



Regular Board of Directors MEETING NOTES | May 12, 2025

Fiscal Year 2026 Non-Competitive Capital Improvement Projects and Operating & Maintenance Budgets

Mr. Doug Lyles, Executive Director of Customer Operations, and Mr. Randy Trimble, Executive Director of Energy Delivery, presented overviews of FY26 CIP and O&M budget highlights for each respective department. Ms. Katherine Tapscott, Chief Financial Officer, presented the draft FY26 overall BTU Capital and O&M budgets.

Contract for Concrete Poles for Brushy Creek Loop 138 kV Project

The Board approved a contract with Preferred Sales Agency Ltd. for the purchase of 21 concrete poles for the Brushy Creek 138 kV transmission line construction.

Contract for the Steele Store Substation Upgrade Project

The Board approved a contract with Lambda Construction Ltd. for the construction of distribution facilities at Steele Store Substation.

Potential Load Growth in Northwest Brazos County

Mr. Gary Miller, General Manager, discussed load projections in northwest Brazos County and updated the Board regarding transmission activity proposed to serve the projected load growth.

BTU BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

<h1>KIOSKS</h1> <p>Locations accepting credit cards, cash and checks:</p>		<h1>OVER THE PHONE</h1> <p>Payments can be made 24 hours a day via the “e-payment” option by calling 979.821.5700. Account number and credit card required.</p>
HEB	1609 N. Texas Ave.	<h1>ONLINE</h1> <p>To register your account, view, and/or pay your bill online, visit: btutilities.com</p>
HEB	725 E. Villa Maria	
BTU Drive-Through <i>Open 24 hours</i>	205 E. 28th St.	
BTU Drive-Through <i>Open 24 hours</i>	2611 N. Earl Rudder Fwy	
<p>Bring your BTU account number, BTU bill, keycard or reminder letter.</p>		

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(979) 822-3777

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Brazos County’s recreation destination is waiting for you this summer!

Located just 10 minutes from Downtown Bryan and 15 minutes from the Texas A&M campus, Lake Bryan offers something for everyone to enjoy. Here are five reasons you should make the lake part of your summer plans:



There are activities for all to enjoy!

Lake Bryan has nearly 850 acres of water for boaters, skiers and swimmers to enjoy. The park boasts more than 24 miles of mountain biking and hiking trails graciously constructed and maintained by the Brazos Valley Mountain Bike Association. Patrons can enjoy an afternoon paddling on the water by renting paddleboards or kayaks through Paddle EZ’s convenient self-serve station.



Red-tailed Hawk



Experience nature in your back yard!

Lake Bryan is a bird and wildlife watcher’s delight. Bald eagles have even visited on occasion! Or wet a line and try your luck at fishing. Lake Bryan has partnered with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for several years to stock the lake with fingerling fish, including adding more largemouth bass last fall. In 2022, TPWD, Major League Fishing, and BTU came together to install more than 100 pieces of fish habitat in the lake to promote fish spawning, shelter, and ambush predation.

It’s convenient!

Lake Bryan is the only public lake and boat ramp in Brazos County. A quick trip from Bryan-College Station transports you into a more relaxed, natural setting. Plus, at just \$5 per person ages 10 and up, the day entry fee is affordable for families.



There are hot eats and cold drinks!

The Cadillac Ranch Bar & Grill serves up delicious food and beverages alongside lively entertainment. Catch live music and take a spin on the dance floor every weekend throughout the spring, summer and fall seasons.



You can kick your shoes off and stay awhile!

There are 24 tent campsites and 13 RV campsites for those who want to get away.

Sites can be rented online at lakebryan.com.



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HUSH & WHISPER DISTILLING COMPANY SPIRITS WITHOUT SECRETS



THE WORLD OF WHISKEY AND SPIRITS IS FULL OF SECRETS.

While the art of distilling combines scientific processes that have been learned and replicated over the years, everything else – especially the claims of origin on the labels and bottles themselves – is veiled in a web of marketing ploys and legal technicalities.

With a name like Hush & Whisper, you would expect Downtown Bryan's own distillery to keep their cards close to their chest. But ironically, the name stems from a desire to do the exact opposite.

“We wanted our brand to be about transparency and showing people this is how it's done right,” Hush & Whisper founder and Bryan native Caleb Clanton said.

That commitment to transparency is evident from the moment you walk in the door. Every aspect of the distilling process is readily on display, and while other companies are prone to stretch the truth when claiming Texas origins, Hush & Whisper is Texan, and local, to the core.



219 N Main St. Bryan, TX 77803

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“If you sit down anywhere in this building, you’re going to see our still, you’re going to see that we’re making whiskey right in front of you,” Clanton said. “We get our corn and grain from 13 miles away, and then our spent grains end up going back to a farmer who feeds his cattle - that means something to us.”



