

BOARD MEETING NOTES

The BTU Board of Directors met on
Monday, March 20, 2017,
and discussed the following topics:

Contract For The Construction Of Phase Two Of The Atkins-Briarcrest 69kV Line Replacement Project

BTU received six bids for the construction of phase two of the Atkins-Briarcrest 69kV line replacement project. Mesa Line Services submitted the lowest and best value bid to BTU. A contract with Mesa Line Services in the amount of \$2,120,320.48 was unanimously approved.

Transmission And Distribution Operating Report

The outages with the longest duration were due to a fallen tree in the Rural system and an equipment failure in the City system, both of which occurred during a weather event on February 20, 2017.

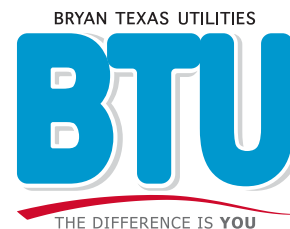
General Manager's Report

Bryan City Council and BTU Board of Directors Retreat

On Tuesday, March 28, 2017, the Bryan City Council and BTU Board of Directors will meet to discuss the operations of BTU.



SAFETY:
For Work. For Home. For Life.



BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES

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Hours of Operation

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

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Billing/Collections/Connects	(979) 821-5700
Electrical Outage/Lines Down	(979) 822-3777
Distribution/Line Design	(979) 821-5770



OBSERVE **ELECTRICAL SAFETY** ON THE OUTSIDE

May is National Electrical Safety Month. Electrical hazards are not only present indoors; they can also occur outside. Follow these guidelines to help prevent common outdoor electrical hazards.

Power Lines

Before planting trees near a power line, do some research or speak with a professional at BTU to ensure that there's enough space for them to grow safely. If you suspect that a tree is too close to power lines, report it to BTU.

Electricity can jump to nearby objects! Always keep yourself and any equipment at least 10 feet away from power lines.

Power lines are also found underground. Call 811 before you dig for any project.

Extension Cords

- Extension cords provide a temporary solution and should not be used long-term.
- Never use an indoor extension cord outdoors. Outdoor cords will be labeled "for outdoor use" and are often orange.
- Never attempt to extend the length of an extension cord by connecting it to another extension cord.
- Only use extension cords that bear the mark of a nationally recognized safety testing laboratory such as UL, Intertek or CSA.

Outdoor Outlets

Have ground-fault circuit interrupters installed on outdoor outlets. GFCIs automatically cut power when a plugged-in item comes in contact with water or begins to "leak" electricity.

Install weatherproof boxes or covers on outdoor outlets.

Generators

Of the 931 carbon monoxide fatalities between 1999 and 2012, 79 percent were associated with generators. Twenty-four percent occurred when generators were used inside an attached garage or shed.

- When in use, position generators outside and away from doors, windows and vents.
- Make sure your home is properly equipped with carbon monoxide alarms and test them monthly.
- Make sure your generator is properly grounded. Do not plug it directly into a home outlet without a transfer switch to prevent "backfeeding," which could harm utility lineworkers making repairs.



MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 29, 2017

We proudly pay tribute to the dedicated members of the American military who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom.

Lake Bryan



By Kenneth W. Smith Jr.

If you stroll along the shores of Lake Bryan on any given day, you'll see water skiers and wind surfers riding the waves. You'll see fishermen in their boats trolling for catfish and bass. You'll see families and friends all enjoying the atmosphere and facilities that the lake has to offer. And of course, you'll see Lakeside Icehouse – the site of live music, good times, and spectacular sunsets.

Yes, Lake Bryan is a premiere outdoor recreation area in the Brazos Valley. But that's only half of the story. Lake Bryan isn't a natural "lake." It's a man-made reservoir and dam system that is managed by Bryan Texas Utilities and was constructed in the 1970's to supply cooling water to a generator at BTU's Dansby Power Plant. So, without that power plant, the lake itself wouldn't exist.



