

BOARD MEETING NOTES

THE BTU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 AND DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

FINANCIAL

Joe Hegwood presented the financial report to the BTU Board of Directors. Mr. Hegwood highlighted several items illustrating net revenues and operating and capital costs of the City and Rural systems.

BTU's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) spending in the City system is currently under budget due primarily to the timing of transmission work. BTU's CIP in the Rural system is slightly over budget driven by higher new customer growth and the purchase of a substation power transformer that carried over from Fiscal Year 2014. Staff expects year end to be at budget.

OPERATIONS

Gary Miller presented the safety statistics for the previous month to the BTU Board of Directors, stating BTU had two recordable incidents for the month making the incident rate 2.79 for Fiscal Year 2015 to date.

Mr. Miller stated a database was being created to report and track issues of safety concern. Mr. Miller also presented a monthly safety newsletter created by the safety committee. APPA Safety Awards of Excellence data was presented to the BTU Board comparing utilities by size and hours of exposure.

TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION REPORT

The SAIDI (System Average Interruption Duration Index) and SAIFI (System Average Interruption Frequency Index) report for the month of August was presented. Randy Trimble stated the outage with the longest duration that occurred in the City system was due to an equipment failure. The outage with the longest duration in the Rural system was due to a public accident.



BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES

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Hours of Operation

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

Board of Directors

Mr. Carl L. Benner, Chairman
Mr. Paul Turney, Vice Chairman
Mr. David Bairrington, Secretary
Mr. Art Hughes, Ex-Officio
Mr. Flynn Adcock
Mr. Bill Ballard
Mr. Ben Hardeman
Mr. A. Bentley Nettles

General Manager

Gary Miller

Group Managers

Randy Trimble
David Werley

Division Managers

James Bodine
Bill Bullock
Shawndra Curry
Ken Lindberg
Vicki Reim
Scott Smith
James Tanneberger
Wes Williams

Doug Lyles, Chief Risk Officer/Controller

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

2014 AUDIT



BTU IS PROUD OF THE NUMBERS REFLECTED IN THE 2014 AUDIT - HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE HIGHLIGHTS.



BTU continued construction of the transmission grid in 2014, adding \$22.7 million to construction work in process. The new facilities increase system reliability and allow BTU to better serve system growth.

summer peak load
303MW

winter peak load
259MW

Total Rural Customers:
2013 – 17,556
2014 – 18,328

4.4%
increase

Total City Customers:
2013 – 33,920
2014 – 34,609

2.0%
increase

Find out more: <http://www.btutilities.com/about-btu/financial-highlights-city-and-rural/>



Smart
saving makes sense

Making energy-efficient improvements can save a lot of money, and incentives to non-residential customers for making energy-efficient improvements are available through Bryan Texas Utilities and the Bryan Independent School District. Here's how Bryan ISD was able to use

STORY BY KENNETH W. SMITH JR.

THE PROJECT

"In support of Bryan ISD's Board Goal 3 - 'Optimize resources to support district goals and student success,' the district is always looking for ways to reduce costs and focus resources on student instruction"

said Paul Buckner, Energy and Sustainability Specialist for Bryan ISD. "One example of these efforts was replacing two chillers at Bryan High's Silver campus last summer. Bryan ISD had two Trane RTAA270 chillers and replaced them with two High Efficiency Trane RTAE chillers.



THE PROCESS

"The application process was very simple to go through," Buckner said. "It is a very easy process that any commercial entity should take advantage of when they are considering an energy efficient project for their business."

For more information and details about SmartBUSINESS, visit www.btutilities.com, or call an Energy Account Manager at (979) 821-5715.

BUSINESS



BTU's **SmartBUSINESS** program can help with that. The program offers improvements to their facilities. One such customer is the Bryan ISD. They used the **SmartBUSINESS** program to save money on a recent project:

SAVINGS IMPACT

"Bryan ISD is expecting to see an improvement of around 41% for full-load efficiency," Buckner said. "The previous chillers were de-rated to around 8.19 EER and the new chillers will be around 11.60 EER. The higher-efficiency chillers should give Bryan ISD an estimated 118 kW improvement as well."

FINANCIAL REWARD

Bryan ISD was able to receive a check from BTU for the project due to the chillers being so much more efficient than the existing chillers at the campus.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The BTU **SmartBUSINESS** program is available to any non-residential customer within the BTU service territory that is billed on a commercial or industrial rate.

BTU's **SmartBUSINESS** program will review any energy-efficiency measure that an eligible customer asks to be reviewed. The energy-efficiency measure must be 20 percent more efficient than existing conditions. Incentive payments will be paid for replacing equipment, not for removal of equipment or the installation of distributed generation.

