



Board Meeting Notes

The BTU Board of Directors met on Monday, August 12, 2013 and discussed the following topics:

Financial

Joe Hegwood, Chief Financial Officer, City of Bryan/BTU, presented the financial report. Net revenues for the City system are higher than budgeted due to both lower transmission service costs and lower departmental operations and maintenance expenses. Milder than typical weather during the first half of the fiscal year has produced lower base revenues, which have partially offset the overall net revenues for the City. Net revenues for the Rural system are higher than budgeted due to lower operations and maintenance expenditures and lower interest costs. The City Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is below budget due to the timing of spending on transmission projects that will be pushed into fiscal year 2014. The Rural CIP is now under budget due to the timing of spending on distribution substations.

The Board also reviewed and approved a contract awarded to Osmose Utilities Service, Inc. for transmission wood pole groundline inspection and treatment.

Operations

Mr. Hegwood next presented a one-year extension contract with Payment Processing Incorporated for merchant card services and electronic check processing. He explained that BTU currently receives roughly 32% of all bill payment transactions via credit card and 6% via e-check. The Board approved authorizing the extended contract.

David Werley, Group Manager of Business and Customer Operations, presented an overview of how the separate regulatory charge will be implemented during the October billing period. He explained that giving the customers more details on this charge will help them understand why BTU must collect these charges through utility bills for the governmental regulation costs.

Randy Trimble, Group Manager of Transmission and Distribution, announced that BTU has energized the Koppe Bridge substation. Completing and energizing Phases I and II of the South Transmission Project are on track.

Mr. Trimble also presented the SAIDI and SAIFI reports for July, explaining that the weather for July was comparable to past years with minimal weather-related outages in both the City and Rural systems. He also explained that a transformer failure caused the July 25th outage at the Greens Prairie Substation.

Mr. Trimble closed by displaying a Safety Award plaque presented to BTU by Texas Electric Cooperatives (TEC) in recognition of operating for one year without a lost-time work injury.

James Tanneberger, Division Manager of Transmission, presented a resolution for the Bryan City Council that would authorize purchasing a 6.22 acre easement for fair market value, or if rejected, authorize the City to petition for eminent domain in order to acquire the property. The Board approved recommending the resolution.

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Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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





The Bigger Picture: IMAX Theatre Comes to Bryan

Story by Jessica Willingham.
Photos courtesy of Premiere Cinema IMAX.

As you walk into Premiere Cinema's IMAX 3D theater, a life-size photo of the Second Annual Academy Awards dinner paints the entrance. Flapper girls and tuxedoed dreamboats pack the Cocoanut Grove of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, waiting to take their place in cinema legend. Everything about Premiere, from the alabaster movie-reel chandelier to the vintage release posters, is reminiscent of old Hollywood glamour. And while the stars have faded into black and white, the grandeur—and the magic—of the movies is back. And it's in Bryan, Texas.

"When Premiere opened in Bryan in 2006, IMAX wasn't even something we considered," said Matt Guy, director of marketing and sales for Aggeland Premiere Cinema 16. "Now, it's finally here."

IMAX offers cutting-edge sound technology, enhanced digital image projection and 3D capabilities to immerse an audience in the

action. It's known for its massive, curved screens and educational documentaries. Currently, IMAX is in 700 theaters across 52 countries.

Premiere underwent a multi-million dollar renovation and expansion of its current theater to make room for IMAX. Construction included converting two existing theaters into one exceptionally wide auditorium, making room for the five-story screen and 350 reclining leather seats.

"We hope it draws families and the area's nearly 60,000 college students," said Kevin Russell, director of planning and development for the City of Bryan. "The educational documentaries also make IMAX a unique opportunity for schools across the Brazos Valley."

After three months of construction, Bryan is now one of only a handful of cities in Texas—and the only city under 200,000 residents—to have IMAX.

"IMAX is an awesome brand,"

said Guy. "Even so, they don't want to cannibalize their own business. In this market, Premiere's IMAX screen will always be the only one between Austin, Houston and Dallas."

Unlike Anything Else

Long before Premiere's staff begins the day's first batch of popcorn for the afternoon matinee, a skilled technician monitors a computer screen on the second level of the auditorium. The IMAX system is going through its daily audio and visual calibration, ensuring the room's acoustics, temperature and lighting are optimal for the viewer's experience. IMAX's headquarters is informed of calibration reports in real-time, enabling them to make adjustments remotely.

"IMAX doesn't just sell their name and let us use it," said Guy. "They're interested in performance and flawless design, and so are we."

