

Regular Board of Directors Meeting**August 8, 2017****Presentation and Discussion of BTU Rural Wholesale
Billing Adjustment**

Doug Lyles advised the BTU Board regarding a \$2,251,867 refund from the BTU City system to the BTU Rural system resulting from corrections to demand and energy measurement calculations. This adjustment is at the wholesale level and will not affect retail rates.

**Second Amendment to the Texas Municipal Power Agency
(TMPA) Joint Operating Agreement**

Joe Hegwood, Chief Financial Officer, presented a second amendment to the TMPA Joint Operating Agreement (JOA), which allows TMPA to operate seasonally and also allows, with TMPA Board approval, the sale of an asset with a value less than \$250,000, or multiple assets with a total annual amount no greater than \$500,000. A motion to recommend the second amendment to the TMPA JOA to the Bryan City Council passed unanimously.

BTU Board Appointments

A motion was made to recommend to the Bryan City Council the reappointment of Mr. Carl L. Benner in Position 5 to an additional 3-year term ending August 2020; to appoint Mr. David Bairrington to serve the remaining term of Mr. Bill Ballard in Position 7 ending August 2019; and to appoint Ms. Rosemarie Selman to Position 1, for a term ending August 2020. The motion was passed unanimously.

General Manager's Report

BTU General Manager Gary Miller discussed an email from Payman Dehghanian, BTU's APPA DEED Scholarship recipient. Payman Dehghanian, who had previously made a presentation to the Engineering and Operation Committee at the TPPA Annual Meeting this past July in San Antonio, conveyed his appreciation to BTU for his scholarship.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Doug Lyles, Chief Risk Officer

CITY OF BRYAN

Kean Register, City Manager

Joe Hegwood, Chief Financial Officer

Bernie Acre, Chief Information Officer

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Billing/Collections/Connects

(979) 821-5700

Electrical Outage/Lines Down

(979) 822-3777

Distribution/Line Design

(979) 821-5770



RIGHT TREES, RIGHT PLACE, *Right Result*

Whether planting trees to celebrate Arbor Day—this year, Friday, November 3, in Texas—or to provide a wind break, reduce carbon in the environment or beautify the landscape, Bryan Texas Utilities (BTU) reminds you of the importance of planting tall-growing trees safely away from power lines. Trees that grow too close to electric lines can create shock and fire hazards as well as power outages.

Take the time to research tree selections by consulting your local arborist or tree nursery, who can help in designing a beautiful, shade-filled yard with trees that are appropriate for each area of the landscape but won't grow to interfere with the electric supply.

Trees help combat the effects of pollution by absorbing carbon dioxide. When trees grow, they take energy from the sun and combine it with carbon from the air to photosynthesize. They remove carbon from the air and sequester, or store, it in their biomass and in the ground. This makes trees a natural "carbon sink," or living source of carbon reduction. Some trees are better suited for this task than others, and tree species that grow quickly and live long are ideal carbon sinks, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Choosing the right tree for the right place is crucial, especially when it comes to power lines. Trees and wood conduct electricity and can create a safety hazard if grown close to electric lines. Power outages or momentary interruptions can occur when branches come into contact with overhead lines. Electrical arcing and sparking from a wire to a nearby branch also can cause a fire.

Another concern is the safety risk when children climb trees near power lines. Accidental contact between electric wires and a child via a tree limb can be fatal. Parents and caregivers are urged to teach children to avoid not only trees near power lines but also padmount transformers and other equipment serving underground lines.

If you have trees that appear to be growing into power lines, contact BTU. Never try to prune them yourself. BTU can provide recommendations on skilled professionals trained to safely prune and trim trees for electric line clearance.

To avoid future electrical hazards, remember these safe planting tips:

- Consider the mature heights of trees. Never plant near a power line any tree that could grow to 25 feet or taller. Tall-growing trees should be planted a minimum of 20 feet away from power lines, and 50 feet away to avoid future pruning. A mature height of less than 15 feet is recommended for trees planted near power lines.
- Do not plant near underground utility services. Tree roots can grow to interfere with underground pipes, cables and wires. Future repairs to these facilities also could damage the health and beauty of nearby plants and trees.
- Keep areas around electric meters, transformers and other electrical equipment free of any vegetation that could limit utility service access.
- Before digging, call 811 to have them mark the location of underground utilities so that accidental contact, damage and injuries can be avoided.

There are many beautiful varieties of tall trees, low-growing trees and shrubs that provide color, screening and shade, and enhance the quality of life in our communities and environment. Consider the types of trees that coexist well with power lines and the environment before you start planting.

Employee Service Awards

At the 2017 Bryan Texas Utilities Employee Banquet, 23 employees received recognition for between 5 and 35 years of service. We appreciate everything these dedicated employees have done for our customers over the years!

