



Regular Board of Directors MEETING NOTES | September 9, 2024

Contract for Design of Standard Protections and Control Schemes for Transmission Systems

The Board approved a professional services contract with SynchroGrid, Inc. for the design of standard protections and control schemes for BTU transmission systems.

Contract Extension for Triangle Park Substation Line Expansion Project

The Board approved a contract extension with Burns & McDonnell Engineering for the design of a transmission terminal at Triangle Park Substation.

Contract for the Greens Prairie to Gibbons Creek 138kV Reconductor Project

The Board approved a professional services contract with Black & Veatch Corporation for engineering services for the Greens Prairie to Gibbons Creek transmission line upgrade.

Contract for FY25 CIP Project Right-of-Way Clearing

The Board approved a contract with F&F Expert Tree Service, LLC. for FY25 Capital Improvement Project Right-of-Way Clearing.

Contract Renewal for Primary Underground Unit Services

The Board approved a contract renewal with Kasparian Underground, LLC. for primary underground unit services for FY25.

Contract Renewal for Secondary Underground Unit Services

The Board approved a contract renewal with Bayer Construction Electrical Contractors, Inc. for secondary underground unit services for FY25.

Contract Renewal for BTU Line Clearance / Tree Trimming

The Board approved a contract with Nelson Tree Service for line clearance, tree trimming, and vegetation management services.



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

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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

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VETERANS DAY

This Veterans Day, BTU proudly honors the men and women who have served our country and continue to serve our community. Among our dedicated team are about 15 employees who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces, each bringing with them invaluable experience, discipline, and commitment to service.

At BTU, we recognize that military service instills qualities like leadership, teamwork, and resilience—all of which align with the values we strive to uphold in delivering reliable power to our community. The skills our veteran employees acquired during their time in the military continue to make a difference. These veterans have chosen to extend their service, applying their skills and work ethic to benefit the Bryan-College Station area. Whether they're linemen out in the field, engineers designing the future of energy, or team leaders guiding others, their commitment to duty remains unwavering.

This Veterans Day, we extend our deepest gratitude to all veterans, both within BTU and throughout our community. Your service and sacrifice will never be forgotten. To our own BTU veterans—thank you for your continued commitment to excellence, both in the military and here at home.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA BRAZOS VALLEY

Since 2015, Wreaths Across America Brazos Valley (WAABV)-Gold Star Help has been **REMEMBERing**, **HONORing** and **TEACHing** about the service and sacrifice of our local Veterans and their families. In addition to placing wreaths each December, WAA volunteers also place flags for Memorial Day (1st Monday in May) and Veterans Day (Nov 11th). In 2022, WAABV partnered with the City of Bryan for the:

**Veterans of Brazos Veterans Memorial (VBVM)
Bryan City Cemetery (BCC) Annex • 1608 N Washington Ave, Bryan**

The first inurnments took place in August 2024 in the BCC columbaria (2 for Veterans and 2 for non-Veterans). These options provide Veterans and their families with the benefits of a National Cemetery (VA-issued headstone/bronze columbarium cover & shared spouse space) that is local and convenient. One mother and daughter visited almost daily for 4 years.

For WAABV-Gold Star Help's 10th anniversary, they are fundraising for gray granite section markers that match VBVM. They have obtained funding for 21 of the 40 markers (32 at BCC and 8 at Oakwood Cemetery). They are \$1,000 each. **To support their many Veteran-related efforts, which also include remembrance evergreens (\$15) and flags (\$1), please visit:**

**tinyurl.com/BrazosRespect
or scan the QR code:**





The ULTIMATE LEFTOVER: Energy Savings

Thanksgiving isn't just about leftovers in the fridge; with these tips, you can enjoy leftover energy savings long after the holiday. By being mindful of how much energy you use and making small changes, you'll be able to enjoy the holiday season with lower bills and less waste.



Let your oven pull double duty!

When your turkey is roasting away, the heat from the oven will warm up your home, so you can turn down the thermostat. Your turkey will be roasting at a cozy 325°F, and your guests can enjoy a warm home without cranking up the heat.

Your oven can multitask.

Try cooking as many dishes as possible at the same time. Slide those casseroles and sides in next to the turkey. The oven doesn't care if it's roasting a turkey or baking a pie—it uses the same amount of energy. It's a win-win: more food, less energy used—now that's the gravy on top!



Have a fridge full.

When your fridge is full of delicious leftovers, it's actually working more efficiently. A stocked fridge retains cold better than an empty one because the items inside help maintain low temperatures. Just remember to avoid keeping the door open for too long—it's not a peek-a-boo contest with the mashed potatoes.



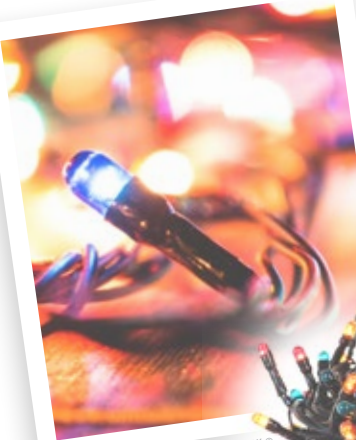
Air fried turkey?

Instead of relying on your energy-hogging oven for every dish, put your smaller appliances to good use. Slow cookers, microwaves, air fryers, and toaster ovens can help save energy while still whipping up delicious recipes. These appliances use less electricity, so they won't gobble up your energy budget!



