

BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES

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REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 12, 2017

FY18 Non-Competitive Operating and Maintenance Budgets

Chief Financial Officer Joe Hegwood presented the proposed Operating and Maintenance budgets for all Divisions of BTU. The proposed Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) budget is \$698,000 (2.9%) higher than the FY17 budget. Changes are attributable to additional staffing, changes in Customer Operations data storage, and Lake Bryan maintenance.

The proposed FY18 Rural budget is \$71k (3.9%) lower than the FY17 budget primarily due to an increase in capital payroll associated with new construction and lower historical Operations & Maintenance costs in the Rural system.

The FY18 budget will be presented in July for approval.

Approval of Engineering Services Contract for BTU Rodgers Substation Project

A \$1,122,400 contract with Black and Veatch for the engineering design of the Rodgers Substation project was approved unanimously. This project will also include modifications to BTU's Nall – East, Nall – Rayburn, and Nall – Briarcrest 69 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines.

General Manager's Report

Executive Director David Werley served as a speaker at the annual APPA National Conference, leading the session titled Smart Meter Data: Challenges and Opportunities.



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Government-In-Action YOUTH TOUR 2017: RECAP

Story by Meagan Brown

Photos provided by youth tour participants



Two flights, three buses, eight t-shirts, more than 40 destinations, over 3,000 miles traveled, and countless pictures, laughs, and memories brought each of the 147 Texas high school students together on a journey they can only describe as “the trip of a lifetime.” Rural utilities, in conjunction with Texas Electric Cooperatives (TEC) and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), send young leaders from across America on a 9-day, life-changing trip each summer to Washington, D.C.



Bryan Texas Utilities (BTU) sponsored three local students – Benjamin Seago, Elyse Cummins, and Dana Ramirez – to go on the Government-In-Action Youth Tour this year, joining the largest group of Texas participants to date. They toured monuments and museums, heard from inspiring speakers, and visited with their congressional representative. Experiencing the rich history that our nation’s capital holds is an emotional and eye-opening time for many students, including Benjamin, who paid respect to his great-grandfather buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

The most telling example of the impact that the Government-in-Action Youth Tour has on teens from around Texas is the difficulty they have leaving each other, and the excitement they speak about when they return. Elyse said, “Getting to meet new people from different backgrounds and cultures was really great for me.”

The relationships formed by the young leaders on this trip will last, personally and professionally, for decades to come. With more than 50,000 alumni since 1964, Youth Tour participants form an impressive pool of leaders, including some that have gone on to serve in governmental positions, as CEOs of large companies, and many who have chosen to serve the communities they live in.

When arriving to pick up each of the participants of the Government-in-Action Youth Tour on June 16, 2017, parents and trip sponsors alike could hear the loud singing of “Deep in the Heart of Texas” in unison. It was drastically different from the apprehensive atmosphere felt just nine days prior when they were dropped off to begin their trip. Dana said, “The trip lived up to the hype. It really was the trip of a lifetime.”

If you, or a local high school student you know, would like a chance to go next year, visit our website at: btutilities.com.

Applications open in December and winners are announced in late February.

New Year, New Schools:

THE FUTURE IS NOW AT BRYAN ISD

Story by Kenneth W. Smith Jr.

Photos by Brian Jones and Bryan ISD

Big ideas and big projects take time. They take money. They take an understanding of the needs of the community and a willingness to invest in the future.

The students of the Bryan Independent School District are the future, and voters made an investment when they approved a \$132 million bond in November 2014 to fund major construction projects for Bryan ISD. Now, that investment is ready to show returns as students prepare to start the 2017-18 school year in their new facilities.



Stephen F. Austin Middle School

The new Stephen F. Austin Middle School has been a massive \$53 million undertaking to create a state-of-the-art campus. The new school is a three-story structure with an enrollment of about 1,200 students. With school realignments taking effect this term, SFA will now only be attended by students in grades 7-8.

The existing gymnasium and the old Bryan Civic Auditorium have been integrated into the new structure with the Civic Auditorium being renovated and renamed the Bryan ISD Performing Arts Center. The Performing Arts Center now has a seating capacity of 1,200 and is an open venue for public events.

The SFA track and multi-purpose field are also getting new turf and facility enhancements while the old main SFA building will be undergoing renovations and will become a new Bryan ISD administration building.