Since 1978, Dansby's Unit Number One has been providing electricity to Bryan and other BTU customers. Unit Number One is a steam turbine that uses water from Lake Bryan to cool the steam back down once it has done its job and gone through the turbine. Two additional units were added at Dansby, both of which are flightless jet engines similar to what you'd see on an airplane. These two units run on natural gas and are mainly operated at peak times of the day – 3pm to 7pm.

While Lake Bryan is a great place to relax, boat, and fish, it's much more than that. It also helps BTU keep our lights on.

WHAT TO DO ON THE WATER

BOATING AND SWIMMING:

All water vessels are welcome at Lake Bryan! The lake has a recently rebuilt boat launch with vehicle and trailer parking. Please note, all water vessels must have current licensing and Texas regulations and safety guidelines apply.

FISHING:

Lake Bryan may not be a Texas state park but Texas Parks and Wildlife regulations and laws still apply! Visitors are welcome to fish from any bank or boat at the lake, but visitors must have a valid fishing license and provide their own tackle. For a complete list of Lake Bryan fishing regulations, visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife website at tpwd.texas.gov. Predominant fish species include largemouth bass, channel catfish, crappie, and sunfish.

WHAT TO DO ON LAND

CAMPING AND PICNICS:

Lake Bryan has 125 acres of first-come, first-served tent and electric RV camping and recreation facilities to go along with seven water and electric combined RV sites. Enjoy a quick day-trip or relax through the weekend with your family and friends. Facilities include a pavilion (reservations required), picnic tables, fire pits, and public restrooms.

LAKESIDE ICEHOUSE:

There is no better place to sit back, relax and watch the sunset than the Lakeside Icehouse. And when you add food, beverages, and live music into the mix, you have a recipe for a great evening out. Lakeside Icehouse is open rain or shine and welcomes all ages. You can even bring your dog! For detailed hours, visit lakebryan.com.



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DON'T BE A VICTIM CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION OF SCAMS

Utility customers are common targets for phone scammers. The threat of having essential services like water and electricity turned off can cause panic and confusion among residents and business owners alike. These scammers know that people are likely to comply with their demand to make immediate payment in the face of having their utilities disconnected. Unfortunately, people fall for these scams every day. But you don't have to be a victim.

Scammers will often target people they know are especially dependent on these services—restaurants during their lunch-rush and the elderly. They have the ability to falsify phone numbers to make it look as if they are calling from the utility provider they claim to be representing. Unfortunately, just because you see the actual business phone number come up on your phone does not mean it is legitimate.

Customers that are concerned a call may not be legitimate should hang up and contact a BTU staff member by calling 979-821-5700. Our representatives can confirm if a past due balance exists on your account and if you were speaking with a member of our staff.

We want to protect our customers from these types of fraudulent behavior. If a call doesn't seem right, it probably isn't. Report scam calls to local law enforcement at 979-361-3888 for Bryan customers; 979-361-4900 for Brazos County customers; or 979-764-3601 for College Station customers.

Here are some key red flags that will alert you to a scam phone call from someone claiming to be a representative of BTU:

The caller makes demands

BTU will not call and demand immediate payment at the risk of having utilities immediately turned off. Residents and business owners will receive a reminder letter and notice of termination via mail or email alerting them to past due balances on their accounts prior to the date those services are scheduled to be disconnected.

The caller asks you to pay via a pre-paid card

BTU will not ask for payment to be put on a pre-paid card. BTU accepts cash, check, debit, and credit card payments. Anyone asking you to purchase a pre-paid card is likely a scammer.

The caller is contacting you after hours

BTU will not call you after regular business hours to discuss payment. Regular business hours are Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM.

For alerts regarding scams reported to BTU, follow us on Facebook (@BryanTexasUtilities) and Twitter (@BTU_BryanTX).