Light it up with LEDs.

As the days get shorter, it's the perfect time to switch to energy-efficient LED lights for your home. If you're decking the halls, swap out your old holiday lights for LED strands—they use up to 75% less energy and last 25 times longer.



This Thanksgiving, let's be grateful for family, food, and the energy savings that keep our homes running smoothly. Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at BTU—may your turkey be tender and your energy bills light!



PREPARING TO DECK THE HALLS SAFELY

The holiday season is all about lighting up your home with cheer, but it's important to deck the halls safely. As you begin hanging lights, decorations, and setting up that inflatable snowman, keep these electrical safety tips in mind to ensure your holiday remains merry—and accident-free!



CHECK YOUR LIGHTS TWICE

Before hanging holiday lights, inspect each strand carefully. Look for frayed wires, cracked bulbs, or damaged sockets. Faulty wiring can lead to short circuits and fires, so if a strand looks worse for wear, it's time to toss it. A little quality control can save you from bigger headaches—and hazards—down the line.

USE THE RIGHT LIGHTS FOR THE RIGHT JOB

Not all lights are made for every environment. Make sure your outdoor lights are rated for outdoor use—they're built to withstand the elements, while indoor lights are not.



LIMIT YOUR LOAD

While it's tempting to create a holiday display that rivals the Griswold Family's in *Christmas Vacation*, take care not to overload your electrical circuits. Too many lights or decorations plugged into one outlet can overload it and cause a fire. Spread your decorations across different circuits, and be mindful of how many devices are plugged in at once. Consider this your festive reminder that less is more sometimes!



DON'T LEAVE LIGHTS ON OVERNIGHT

As cozy as it feels to fall asleep with your home aglow, it's safer to turn off all decorations before you head to bed or leave the house. This reduces the risk of overheating, and it'll save you money on your electric bill. Consider using timers to automatically switch off your lights so you can still enjoy the sparkle without worry!

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR OUTDOOR SETUP

When stringing lights outdoors, keep cords and plugs away from snow, ice, and water. Water and electricity don't mix! Use specialized holders rather than nails or staples to hang lights, as sharp objects can puncture the wires.

UPGRADE TO LED LIGHTS

If you're still using traditional incandescent lights, consider upgrading to LEDs. Not only are LED lights more energy-efficient, using up to 75% less energy, they also produce less heat, reducing the risk of fire. Plus, they last longer so you can light up your holidays for years to come without worry!

KEEP YOUR TREE HYDRATED

If you're opting for a real tree this year, make sure to water it regularly. A dry tree is highly flammable. Ensure your tree stand has plenty of water and check daily to keep your festive centerpiece fresh and safe.



LOOK OUT FOR PETS AND KIDS

Holiday decorations can be fascinating for little ones and pets, but dangling cords and bright lights can also pose a danger. Keep electrical cords out of reach, and consider childproofing outlets with plug covers to avoid accidents.

By keeping these electrical safety tips in mind, you can enjoy a season full of sparkle without worrying about potential dangers.



BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES

**POWER
SHARE**

CUSTOMER DONATION PROGRAM

***Make a meaningful impact
with every flick of a switch!***

Join Bryan Texas Utilities' PowerShare Program and help provide essential utility assistance to low-income families in our community.

***Assist
Low-Income
Families:***

Your donation directly supports utility assistance, ensuring that struggling families can afford essential energy services.

***Foster
Community
Compassion:***

Join the program to help neighbors in need. Putting our pennies together can create a significant impact.

***Easy
Sign-Up
Process:***

Signing up is quick and easy, allowing you to make a positive impact without hassle. Register online or give us a call at **979-821-5700**.

Donors can choose to round their monthly bill to the next highest dollar or donate a fixed amount each month. Funds are distributed through our partner, Catholic Charities of Central Texas.

Together, let's ensure that no one is left in the dark. Enroll in Bryan Texas Utilities' PowerShare Program and brighten the lives of low-income families in our community.



Holiday Cheer Starts Here!

It's time to deck the halls and jingle those bells — holiday season in Bryan is here! To keep your spirits bright, we've gathered a list of holiday festivities you won't want to miss.



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DESTINATION
**BRYAN
TEXAS**

A Legend Reborn

BRYAN TEXAS
LEGENDS
★ EVENT CENTER



LIGHTS ON!

Friday, Nov. 22

5 – 10 p.m., ceremony starts 6:30 p.m.
Historic Downtown Bryan

Merry & Bright
MARKETPLACE

Saturday, Nov. 23

11 a.m. – 5 p.m. / Legends Event Center
\$5 admission

**Reindeer
on the Run**

Friday, Nov. 29 – Friday, Dec. 13

Holiday scavenger hunt
Parks and Recreation Facilities



Thursday, Dec. 5

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Sue Haswell Memorial Park

★ **WINTER
WONDERLAND** ★

Saturday, Dec. 7

Noon – 3 p.m.
Travis Fields in Travis Bryan Midtown Park

**Downtown
Holiday Stroll
& Lighted Parade**

Thursday, Dec. 12

5 – 9 p.m., parade starts at 7 p.m.
Historic Downtown Bryan

Learn more:

bryantx.gov/HolidayCheer