When it comes to the movies, IMAX does everything a little



differently. A specialized technician will stay with Premiere through the IMAX grand opening, monitoring projector and audio performance. Instead of a standard projector, IMAX requires gigantic twin projectors, both reaching more than five feet tall. A crane lowered each into the building through a hole in the roof—the only way to install equipment of that size. The digital projectors are ‘whisper-quiet’ as they run, displaying images on a larger scale, in a faster speed and at a higher resolution than any other cinema technology.

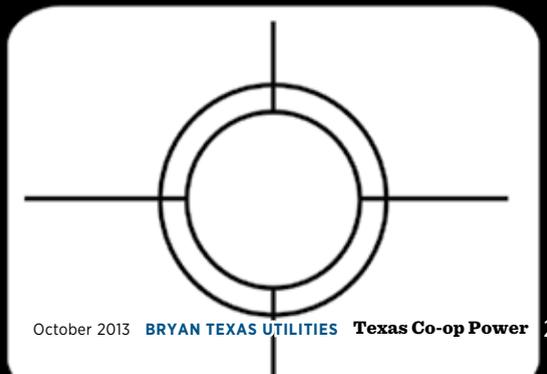
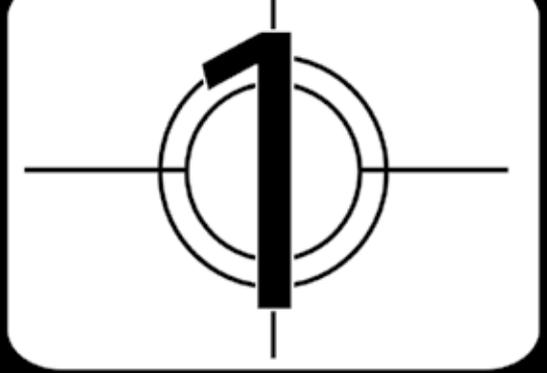
But technology is only one component of the Premiere experience. In addition to a Starbucks, there is also a full restaurant, Backstage Bistro, with a unique fireside wine and beer bar. All concession concepts offer in-auditorium dining: Once a patron places an order, a pager will notify them when the food is ready. Viewers can meet a waiter at the entrance of the theater to pick up their tray, and have dinner and drinks without missing any of the movie.

“It’s a premium experience, from the seats to the bistro to the presentation itself,” said Guy. “IMAX takes movie-going to another level.”

The first week of September marked the Grand Opening Week of Premiere’s IMAX, celebrated with a free movie for patrons. A regular ticket to Premiere’s IMAX Theater is \$12.50 for adults, with reduced prices for children, seniors and students.

“The bar has definitely been raised for movie-going excellence in Bryan-College Station,” said Premiere Vice President Joel Davis.

You can purchase your ticket at the theater’s ticket window—located at 950 North Earl Rudder Freeway—when you arrive or you can purchase in advance at either www.pccmovies.com or www.movietickets.com.



Winter Savings Tips

School is in full-swing and fall weather is upon us. As things cool down, BTU wants to help ensure your home is warm throughout the cooler months. Below are BTU's and the U.S. Department of Energy's best practices for winter energy efficiency that will help you save money.

While some professional inspections can pinpoint options unique to your home, you'll find that these simple, easy practices and do-it-yourself projects can go a long way to increase your home's efficiency and reduce your energy bill.



During the day, let the sunshine in. Open your drapes and let the sun warm your home for free.

Close curtains and shades in the evening to protect against cold drafts.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, more than 35% of home air leakage comes from small cracks in windows and doors. You can test the doors in your home by closing it on a dollar bill, then trying to remove the bill. If you can pull it through the door, you're losing money! Weatherstripping is an effective way to seal up loose doors.

Many older homes in Bryan lack proper levels of insulation. If your insulation measures less than 11 inches of fiberglass or rock wool or 8 inches of cellulose, your home needs more to be efficient. Measure your home insulation & find out if you need more with free rulers from BTU! You can pick up your free ruler at the BTU main lobby.

Before a fall or winter party, turn down the thermostat no more than 6 degrees. The more people in your home, the more heat will be produced. Your guests (and budget!) will thank you.



Add weather stripping around window and doors to reduce drafts.

Check the thermostat of your hot water heater before you go into winter. This is easy enough for any homeowner. If the thermostat is set at more than 120 degrees—the safety point that can keep children and the elderly from being scalded—turn it down. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, this simple fix can save you from 6-10% on your water heating costs.

Take advantage of BTU's SmartHOME incentive program for added insulation, window replacement and solar screens.

Replace heating equipment more than 15 years old with new ENERGY STAR qualified models.



Set your thermostat as low as is comfortable.