Sul Ross Elementary School

Like SFA, the new Sul Ross Elementary will be fully functional for the 2017-18 school year. The Sul Ross construction project totaled about \$15 million. The new kitchen and cafeteria areas were put into use a few months ago, and the final touches on the overall facility are being completed in time for the start of the school year.

Other Improvements Around the District

Many other projects made up the balance of the construction bond and these projects range from expansions, to facelifts, to fixing air conditioners. Here's just a few of the changes that have been made to other schools in the district:

- Davila Middle School, in its transition to only grades 7-8, has a new choir room and weight room, and classroom additions are currently underway.
- Bryan High School has a new "Bistro."
- Bryan Collegiate High School underwent a complete facelift and rebranding effort.



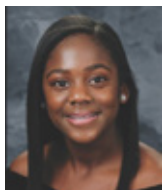
- Henderson Elementary had exterior work completed.
- Other maintenance and upgrade projects included new roofs for some schools, new air-conditioning units, and lots more.



George Bush **High School Public Service Scholarship**

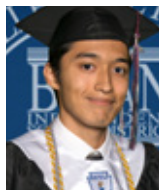
Each year, the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation selects graduating high school seniors in the Bryan-College Station school districts to receive the George Bush High School Public Service Scholarship. The recipients are selected on the basis of academic excellence and community service. Each student is awarded a \$3,000 scholarship sponsored by Bryan Texas Utilities to further their education.

To directly support our local schools and their efforts in providing an exemplary education for our youth, BTU also sponsors an additional grant of \$2,500 provided to each recipient's high school. Furthermore, BTU sponsors an additional contribution of \$5,000 in support of the George H.W. Bush Foundation.



K'Erika Green

High School: College Station High School
College: Texas State University
Major/Minor: Biology, Pre-Med
Career Goals: Anesthesiologist



Eduardo Pecina

High School: Bryan Collegiate High School
College: Texas A&M University
Major/Minor: Aerospace Engineering
Career Goals: Entrepreneur



Tiffany Gunnels

High School: Brazos Christian
College: Emory University or
Texas A&M University
Major/Minor: Biochemistry, Psychology
Career Goals: Medical School, OB/GYN



Cassandra Soto

High School: Bryan High School
College: Texas A&M University
Major/Minor: Allied Health
Career Goals: Neonatal Nurse Practitioner



Shlok Mohanty

High School: A&M Consolidated High School
College: University of Texas, Austin
Major/Minor: Chemical Engineering
Career Goals: Medical School

Jahaziel Torres (not pictured)

High School: Rudder High School
College: Texas A&M University
Major/Minor: Architecture/
Construction Science

Congratulations to this year's George Bush High School Public Service Scholarship recipients!



BACK TO SCHOOL *Safety*

As the summer comes to an end and students head back to school, the City of Bryan and the Bryan Police Department want to ensure that you and your family have a safe start to the school year. Here are a few back to school safety tips to ensure your school year is an A+!

Traveling To and From School

Practice walking the route with your child if they plan on walking or riding their bicycle to school. Be sure to remind them of safety rules such as walking on the sidewalk, wearing a helmet when riding a bicycle and only crossing streets at crosswalks. Be sure to identify safe places along the route such as a church or library, in case your child needs help. If your child is going to ride the school bus to and from school, go to the bus stop with your child and teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus. Make sure your child knows to stand six feet away from the curb. If you are dropping your children off at school, be sure to observe school zone speeds and watch for darting children.

Be Prepared

Make sure to fill out any forms from your child's school such as emergency contact information and health information forms. Inform your child's school nurse and teachers of any medical conditions your child may have such as food allergies, asthma and diabetes. Make arrangements with the school nurse to administer any medications your child may need throughout the day.

Lighten the Load

When selecting a backpack for your child look for a backpack with an ergonomic design that reduces back pain, shoulder pain and poor posture. Make sure your child's backpack is never wider or longer than your child's torso and never hangs more than four inches below their waist. Your child should always carry their backpack with both shoulder straps, and it should never weigh more than 10 percent of your child's body weight. Never put your child's name or personal information on his or her backpack. This will make it more difficult for strangers to learn your child's name and appear more familiar to them.

LAKESIDE ICEHOUSE AT LAKE BRYAN LIVE MUSIC SUMMER SCHEDULE



08/06 - 6 PM	Ian Eisinger*
08/12 - 8 PM	Ray Wylie Hubbard <i>with special guest Kelley Mickwee</i>
08/13 - 6 PM	Brett Hendrix*
08/20 - 6 PM	Clayton Gardner*
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