BRYAN ANIMAL CENTER

Pawpaloosa

SATURDAY, MAY 6

9 AM - 1 PM / Morris "Buzz" Hamilton Dog Park

Enjoy the day with your furry friends while
visiting with community pet experts.

100 Free Microchips and Canine Rabies Vaccinations / Animal Demonstrations
Animal Health Care Experts / Raffle Items / Children's Activities / FREE Adoptable Dogs
Animal Educational Vendors

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YOUTH TOUR: Government-In-Action

Ask any passionate professional how they ended up in their occupation and, more often than not, they can recall the exact moment they were inspired to pursue a career in their field. For some, that inspirational moment occurred on the Government-In-Action Youth Tour. With nearly 50,000 alumni to date, the trip spans an impressive network, and many participants have gone on to work in local, state, or federal government, or become CEOs of large companies. Joining that network, and representing BTU this June, are Benjamin Seago, a senior at St. Joseph Catholic School, Dana Ramirez, a junior at College Station High School, and Elyse Cummins, a sophomore at Still Creek Christian Academy.

Based on their response to an essay question and their extracurricular activities, Benjamin, Dana, and Elyse won an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to get an in-depth look at how government works. This summer, they will join more than 1,500 students from Texas and 42 other states in touring museums, visiting monuments and memorials, and meeting with U.S. congressional representatives. Many who have participated in the Tour have deemed it "the trip of a lifetime."

Texas Electric Cooperatives (TEC) has been sending high school students on the Tour since 1965, before the first man walked on the moon. In the 52 years since, it has introduced young leaders to their government in a unique and memorable way.

Former President Lyndon Baines Johnson inspired the creation of the Youth Tour with his words to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting attendees in 1957. Then-Senator Johnson stated that he desired young people to "actually see what the flag stands for and represents." That summer, Texas students were sent to work in Johnson's Washington, D.C. office. The following year Iowa sent a group of 34 students to study in the capital for a week. The idea caught on, and the Youth Tour expanded exponentially.

For the 50th anniversary of the Government-In-Action Youth Tour in 2015, TEC lengthened the trip to include a day in the students' home state capital. This new tradition continues this year. Benjamin, Dana, and Elyse will tour the capital and visit the Bob Bullock Museum in Austin before flying to Washington, D.C.

We are proud to have these exceptional young leaders represent BTU, and our community, amongst a host of the nation's best, and we look forward to sharing their experiences with you.

Find us on Facebook (@BryanTexasUtilities) and Twitter (@BTU_BryanTX) to follow their stories with updates and pictures.



BTU's involvement in the community doesn't end with delivering power to homes and businesses. Our staff members are passionate about helping to make this community an even better place to call home. After all, we live here too!

We are proud to serve at a number of fundraisers and community events that support non-profit organizations throughout the year. Most recently, BTU sponsored a free admission Sunday at the Children's Museum of the Brazos Valley. This provided children and their families access to a positive learning environment free of charge.



Another way BTU serves our community is through PowerTOWN, a dynamic, hands-on exhibit that demonstrates the power of electricity through real-life scenes and electrical hazards a citizen might encounter. PowerTOWN is used at local schools, safety fairs, and other community events as a tool to spark interest and help educate children about the dangers of electricity while promoting BTU's culture of safety.



In support of the Brazos Valley Food Bank, a local entity that provides assistance to families in need, BTU served guests attending the annual Feast of Caring fundraiser and volunteered at the KBTX Food for Families Food Drive donation collection event.

This year BTU participated in Health for All's Hats Off to Bra Art event, a fundraising effort to assist with local health needs. Using our famous pink hard hat worn to increase breast cancer awareness, BTU created a unique work of art for the auction.

Last but not least, BTU staff members are gearing up for their third consecutive Relay for Life team benefiting the American Cancer Society. We value the people, the businesses, and the non-profit organizations that make Bryan-College Station such a wonderful place to work and live!