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## Regular Board of Directors MEETING NOTES | June 17, 2024

### Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2025 Non-Competitive Capital Improvement Projects and Operating and Maintenance Budgets

Mr. William J. Smith, Chief Financial Officer, presented the proposed FY 2025 non-competitive CIP and OM budgets. The City System budget decreases slightly from the prior year due to a reduction in outside services and software expenses. The Rural System budget increases slightly due to inflationary items.

### Sale of Property along State Highway 6 North

The Board approved the sale of 82 acres of unimproved property owned by the City of Bryan d/b/a Bryan Texas Utilities to McMahon Property Group, LLC.

### Lake Bryan Updates

Mr. Doug Lyles presented early results of recent operational changes at Lake Bryan. Paying upon exit instead of entry has reduced patron wait times and spread workload across shifts.



Lake Bryan



## BTU KIOSKS

Pay using cash, card or check at any one of our three convenient locations by entering your account number, listed on either your bill or your reminder letter, or by scanning a keycard provided by BTU. Keycards can be requested in the BTU main office.

### KIOSK LOCATIONS

- BTU Drive Thru – open 24 hours
- HEB at Texas Ave. & Hwy 21 – open 6am-12am
- HEB in the Tejas Center – open 6am-12am

### BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES

205 East 28th Street • Bryan, TX 77803

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### btutilities.com

### Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM

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### Important Numbers

#### Billing/Collections/Connects

(979) 821-5700

#### Electrical Outage/Lines Down

(979) 822-3777

#### Line Design

(979) 821-5770

### Social Media

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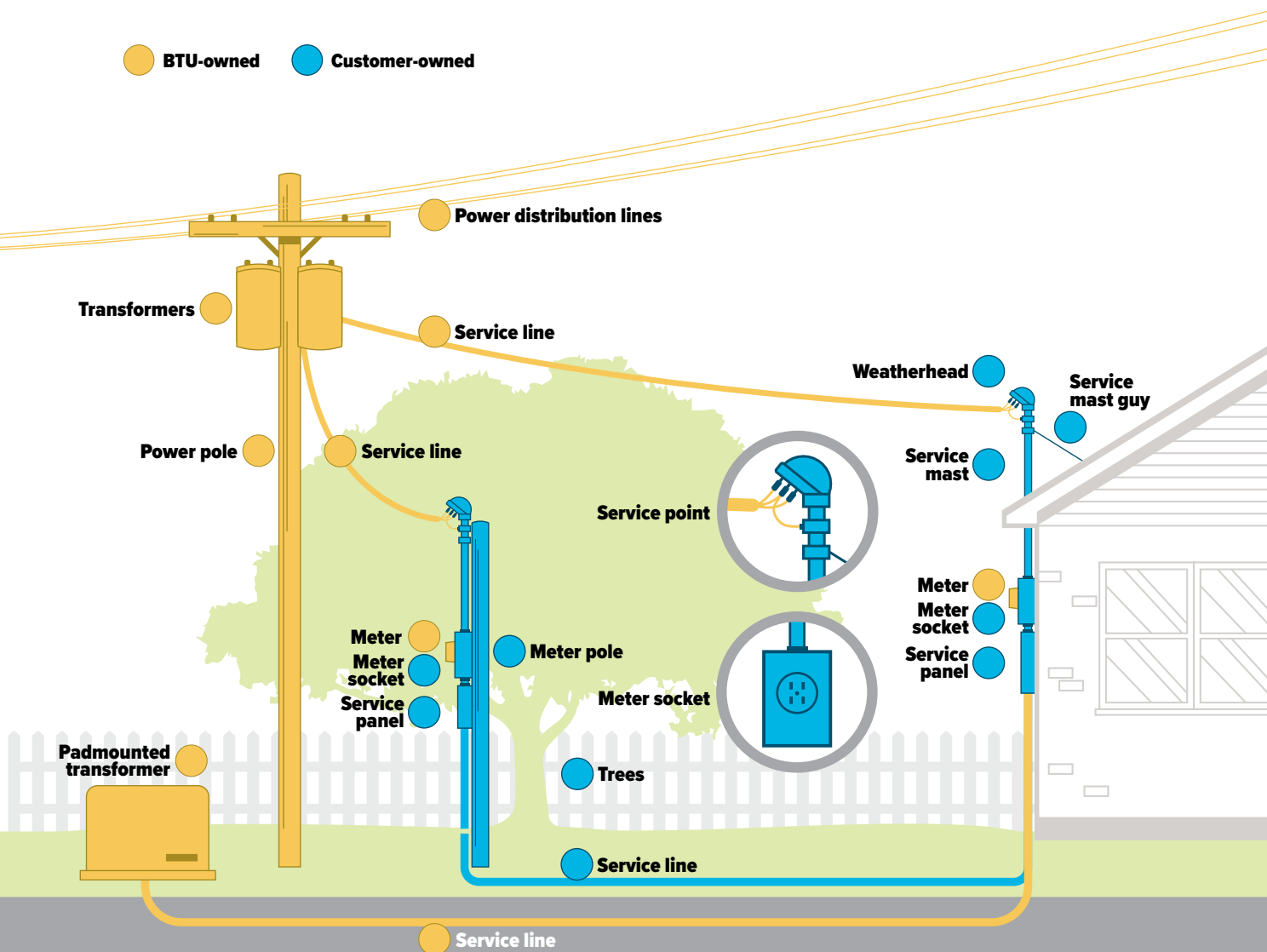
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# WHO OWNS WHAT?

