

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS *Meeting Notes*

January 8, 2018

Safety Report

Ray Berger, Safety and Training Officer, reported that BTU had no recordable incidents and no at-fault vehicle incidents for the month of December.

Contracts

The board unanimously approved the following:

- A contract in the amount of \$750,000 to Frontline Power Construction for pole replacements
- A contract in the amount of \$950,000, awarded to Linetec Services, LLC, for overhead unit services
- The purchase of two Freightliner digger trucks in the amount of \$445,276

Transmission and Distribution Operating Report

Mr. Randy Trimble, Executive Director of Energy Delivery, discussed an underground cable failure that caused a significant outage in the Indian Lakes Subdivision.



SOCIAL MEDIA



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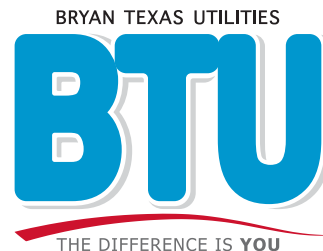
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Hours of Operation

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



SPRING BREAK HOME PREP

Spring is the perfect time to check your home for inefficiencies. Even the most highly rated appliances and HVAC units won't help to keep your energy bills low if the structure of your home isn't efficient. Here are a few things to check this spring to make sure you aren't spending more than you need to on your energy bill.

1. Inspect Your Windows: Air leaks in the weather stripping around your windows allow the conditioned air within your home to escape and make your HVAC unit run more frequently. If you can feel air movement around your windows, or you notice the material peeling or wearing away, you should reapply weather stripping. You should also make sure that your windows are double pane, energy efficient models. Many older homes have single pane windows that are very inefficient.

2. Measure Your Insulation: Over time, attic insulation will degrade and become ineffective. If you have been in your home for more than 10 years and have not updated your insulation, you should check your current level. Use a ruler to measure the depth of insulation in inches and visit energystar.gov to determine your R-value. If your R-value is below the recommended R-30, you should add to, or replace, your insulation.

3. Service Your HVAC: You should change your air filters monthly for optimum efficiency, but you should also have your HVAC unit serviced by a professional twice a year—once in the spring and once in the fall. Regular maintenance will keep your unit running efficiently in the heat of the summer and cold of the winter. Make sure to clear any leaves or high grass away from the unit, as this debris can get caught in the condenser and clog the air path which makes it work harder and run longer.



Upgrading your windows or insulation may qualify you for the BTU SmartHOME program.

To see if you're eligible for a rebate, visit btutilities.com and click the "SmartHOME" link!



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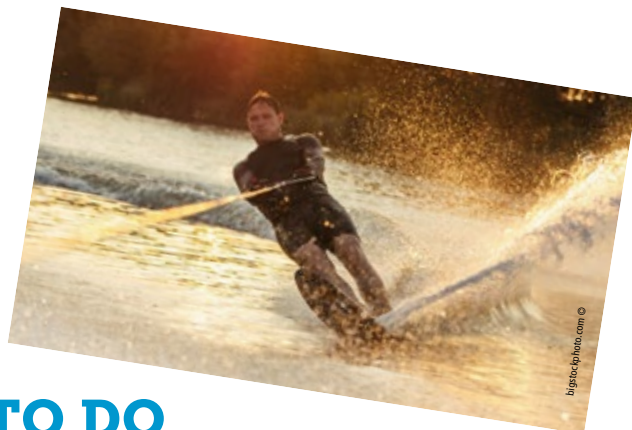


If you stroll along the shores of Lake Bryan on any given day, you'll see water skiers and wind surfers riding the waves. You'll see fishermen in their boats trolling for catfish and bass. You'll see families and friends all enjoying the atmosphere and facilities that the lake has to offer. And of course, 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 levee 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. Dansby #1 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 powered by jet engines similar to what you'd see on an airplane. These two units, like Dansby #1, run on natural gas, but are mainly operated at peak times of the day.