The calculated savings for an energy-efficiency measure taken by a customer are based on the kilowatt (kW) reduction of the improvement, multiplied by BTU's assumed value for generation capacity.

The incentive rate is based on BTU's estimated cost of new peaking generation. Incentive payments will be a minimum of 10 percent, not to exceed 20 percent, of the total installed cost per customer project. Incentive payments will be considered per meter, but one customer can receive no more than \$30,000 of BTU's annual program budget.



HOME SAFETY TIPS

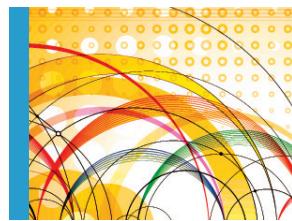


- Water and electricity are a dangerous mix. Never touch, sit or stand in, or attempt to walk through water that is in contact with an electric appliance or toy.
- Electronics and accessories must be handled with care. Younger children should ask for help when they want to use an electronic device.
- Never stick fingers or objects into toasters or other electrical appliances, or into outlets or extension cords.

When you have toddlers around the house, childproof using these tips:

- Childproof outlets with simple outlet covers or tamper-resistant outlets, which have a shutter system that only accepts electric plugs.
- Keep cords out of sight so that children are not tempted to play with them.
- Never leave chargers or extension cords plugged in after use. A curious child may put a cord into his or her mouth and suffer an electric burn.
- Supervise children closely when they play with electronic toys.
- Repair or dispose of damaged electronics and cords.
- Use ground-fault circuit interrupters to detect and prevent shocks. You should have GFCIs anywhere that water and electricity may meet, such as bathrooms, kitchens and basements.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



STORY BY CLAIRE WHITFIELD | PHOTO BY RYAN STOUT

Computer networks are a critical part of almost every organization. As technology continues to grow and change, networks must be updated and maintained. At Bryan Texas Utilities, Grant Banta is in charge of doing just that.

GRANT BANTA NETWORK & SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR

Grant, a Texas native, has lived in the Bryan/College Station area for most of his life.

Grant has worked as BTU's network and systems administrator for two years.

"In the IT field there is a lot of growth," Grant said. "I enjoy the learning curve in technology even though the large field is also a challenge."

Because technology is constantly changing, it is important to keep up.

"Usually I will work out certain issues with the network as they come in and also keep up with scheduled maintenance," Grant said.

"Most people don't realize what is involved in a network. We have to look at new technologies that will better serve customers down the road."

BTU uses technology in a variety of ways to better serve its customers and employees. BTU has an online outage map that displays any current outages in BTU's service area. Customers are also able to pay their monthly bills online and BTU has phased automated



remote meter reading infrastructure into their system.

Customer service is at the heart of BTU and its employees. One of the challenges Grant faces at BTU is making sure the modifications he makes to the network help to protect BTU customers.

"When we have to make a simple change to the network, it affects a large amount of people," Grant said. "I have to stay on top of the latest security issues to keep the bad guys out."

Grant has two sons, ages five and seven, and enjoys watching them at their many baseball games and practices. He also enjoys hawk hunting.



CITY OF BRYAN

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO
HELP CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON IN BRYAN!



Lights On! Downtown Bryan

Friday, November 20
6:00 PM
Gloria Stephan Sale Park

You're invited to the lighting of
Downtown Bryan and the Holiday Tree!
Free Music, Movies & Treats!

Downtown Bryan Christmas Parade

December 11
Downtown Bryan

This parade is a great way to get in the
holiday mood - lots of fun for everyone!
For more information about the
Downtown Bryan Parade, visit:
www.downtownbryan.com

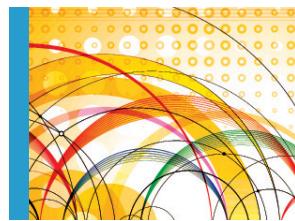
Breakfast with Santa

December 19
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Neal Recreation Center

Registration begins December 1
Register at BryanParksandRecreation.com

Kick off the holiday season with
holiday crafts, cookies and hot chocolate -
and of course, photos with Santa!

HOLIDAY EVENTS



Holiday Magic!

Sue Haswell Memorial Park
December 3, 2015 5:30 - 8:30 PM
Free Shuttle from Blinn College

Don't miss this FREE event!

Train Rides

Letters to Santa

Pictures with Santa

Sledding on Real Snow

Holiday Crafts & Games

Hot Chocolate & Cookies