## Bryan Texas Utilities-Owned Equipment vs. Customer Equipment

This graphic depicts equipment owned by BTU (**gold**) and the customer (**blue**). If a storm damages any equipment owned by BTU, we are responsible for repairs. If a storm damages any customer-owned equipment, the customer is responsible for repairs. Customers should hire a licensed electrician when making any repairs to customer-owned equipment.



*Note: This graphic depicts overhead and underground service. Please be aware of which type of service you receive at your home or business.*

# SUMMER ENERGY TIPS

## Efficient thermostat:

- Install a programmable thermostat to set temperatures that fit your schedule. Set it at a warmer temperature while you are away from home and a cooler temperature when you are at home. This will save you money by only running the air conditioner when you are at home to enjoy the cool air.
- Avoid placing lamps or TVs near your thermostat. These devices give off heat that will cause your air conditioner to run longer than necessary.

## Fans/vents:

- Fans are a helpful tool to keep cool. They cool people using a wind chill effect, but will not lower the temperature of a room. Therefore, save money by turning off your fans when you leave a room.
- When showering, use bathroom vents to remove heat and humidity. Make sure your vents lead outside and not just to the attic.

## Keep out hot air:

- Seal cracks around doors and windows with weatherstripping or caulk to keep hot air out and cool air in. Make sure you use the proper caulk for the project, some are paintable and some are used for more moist environments like bathrooms.
- Install window coverings like solar screens or blinds and drapes to prevent heat gain in your home.



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## Appliances/lights:

- Run full loads of laundry and dishes for proper efficiency. Consider washing clothes in cold water and air drying them for maximum energy savings.
- Turn lights off when you leave a room to save money.
- Using air fryers, slow cookers, pressure cookers, or grills is a great way to save money this summer. Cooking on the stovetop or in the oven adds unnecessary heat and humidity for your air conditioner to battle against.



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## Water heater:

- Lowering the setting/temperature on your water heater will prevent scalding and consume less energy. Water heaters should be set to approximately 120°F. This is plenty hot enough for residential use, is safer, and uses less energy.





**Heading out of town for one last vacation before summer comes to an end? Give your house a rest too by following a few of these tips to save energy while you are away.**

- 1** Use a programmable thermostat to set the temperature higher than you normally would while you are home. It is not advised to turn the air conditioner off completely to avoid adverse effects of heat and humidity such as mold and mildew that can lead to the warping of wood furniture and flooring. The recommended setting is around 80°F.

**Tip:** Consider investing in a Wi-Fi capable thermostat that you can monitor from your phone so you can adjust based on the weather, or cool the house down shortly before you return.

- 2** Turn your water heater to 'vacation mode' to avoid heating the water unnecessarily. If you will be gone for more than a few days, consider turning the unit off at the breaker to prevent energy consumption entirely.

**Tip:** The vacation mode setting heats water to around 50°F to avoid pipes freezing in the winter. If there is no danger of freezing temps, like in our Texas summers, turning the water heater off is the way to go.

- 3** You should empty your refrigerator of food and things that could spoil, but consider leaving water jugs or bottles to help occupy the empty space. A full refrigerator or freezer will use less energy as the items inside help maintain a cool temperature.

**Tip:** You can even bump the temperature of the refrigerator and freezer up a few degrees while you are gone. Set the refrigerator to 40°F and the freezer to 5°F. This will still keep your food at safe temperatures while saving a little money. Typical settings should be around 36°F-38°F for the fridge and 0°F for the freezer.



- 4** Unplug electrical appliances, especially equipment such as televisions, game consoles, and computers. These devices use power even when they are not on – known as 'phantom load'.