Clanton, a graduate of Allen Academy and Aggie class of 2014, said the rapid growth of the area and investment in downtown made making Bryan the home of a truly Texas operation an easy choice. And the specific location within downtown adds historic charm with modern updates that make it the perfect spot for the thriving business.

The entire operation sits on the lower levels of the Varisco Building, downtown’s tallest structure originally built in 1948. It took vision to transform the space, which originally housed a JC Penney store, into a space to create and serve craft spirits. With help from BTU, Hush & Whisper became a modern hotspot.



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“We were using the original transformers that were in the building in the 1940s, which needed to have some pretty serious safety updates,” Clanton said. “BTU got with us and helped us move and update the transformers so that they’re outside of the building [and avoided the need to put electric lines over or under] the railroad tracks.”

Additional upgrades included replacing the original boiler with a modern heating system and ensuring all other electrical components were up to code. The result is a space that carries the charm and ambiance of the original space with amenities that make it one of the area’s best places to meet friends for a drink and conversation.

When you arrive on your visit, friendly tour guides and bartenders, like Anthony Garcia, will walk you through it all in a comprehensive tour and tasting experience. Garcia has been on the team at Hush & Whisper since day one, and one of his favorite parts of the job is challenging the preconceived notions of customers.

“What we want to do for the rest of time is give people something that they’ve never had before, or something they thought they’ve had, but realized they didn’t like,” Garcia said. “And then they come to us and say wow, you guys really changed my mind.”

Hush & Whisper currently pours in-house made gin, vodka, and white whiskey into cocktails concocted with ingredients made almost entirely in-house. But even bigger things are in store very soon. The first aged whiskey, a rye that will have been aged over two years and has already won multiple awards, will be available to purchase in August. After that, Clanton and his team are aiming to release their first bourbon some time in 2027.

You can visit the distillery Thursdays and Fridays from 2-11 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Tours and private tastings can be booked online at hushandwhisper.com/experiences.

CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY

POWERING PROGRESS TOGETHER

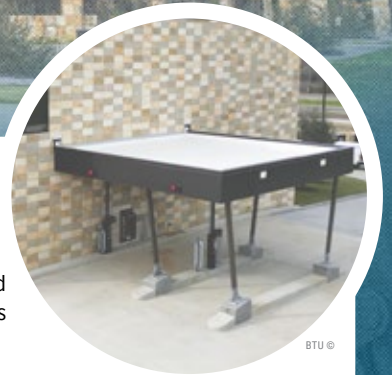
The 2024 BTU Annual Report is here, documenting a year of major projects, challenges, and decisions. In the midst of building a new administration building, energizing a new substation on the Texas A&M RELLIS campus, and planning for further growth and service needs in the communities we serve, we were successful in our mission to provide reliable service and cost-effective energy to our customers. We are honored to work for the citizens of Bryan and the Brazos Valley and will continue to put service to you at the center of everything we do.

**A NEW HOME FOR BETTER SERVICE**

Featuring a modernized customer service space, offices designed for collaboration, and energy efficiency incorporated thoughtfully throughout, BTU's new headquarters improves operations, customer service, and community engagement while supporting future growth. Construction took place throughout 2024 and was completed in January 2025.

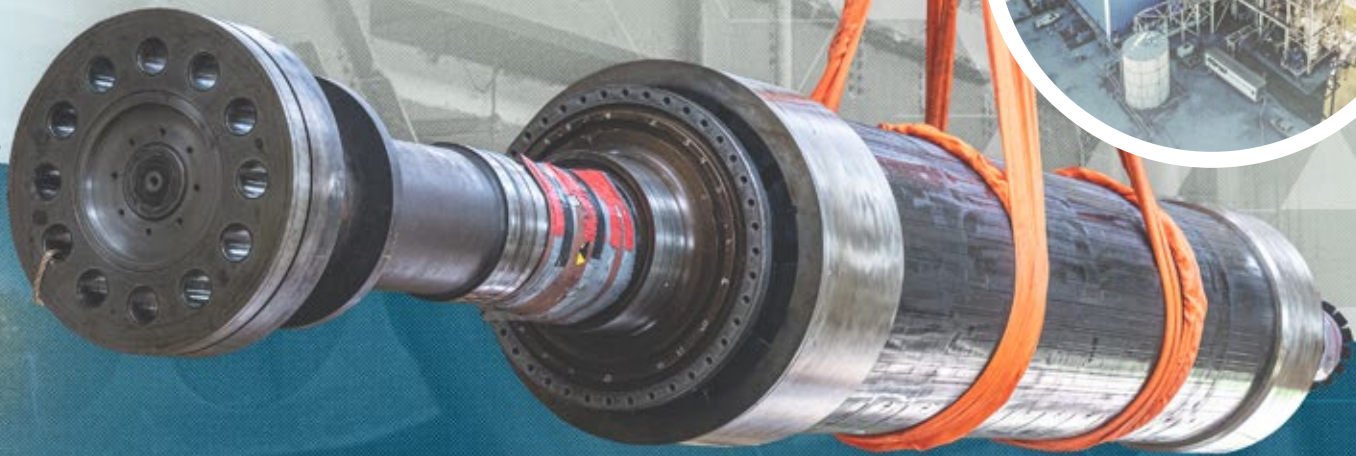
RELLIS SUBSTATION

BTU's Transmission Division successfully completed construction and energized a new 138kV station on the RELLIS campus, representing an \$18 million investment in the region's electrical infrastructure. This station was designed to meet the Texas A&M University System's growing energy needs, driven by expanding industrial partnerships, data centers, and new research and teaching facilities.



