

# Minutes

## Regular Board of Directors Meeting

### September 11, 2017

#### Presentation of Transmission and Distribution Operating Report

Mr. Randy Trimble stated that the outages with the longest duration in the City and Rural systems for August were primarily due to animal contact and weather related storms, highlighting outages resulting from Hurricane Harvey. In addition, an update of the Nall Substation fire that occurred September 10, 2017 was also presented.

#### Presentation of Financial Report

BTU's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) spending in the City system is currently below budget due primarily to the deferral of some Transmission and Production FY17 projects, as well as lower cost estimates for the South College Avenue underground project. BTU's CIP spending in the Rural system is slightly above budget due to billing on feeder work.

#### Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend to Bryan City Council Appointment of BTU Board Chairperson

The board made a motion to recommend to the Bryan City Council the appointment of Director David Bairrington as Chairman of the BTU Board of Directors effective October 10, 2017.

#### General Manager's Report

BTU General Manager Gary Miller shared the Bryan City Council approved the reappointments of Directors Bairrington and Benner. Ms. Rosemarie Selman was appointed to a term to expire in August 2020.

In the September issue of the TEC Report, Director Bentley Nettles received recognition regarding his promotion to Brigadier General following his retirement from the armed forces after 31 years.

In honor of Public Power Week, October 1-7, BTU will be hosting a Free Sunday at The Children's Museum of the Brazos Valley, located at 4001 E. 29th Street in Bryan, on October 8. Families will have free admission from 1 PM to 5 PM.

## SOCIAL MEDIA



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#### Hours of Operation

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

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Paul Turney, Chairman

Mr. David Bairrington, Vice Chairman

Mr. Flynn Adcock

Mr. Carl L. Benner

Mr. Art Hughes

Mr. A. Bentley Nettles

Ms. Rosemarie Selman

Mr. Buppy Simank, Ex-Officio

Mr. Jason Bienski, Ex-Officio

#### GENERAL MANAGER

Gary Miller

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Randy Trimble

David Werley

#### DIVISION MANAGERS

James Bodine

Bill Bullock

Shawndra Curry

Ken Lindberg

Clay Lindstrom

Kristi Nash

Vicki Reim

Scott Smith

Wes Williams

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

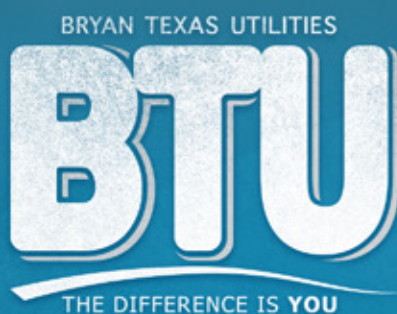
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**VETERANS DAY**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017**

**HONORING ALL WHO SERVED**

**FROM THE STAFF AT**





## HERO WALL OF HONOR



# MOBLEY RANCH

## A Call to Impact Local Families, One Outdoor Trip at a Time

Sixteen years ago, Mobley Ranch was established in the BTU service territory off Old San Antonio Road in Robertson County. The idea was to provide a landscape where people could enjoy the great outdoors through hunting, fishing, or simply sitting by a campfire. But in just eight short years, this vision transformed into something much greater than the Mobley's ever imagined.



Gary Mobley moved to Bryan over 50 years ago with his parents, continuing the family business of building swimming pools in the Bryan/ College Station area. Gary and his wife Pam set up the Mobley Ranch to share the wonders of outdoor recreation with individuals, families, and companies alike. The ranch features five separate facilities capable of housing up to 35 people with a deer pond, dressing station, in-ground pool, and even a kid's area complete with an oversized playscape and splash pad. But what began as a place to offer weekend hunting trips, corporate retreats, and family get-a-ways slowly evolved into sharing the wonders of nature with an even greater purpose. About eight years ago, the Mobley's began offering summer camps for children, often from single-parent families, then expanded to offer sponsored trips for first responders and veterans.

Each outdoor excursion offered is Christian-based, connecting every visitor with the natural landscape. The youth summer camps are designed to introduce not only the kids but also their families to campfires with s'mores, hiking and fishing, and even how to shoot a bow and arrow. It is a time for these families to escape their normal routine, learn something new, and see a part of this life they may have otherwise never gotten to enjoy.

With the overwhelming success of the youth hunts and the impact they had over the years, the Mobley's sought local partnerships to extend these same experiences to first responders and veterans. Mr. Mobley shared that he and his wife were called to do this at a local level as it can be very difficult for veterans to capitalize on these types of opportunities at a national level. "Our first responders and military personnel deserve more respect than they get and we want them to know they are appreciated. We need to thank those that protect us." To accomplish this, the Mobley's have teamed up with Ronnie and Connie West, leaders of the local chapter of the Alabama based Buckmasters, Inc. This organization hosts an annual banquet where a portion of the proceeds remain in the Brazos Valley and have so far helped sponsor veterans from Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq, just to name a few.

This ranch provides a beacon of hope for many, fulfilling lifelong dreams and fostering friendships that last a lifetime. It is clear that the lives of those visiting are not the only ones touched. The Mobley's continue to look for ways they increase the number of children, first responders, and veterans they serve each year in the future and for ways they can have an even greater impact on the community.

To learn more about Mobley Ranch, please visit [www.mobleyranch.com](http://www.mobleyranch.com).





# *A Culture of* **SAFETY**

When BTU began its safety culture journey in April of 2015, expectations were high with the realization that our journey would not be easy. After all, it would take time to develop the mentality of personal investment in our organization's safety culture and teach staff to put "safety first" in all activities. Now, more than two years later, BTU has fostered a culture of safety excellence with one goal in mind—to send everyone home safely at the end of each day.