BTU Honors Employee

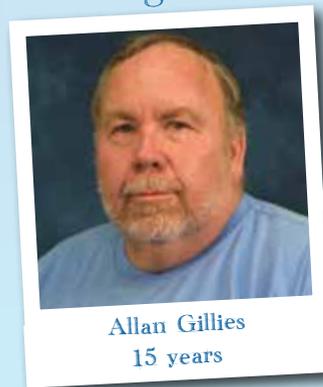
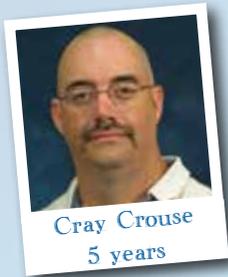
Fiscal Services



The 2013 BTU Employee Service Award Banquet was held on September 13th at the Brazos Center, with the festivities starting at 7 p.m. Over the course of the evening, employees and their families enjoyed the revelry that included a dinner, door prizes and, of course, awards for employees celebrating tenure anniversaries. Twenty-five employees were recognized for their years of dedicated service and contributions of special skills to BTU's daily operations.

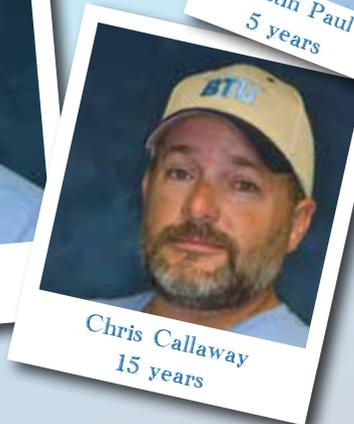
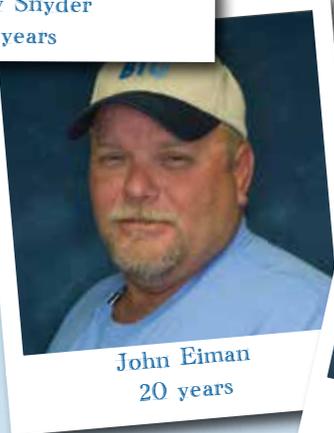
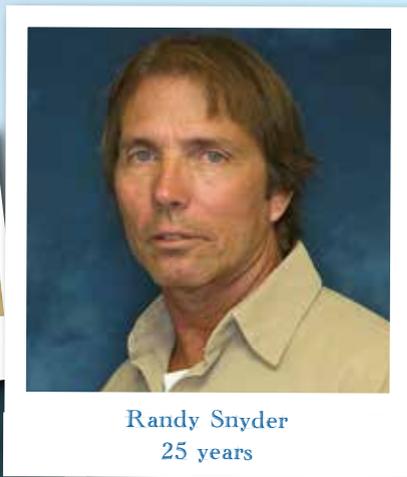
Engineering & System Planning

Communications



QSE Power

Distribution



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Energy Management



Adam Snidow
5 years



Michael Connor
10 years

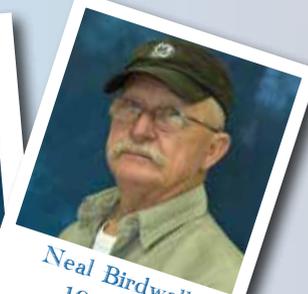


Paul Buckner
5 years

Production



Tommy Zgabay
30 years



Neal Birdwell
10 years



Robert Wilkins
15 years



Diane Walker
5 years

Marketing

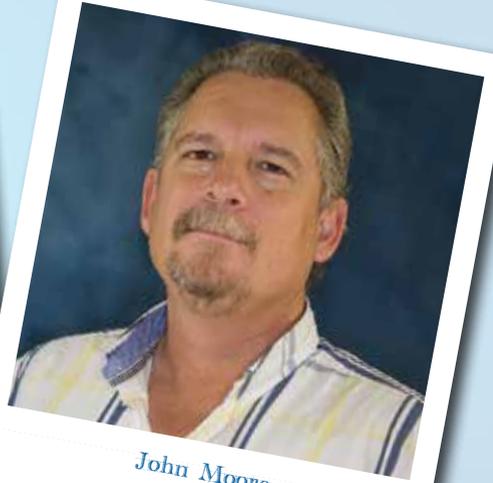


Kyle Knight
5 years

Transmission



Michael McMillan
30 years



John Moore
30 years



Darryel Kelly
5 years



Rodney Jackson
20 years



Clinton Seal
5 years

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Easy Payment Options!

We offer four easy options for convenient and quick payment without leaving your home.

Online

Pay online at www.btutilities.com 24 hours a day. We accept Visa, Master Card, and Discover.

Interactive Voice Response

You can check your account balance and pay by credit card by phone by calling our interactive voice

response system at (979) 821-5700.

