll begin to reap the rewards of your investment right away.

5 How can BTU's SmartHOME program save me money?

BTU's SmartHOME program offers an incentive payment to homeowners for installing solar screens that block at least 65% of the solar heat gain on their east and west facing windows. The incentive is based on the total square feet of window area covered and ranges from 10% to 25% of the installed cost. For complete details and an application, please visit the BTU website, www.btutilities.com.

Effectiveness of Solar Screens



George Bush Presidential Library Foundation and BTU Name 2013 Public Service Scholarship Winners

Story by Keri Honea.

The George Bush Presidential Library Foundation, along with its partner, Bryan Texas Utilities (BTU), has selected the 2013 recipients of the George Bush High School Public Service Scholarship (GBHSPSS). This accolade honors former President George Bush and his commitment to service in the Bryan-College Station community.

This year's scholarship winners are St. Joseph Catholic School's Mikayla E. Barry, Chance W. Jones of James Earl Rudder High School,

Bryan Collegiate High School's Pedro A. Martinez Alvarado, Gerardo A. Ramirez of Travis B. Bryan High School and Kelly Zhou of A&M Consolidated High School.

This scholarship is awarded to high school seniors in the Bryan-College Station school districts who have both outstanding academic and community service records. The ultimate goal of the GBHSPSS is to encourage young adults to give back to their communities. Recipients of this award receive a \$3,000 scholarship for

post-high school education and their high school receives an academic grant of \$2,500.

"Every year, BTU is honored to encourage our youth to participate in community service through our partnership with the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation and this scholarship program," said Gary Miller, BTU General Manager. "We greatly enjoy assisting young people in securing the education they need to achieve their goals."

Mikayla E. Barry

Mikayla E. Barry, alumna of St. Joseph Catholic School and daughter of David and Janine Barry, is an enthusiastic participant in community service activities. She has volunteered for several summer camps, including St. Joseph's Camp BASIC and Texas A&M University's SEE Math Camp. She has also proffered her services at events hosted by the Down Syndrome Association of Brazos Valley as well as community service groups supported by her church.

Mikayla will attend Texas A&M University to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering. When asked her feelings toward receiving the GBHSPSS, she said, "I am honored to receive the GBHSPSS, given in honor of George H. W. Bush, an inspiring president and man of great character. I appreciate the investment given to my academic future, and will strive to uphold the ideals of service and leadership."



Chance W. Jones

Chance W. Jones, son of Bryan and Amber Jones, attended James Earl Rudder High School, where he was extensively involved in the school's National FFA Organization (formerly Future Farmers of America) (FFA) program. He was the Student Advisor for the FFA, Regional President for the High School Rodeo Association and a frequent volunteer for the Special Olympics Rodeo.

He graduated this past May and plans to enroll at Texas A&M University to major in Business Management. "Receiving this scholarship is a great honor," Chance said. "I am so glad a teacher saw my hard work and dedication and made the decision to nominate me for this honor and investment in both my and my community's futures."



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Pedro A. Martinez Alvarado

Pedro A. Martinez Alvarado, son of Simona Alvarado and Rosalio Martinez, was actively involved in the Keep Brazos Beautiful project. He, along with four other students, won the Miller Youth Award for their leadership while heading up a beautification project for this organization. He was also an active participant in the Bryan Collegiate High School’s political scene, serving as a student ambassador, the publicist for Hispanic Youth Promoting Education and a member of the school’s Student Council.

Pedro will attend Tarleton State University next year to pursue a degree in Architecture. He declared, “This scholarship is my gateway to bigger and better things. Thanks to this scholarship I will be able to attend college and work toward a better future—not just for myself, but for my whole family.”



Gerardo A. Ramirez

Gerardo A. Ramirez, son of Jacqueline Deluna, graduated from Bryan High School where he served on the school’s Student Council. He was an officer with the FFA for all four years, including Chapter Treasurer. During his last year of high school, he competed on the Floriculture team, where he placed in several competitions across Texas.

Gerardo plans to attend Texas A&M University in the fall where he will double major in Economics and Business. “Receiving this scholarship means everything to me, because it has made attending college more affordable,” he affirmed. “It will not only alleviate the stress on my family associated with having to pay for college, but also the stress that I have felt due to rising tuition costs. I thank everyone who was involved with making this scholarship possible, while emphasizing my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all.”



Kelly Zhou

Kelly Zhou, daughter of Yang-Yi Fan and Jie Zhou, was involved in A&M Consolidated High School’s Interact Club, a club that focused on community service projects. She was President of the association this past year, and helped organize service projects for local, national as well as international non-profit groups, including Amnesty International and Oxfam America. She was also part of her school’s Student Council and was Secretary of the school’s chapter of the Business Professionals of America.

Kelly will attend Princeton University this fall and major in Economics. “This scholarship will help tremendously with the financing of my college education this upcoming year, and I am extremely grateful for the award,” she enthused. “It feels incredibly rewarding to have been honored with this great scholarship that recognizes academic pursuits and dedication to service.”