ADMINISTRATION

***15 Years
of Service***



**Angie
Saxby**

***10 Years
of Service***



**John
Fontenot**

CUSTOMER SERVICE

***20 Years
of Service***



**Elise
Wells**

***15 Years
of Service***



**April
Bonifazi**

DISTRIBUTION

***20 Years
of Service***

**David
Haddix**

***5 Years
of Service***



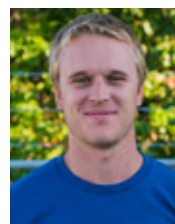
**Nathan
Brown**

***5 Years
of Service***



**Joseph
Carter**

***5 Years
of Service***



**Wayne
Cloat**

***5 Years
of Service***



**Braden
Hobson**

***5 Years
of Service***



**Justin
Livingston**

***5 Years
of Service***

**Damon
Seaton**

ENGINEERING

*35 Years
of Service*



Kenneth
Macik

*15 Years
of Service*



Shawndra
Curry

*10 Years
of Service*



Brandon
Charanza

*5 Years
of Service*



Calvin
Hendrickson

FISCAL

*10 Years
of Service*



Lori
Williams

QSE

*15 Years
of Service*



Wayne
Thomas

*10 Years
of Service*



Michael
Mathews

TRANSMISSION

*10 Years
of Service*



Cole
McKinney

*5 Years
of Service*



Cole
Lancaster

PRODUCTION

*5 Years
of Service*



David
McIntyre

*5 Years
of Service*



Keith
Thomas

*5 Years
of Service*

Roy
Shanks

Breast Cancer *Awareness*

Many of us have had a loved one say the words ***"I have breast cancer"***. And in 2017, an estimated 255,180* more men and women will say these words.

Breast cancer touches nearly everyone in some way, which is why BTU and our staff have donated \$5,500 since 2014 to help find a cure for breast cancer through our employee cap sale.

Each year, staff members are given the opportunity to purchase a special pink ribbon BTU logo cap for \$10—a donation that BTU matches dollar for dollar. You may also notice our linemen wearing pink shirts and hard hats throughout the month of October to express their support of those who have been impacted by breast cancer.

*Statistic courtesy of breastcancer.org.

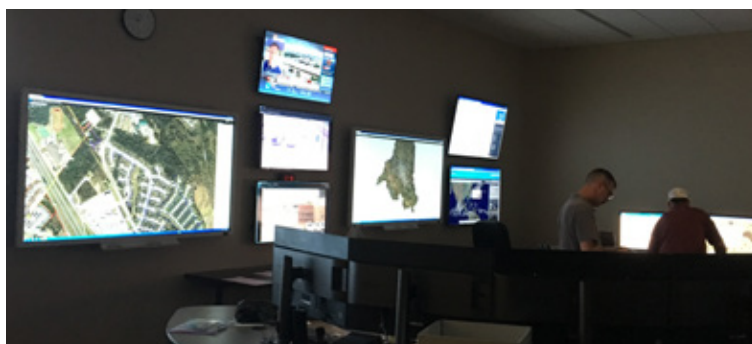


HURRICANE HARVEY

**WHEN DISASTER STRIKES,
OUR COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER.**

Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Rockport along the Texas coast late Friday, August 25, 2017, as a category 4 hurricane. With it came an unprecedented amount of rain for our fellow Texans in Houston and the coastal bend areas.

HURRICANE HARVEY



Locally, we were fortunate. Jurisdictions county-wide pulled together to work around the clock to address outages, check drainage structures, monitor roadway conditions, and keep our citizens safe. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our emergency personnel, standby crews, and the emergency management team that sacrificed time away from their families to ensure the safety of our citizens.

If you have an issue to report as a result of Hurricane Harvey, please use the online forms at www.bryantx.gov.

Halloween Safety



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Did you know... pedestrian injuries are the most common injuries to children on Halloween. Help keep your trick-or-treaters happy and safe this Halloween with these important tips:

- Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going
- Remember reflective tape for costumes and trick-or-treat bags
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic
- Never cut across yards or use alleys
- Only cross the street as a group using designated crosswalks
- Never cross between parked cars or driveways
- Don't assume you have the right of way - motorists may have trouble seeing trick-or-treaters
- Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity

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FREE EVENT HOWL-O-WEEN FESTIVAL & PAW PARADE

Presented by the
City of Bryan Parks & Recreation Department

**Saturday,
October 21st
5 PM to 8 PM**

**Morris "Buzz" Hamilton Dog Park
4890 Boonville Road**

Dress up your fur-ever friend and join the Paw Parade as a part of the annual Howl-O-Ween Festival.

Join us for some fall fun with free kids' activities including bounce houses, pumpkin decorating, and pumpkin viewing hayrides.

Registration to participate in the Paw Parade is from 5 PM to 5:45 PM. While participation is free, you will need proof of rabies vaccination(s) for each pet to register! Prizes will be awarded for the best pet costume as well as treats for your special fur-ever friend.

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