While Lake Bryan is a great place to relax, boat, and fish, it's much more than that. It also helps BTU keep your 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, TRAILS, 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. Lake Bryan is pet friendly! Just remember, all dogs must be on a leash and waste must be collected.

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.




The City of Bryan is using Polco's civic engagement software to get input from the community.

polco.us/bryan

Visit Polco to create an account and share your thoughts, feedback, and ideas.



An aerial photograph showing several houses and a utility pole surrounded by deep, brown floodwater. The water has reached the roofs of some structures, and the surrounding area is completely submerged. Large trees are visible in the background, their lower branches underwater.

Columbus, Texas
Hurricane Harvey Flooding

Be FLOOD*SMART*

FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program

The National Flood Insurance Program aims to reduce the impact of flooding on private and public structures. It does so by providing affordable insurance to property owners and by encouraging communities to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations. These efforts help mitigate the effects of flooding on new and improved structures. Overall, the program reduces the socio-economic impact of disasters by promoting the purchase and retention of general risk insurance, but also of flood insurance, specifically.

I Don't Have Flood Insurance -- Why Do I Need It?

FACT: Floods are the nation's most common and costly natural disaster and cause millions of dollars in damage every year.

FACT: Homeowners and renters insurance does not typically cover flood damage.

FACT: Floods can happen anywhere--more than 20 percent of flood claims come from properties outside the high-risk flood zone.

FACT: Flood insurance can pay regardless of whether or not there is a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

FACT: Most federal disaster assistance comes in the form of low-interest disaster loans from U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and you have to pay them back. FEMA offers disaster grants that don't need to be paid back, but this amount is often much less than what is needed to recover. A claim against your flood insurance policy could and often does, provide more funds for recovery than those you could qualify for from FEMA or the SBA--and you don't have to pay it back.

FACT: You may be required to have flood insurance. Congress has mandated federally regulated or insured lenders to require flood insurance on mortgaged properties that are located in areas at high risk of flooding. But even if your property is not in a high-risk flood area, your mortgage lender may still require you to have flood insurance.

I Have Flood Insurance-- Do I Really Need To Keep It?

You realize your flood insurance policy is about to expire and you're on the fence about renewing. It hasn't flooded in your area in years (or ever). And you really could use that extra money to buy something you really want. But wait! DON'T. RISK. IT.

FACT: Flooding is the most common natural disaster in the United States, affecting every region and state, including yours.

FACT: Flood insurance can be the difference between recovering and being financially devastated.

FACT: The damage from just one inch of water can cost more than \$20,000.

FACT: If you allow your flood insurance policy to lapse for more than 90 days, or twice for any number of days, you may be required to provide an Elevation Certificate, and you may no longer be eligible for policy rate discounts you might have been receiving prior to the policy lapse. It's important

to talk with your insurance agent before canceling or not renewing the policy.

FACT: You can file a flood claim even if there is not a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

FACT: Flood damage is not typically covered by homeowners insurance.

FACT: No home is completely safe from potential flooding devastation--why risk it?

FACT: If you live in a high-risk flood zone, and you've received federal disaster assistance in the form of grants from FEMA or low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) following a Presidential Disaster Declaration, you must maintain flood insurance in order to be considered for any future federal disaster aid.

FACT: Storms are not the only cause of floods. Flooding can be caused by dams or levees breaking, new development changing how water flows above and below ground, and much more.

FACT: Too often, Americans are caught off guard by the emotional and financial costs of flood damage.

To renew your policy, call your flood insurance agent. If you don't have your insurance agent's contact information, call the National Flood Insurance Program's Help Center at 1-800-427-4661.



How Can I Buy Flood Insurance?

Find an insurance agent near you. The agent who helps you with your homeowners or renters insurance may be able to help you with purchasing flood insurance too.

You can only purchase flood insurance through an insurance agent; you cannot buy it directly from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). If your insurance agent does not sell flood insurance, you can contact the NFIP Referral Call Center at 1-888-379-9531 to request an agent referral.

*Information from:
www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program