Automatic Bank Draft

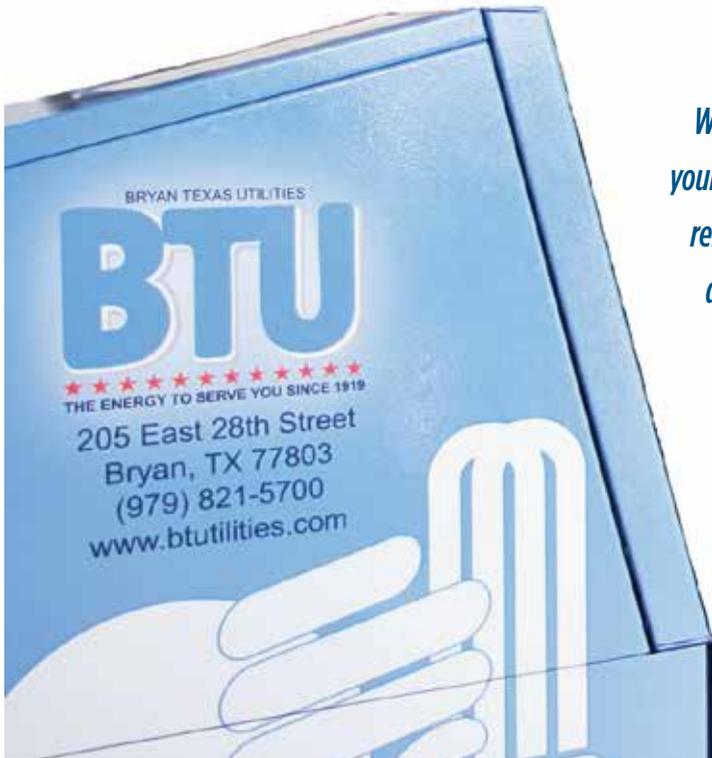
Visit www.btutilities.com and fill out the bank draft form; send it to us with a copy of a voided check and we will do the rest.

Recurring Credit Card

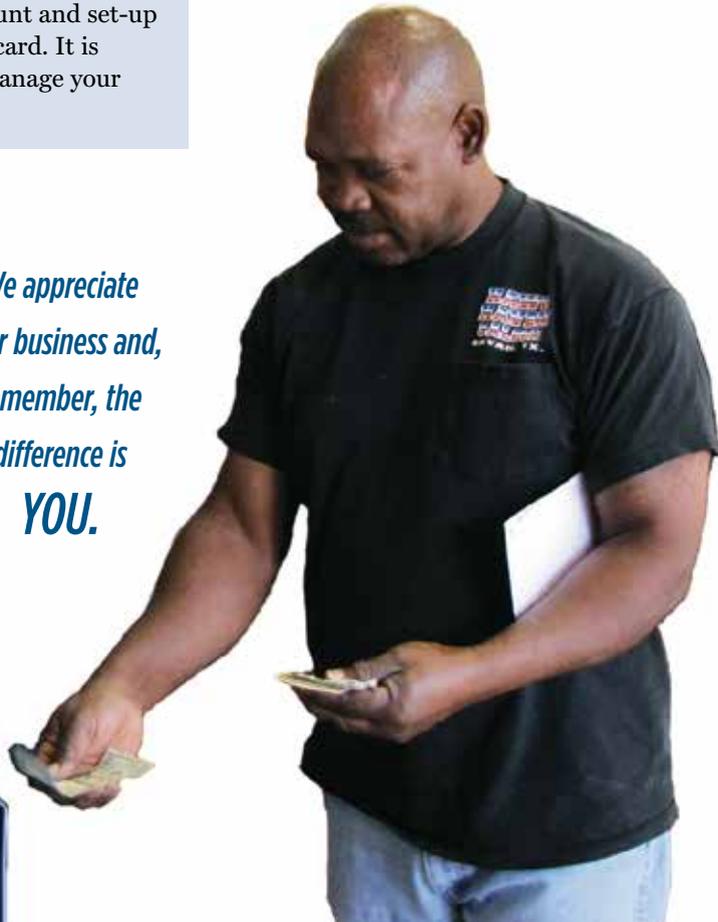
Create an online account and set-up your recurring credit card. It is simple and you can manage your own account.

BTU Customer Service

Paying your bill by one of the easy payment options listed or at a kiosk will save you time. If you need to take care of business in our lobby or drive thru, our hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday –Friday .



*We appreciate
your business and,
remember, the
difference is
YOU.*



4 Convenient Kiosk Locations!

A new and improved way to pay your bill. You can pay with cash, check or credit card. Remote locations in the community include:

BTU Main Lobby

Open Monday-Friday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

205 E. 28th St, Bryan

Texan Market

Open 24 hours a day!

Harvey Mitchell Pkwy and Villa
Maria Rd, Bryan

HEB

Open 6 a.m. to midnight

Texas Ave and Villa Maria Rd, Bryan

Open 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Texas Ave and Hwy 21, Bryan