**Tip:** Consider placing several 'phantom load' offenders on a power strip. You can switch off the power strip when you leave to ensure the appliances can no longer use energy.

- 5** Turn off all ceiling fans, stand fans, and lighting. However, some lighting is beneficial for security purposes. Consider using a timer for security lights.

**Tip:** Make sure all lights are equipped with LED lightbulbs to save even more energy.

**Bonus Tip:** Avoid posting about your vacations on social media. Announcing that your home will be vacant increases the chance of a break-in. Instead, post about your trip after you have returned home safely.



# HEALTHY TIPS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL



**The end of summer means lots of change for parents and students alike. Everyone can benefit from preparing for back-to-school activities. Get the school year started off right with these healthy tips!**



## Create a Routine

It's important to get acclimated to a new schedule a week or two before school actually starts. Set a bedtime with no electronics before bed so that your student's mind has time to wind down at night. Going to bed at the same time every night will help regulate their internal clock and prompt them to wake up around the same time every morning. Children ages six to twelve require at least nine hours of sleep to be well rested. Sleep is essential to proper physical and mental growth. Parents and students should pack bookbags the night before school so the family isn't rushing in the morning.

## Food

Children who have a nutritious breakfast function better at school. Give your students a jump start to their day by making a protein dense breakfast. Some options include eggs, fruit, yogurt, wholegrain breads, and high protein smoothies or overnight oats. Consider packing lunch the night before to save some time and reduce stress in the morning. If you find yourself struggling with providing meals, many schools offer programs for free or reduced breakfast and lunches.





## School supplies

Children require many items for school. Toting all of the items in a backpack can prove harmful if the bag is too heavy. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that backpacks weigh no more than 15 percent of a child's body weight. Even distribution of weight is also important. Heavy items should be placed closest to the center of the back. Both straps should be used at all times to prevent muscle strains. When looking for the right backpack, find one that has padding on the straps and the back.

## Bus safety

Have a chat with your child about bus safety. Take your child to the bus stop before school starts to familiarize them with the location and show them how to behave near the road. Remind them to look both ways before crossing a street and wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching the bus or exiting the bus. Use seatbelts if they are available.



## Homework

Children thrive on structure. Designate a space and consistent time of day to do homework. This will help them build a connection between that space and being productive. Set the space up with their supplies and keep their homework organized so it's easier to stay on top of assignments. Routines help children feel more confident.

**BTU wishes all of our local students  
a happy and healthy school year!**





# HULLABALOO

## MUSIC FEST

*DOWNTOWN BRYAN*  
**SEPTEMBER FIRST**  
*LABOR DAY WEEKEND*

**ALL  
DAY**

**ICE HOUSE ON MAIN** PAUL WALL • KING KYLE LEE  
DEEP BLUE SOMETHING • SAVING ABEL  
INFECTED MUSHROOM LIVE • PRINCE OF EDEN  
WEST 22ND • THAT BAND HONEY • ULTRAVIOLET  
HYLYND • LVVRS

**THE PALACE** LANE SMITH  
JOSH LANGSTON • THE NOMADS • CEDARS  
REDEFINING RESCUE • GHOST DANCE BAND  
EAST OF EADO • JACKSON RANDOLPH BAND

**GRAND STAFFORD** HINDSIGHT  
MILLION DOLLAR RED • MVVN • VISION ARCADE  
LUCID ILLUSIONS • KITSCH • JROB • PAGE 9  
ATMOSPHEKT • SICK RIDE • DJ MOTTA • 80HD

**THIRD FLOOR** KRINGE  
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# GAMEDAY SHUTTLE

## HISTORIC DOWNTOWN BRYAN

### HEADED TO KYLE FIELD?

Take advantage of our **FREE**,  
air-conditioned shuttles!

Shuttles run 3 hours before, during,  
and 1 hour after events.

They'll run to/from the Roy Kelly  
Parking Garage and Texas A&M's  
Memorial Student Center.

### SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

<b>AUG. 31</b>	Texas A&M vs. Notre Dame
<b>SEPT. 7</b>	Texas A&M vs. McNeese
<b>SEPT. 21</b>	Texas A&M vs. Bowling Green
<b>OCT. 5</b>	Texas A&M vs. Missouri
<b>OCT. 26</b>	Texas A&M vs. LSU
<b>NOV. 16</b>	Texas A&M vs. New Mexico State
<b>NOV. 30</b>	Texas A&M vs. Texas

Be sure to give yourself  
enough time to also enjoy  
local cuisine, shopping,  
art, and entertainment that  
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