"There is nothing more important to me than the safety of our staff and our customers," said Gary Miller, BTU General Manager. "We approach each day with the goal of working as safely and efficiently as possible, and serving our customers at the highest level."

To accomplish this, BTU staff members from all departments and levels of responsibility have

come together to form a series of teams, known as Continuous Improvement Teams (CIT), to address different areas of safety, from inspections and safety meetings, to incident reporting and, most recently, safe vehicle operations.

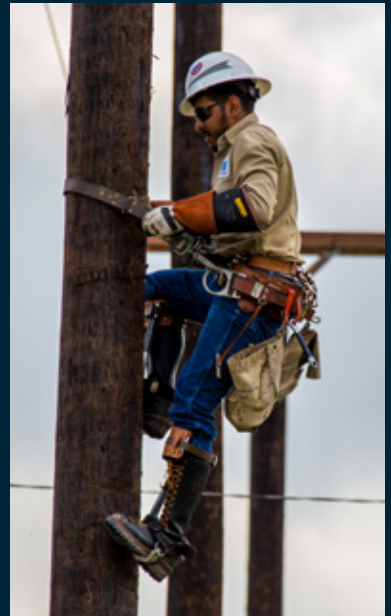
Assisting in this effort is the Safety Steering Team (SST) whose purpose is to champion, encourage, and support BTU's safety culture for the livelihood of each employee in the organization. Comprised of eight staff members, the SST assists with the implementation of new processes and safety goals developed by the CIT members.

"The Safety Steering Team views itself as a resource to other teams, and our employees as a whole, to ensure that we're all on the same page about changes to our safety procedures," said April Bonifazi, Customer Operations and Business Analyst, and a member of the SST. "We don't



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dictate how or what changes happen—we support what the CI teams come up with and help to make it as successful as possible."

Out of these efforts have come a thorough process for inspecting BTU facilities and identifying job site hazards, employee-led safety meetings, and a post event analysis process to prevent repeat safety issues. With a fourth team now working to improve BTU's safe vehicle operation practices, there isn't an area of work at BTU that isn't directly influenced by this culture of safety.

BTU's efforts were recently featured as a case study at the annual Municipal Electric Safety Exchange (MESE) conference in Boerne to demonstrate to other municipally owned utilities and cooperatives, how to move from a safety program to a safety culture.

"I'm proud of how quickly our staff got on board with making safety the number one priority," Mr. Miller stated. "Productivity and efficiency are very important, but not at the expense of the safety of our people."

## BY THE NUMBERS

- **200+** BTU Employees
- **5800 hours** spent in safety meetings in fiscal year 2017
- **2 recordable injuries** in fiscal year 2017
- **100+ employees** certified in First Aid/CPR/AED



A portrait of Rosemarie Selman, a woman with blonde hair, smiling. She is wearing a patterned jacket over a light blue top and a necklace. The background is a blurred stone wall with green foliage on the left.

## Rosemarie Selman

### *Meet the Newest Member of the* **BTU BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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As a resident of the Bryan College Station area for the last 30 years, Rosemarie Selman has led a number of initiatives, served on numerous boards, and consistently invested her time and talents in the community. When she was approached with the opportunity to serve on the BTU Board of Directors, she was intrigued by the chance to serve citizens in yet another way.

Friends, great opportunities, and the fact that our area looked like a great place to live drew Rosemarie to the Brazos Valley over three decades ago. And she has been working to make this community an even better place to live ever since. She was the first City Director for Lemonade Day BCS and helped found BrightMinds Foundation, Inc., a 501c3 not for profit organization that builds upon the goal of Lemonade Day in providing practical, real-life information to children to help set them up for success in life. She is also a founding member, past president, and current treasurer of the Bubba Moore Memorial Group, another 501c3 not for profit organization she helped establish. This 100 percent volunteer organization held its first fundraiser in 2005 and has to date provided over \$570,000 in support of other local nonprofits within our community.

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**- Rosemarie Selman**

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Professionally, Rosemarie currently serves as the Executive Officer of the Greater Brazos Valley Builders Association, has spent over 30 years in association management, and has maintained her certification as a Certified Association Executive since 2004. She also previously served as the Executive Director of the Bryan College Station Apartment Association for over eighteen years and as the Programs Administration Chair for the National Apartment Association Education Institute for two years. Later this year Rosemarie will be named the President of the Texas Executive Officers' Council for the Texas Association of Builders, a committee that encourages and assists members of the association in professional development.

Being a member of the BTU Board of Directors is not only a commitment to serve the community, it is a sense of responsibility for Rosemarie. She has a vested interest in seeing that the needs of consumers are taken care of and that our citizens continue to receive the best service possible. She was appointed to Position 1, representing the community at large as a residential customer of the utility, and joins six

other members with two ex-officio positions that have demonstrated experience in accounting, legal counsel, engineering, marketing, and more. She has already begun the journey of learning the different things BTU does, not only in purchasing, generating, and providing power, but all the other facets of the public power industry as well.

“I have always been impressed with the development and technology BTU employs to better serve customers,” Rosemarie shared. “I love this community and I am looking forward to witnessing the continuation of responsible growth within the entire BTU service area.” Rosemarie Selman was recently appointed to the board in 2017 and her term runs through August 2020.

To learn more about the BTU Board of Directors, please visit [www.btutilities.com](http://www.btutilities.com).



We would like to thank Mr. Bill Ballard for his dedication and leadership as a member of the BTU Board of Directors from October 2012 through August 2017, representing our community as a person experienced in electric generation, transmission, or distribution.