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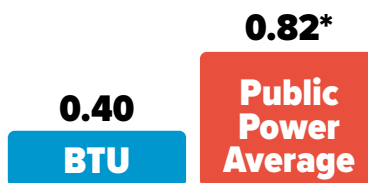
The Dansby 1 generator has been a critical part of BTU's power generation fleet since 1977, operating near-continuously for over 300,000 hours. In 2024, for the first time in its history, the 70,000-pound rotor was completely disassembled, stripped to its core, and re-wound with modern materials. These upgrades, along with ongoing maintenance, will ensure the generator continues to provide reliable service to customers for years to come.



SYSTEM RELIABILITY

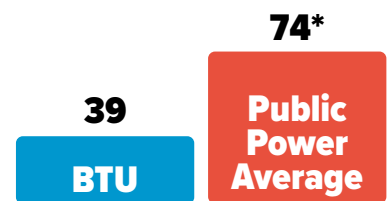
Based on data collected throughout 2024, BTU customers experienced substantially fewer interruptions and shorter durations of interruptions than the national public power average. In 2024, on average, a BTU customer would experience 0.40 outages per year (Public Power average 0.82 in 2023). Additionally, BTU customers had an average total duration of 39 minutes of outages in 2024 (Public Power average 74 minutes in 2023).

Average interruptions per Year



Lower is Better

Duration (in minutes) of Interruption for the average customer per year.



Lower is Better

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

BTU is committed to empowering the community it serves, and that means more than providing electricity. In 2024, BTU gave more than \$120,000 back to those it serves through charitable donations.



Check out the full report at btutilities.com.

BRYAN TEXAS LEGENDS ★ EVENT CENTER

Located in the heart of Travis Bryan Midtown Park, Legends Event Center is a 122,000-plus square-foot indoor sports and event facility that hosts a variety of events and provides a space for residents to enjoy.

***16 volleyball courts, convertible
to 8 basketball courts***

4 lighted sand volleyball courts

- Adult leagues and youth camps
- Esports lounge
- Gaming arena with party rooms
- Full concessions
- Turf space
- Flex space with access to an outdoor patio

***Purchase a \$5 day pass and enjoy
courts during open gym hours.***

Learn more:
bryanlegends.com



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Bryan-College Station to Host Thousands for State's Largest Amateur Sporting Event

The 2025 Summer Games of Texas will return to premier venues across Bryan and College Station for the eighth time in its history, from July 31 to Aug. 3.

The annual athletic festival is managed by the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) and will be hosted by the cities of Bryan and College Station, along with Texas A&M University, for the next two summers. Previous host years include 1988, 1994, 2000, 2014, 2015, 2018, and 2019.

Thousands of athletes, coaches, and spectators will be in town for the Olympic-style festival; providing a significant economic boost and strengthening the community's reputation as a top destination for sports tourism.

Since its founding in San Antonio in 1986, the Games of Texas has steadily expanded, attracting more than 20,000 visitors, making it the largest amateur sporting event in Texas. TAAF has been recognized as an Official State Games Program participant by the U.S. Olympic Committee since 1991.

Texans of all ages and skill levels can compete in this Olympic-style festival. This summer's schedule will feature the Opening Ceremonies at Wolf Pen Creek Park and the following competitions:

Archery	Live Oak Archery
Boxing	Hilton College Station Hotel & Conference Center
Esports	Legends Event Center
Golf	The City Course at Phillips Event Center
Judo	Texas A&M Physical Education Activity Program (PEAP) Building
Pickleball	Legends Event Center
Sand Volleyball	Legends Event Center
Soccer	Veterans Park and Athletic Complex
Swimming	Bryan Aquatic Center
Tennis	George P. Mitchell Tennis Center at Texas A&M University
Track & Field	E.B. Cushing Stadium at Texas A&M University
Ultimate Frisbee	Bryan Regional Athletic Complex



WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Compete: Some eligibility restrictions apply and registration deadlines vary by sport.

Volunteer: Help is needed to assist with track and field events. Those interested must be at least 16 years old and can sign up for one slot per day. Volunteers will receive free food, refreshments, and an official Games of Texas shirt. Registration deadline is Friday, July 18.

Register to compete and volunteer at: taaf.com/GamesOfTexas

