

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS *Meeting Notes*

March 19, 2018

Presentation of BTU's Annual Performance Report

BTU staff presented the Annual Performance Report for fiscal year 2017. This report will also be presented to the City Council later this year.

Cost of Service Study

Mr. Gary Miller provided an update to the Board on the status of the Cost of Service study currently being performed, and advised it will take the majority of fiscal year 2018 to complete. At this time, staff does not anticipate any major changes as a result of the study.

Waiver Agreement Relating to the Global Settlement Agreement between TMPA and the City of Bryan

The Board unanimously approved a Waiver Agreement related to TMPA that corrects a minor accounting issue between the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), BTU, and TMPA.

General Manager's Report

Mr. Miller informed the Board that, due to a combination of excellent customer growth and cooler than normal weather this winter, BTU revenue is better than budgeted so far this year.





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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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 (979) 821-5770

BRYAN ISD:

GRADUATION TIMES & LOCATIONS:

MC HARRIS:

7 P.M. / May 22 Bryan ISD Performing Arts Center

BRYAN COLLEGIATE:

7 P.M. / May 25 Texas A&M University Rudder Auditorium

BRYAN HIGH:

9 A.M. / May 26 Texas A&M University Reed Arena

RUDDER HIGH:

12 P.M. / May 26 Texas A&M University Reed Arena









NATIONAL LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY APRIL 18TH

National Lineman Appreciation Day is celebrated each year on April 18 and recognizes the hard work our electric linemen perform every day!



As our "first responders," BTU linemen are responsible for maintaining over 2,200 miles of overhead and underground powerlines that serve our more than 56,000 customers throughout our three-county service territory. They also have the challenging task of repairing damaged infrastructure caused by storms, public accidents, or equipment failures. Often times, this work is performed during inclement weather, in less than ideal locations, and under dangerous circumstances.

A lineman's job is not for everyone. They are called out in the middle of the night, work in extreme conditions such as heat, cold, wind, rain, and snow, and during major holidays to ensure our customers have safe and reliable power. Our linemen understand the inconvenience being without power causes our customers and they make every effort to minimize the amount of time that it takes to restore service during an outage.

BTU staff facilitates a robust safety culture and puts the safety of our customers, office staff, and field crews as our highest priority. We acknowledge that the work our crews do can be dangerous, particularly during extreme events where weather and time of day can cause difficult working conditions. With such dangerous work to be done every day, our linemen are highly trained, possess amazing skills, and take all necessary safety precautions. These include wearing steel toed boots, fire-retardant clothing, leather and rubber lined gloves, a hardhat, and ear and eye protection.

Thank you to our linemen for doing an amazing job for our customers!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SAVINGS

NEED A NEW, MORE ENERGY-EFFICIENT DISHWASHER OR REFRIGERATOR?

If you time it right, you can enjoy a tax-free purchase on qualifying appliances soon. The statewide Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday takes place Memorial Day weekend. This year, it begins Saturday, May 26, at 12:01 a.m. and concludes Monday, May 28, at 11:59 p.m.

ELIGIBLE TAX-FREE APPLIANCES INCLUDE:

- Air conditioners (models priced at \$6,000 or less)
- Refrigerators (models priced at \$2,000 or less)
- Ceiling fans
- Incandescent and fluorescent lightbulbs
- Clothes washers
- Dishwashers
- Dehumidifiers
- Programmable thermostats

Keep in mind that appliances purchased for just a few dollars over the allowable amounts will be fully taxed. For example, a refrigerator that costs \$2,050 will be taxed on the entire purchase price, not just the \$50 in excess of the limit. Similarly, if an item's sale price is within the price cap but an additional delivery fee pushes it over the limit, the entire purchase is taxable. Start researching now so you can take advantage of savings on items that will likely lower your energy bills.

PRACTICAL POINTERS FOR ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

May is National Electrical Safety Month, and Bryan Texas Utilities is working to raise awareness about potential home electrical hazards and the importance of electrical safety.

Our modern lives depend on electricity and if you don't properly maintain your electrical products, they can create hazards. The good news is that eliminating electrical hazards from your home doesn't have to be difficult or expensive.

Many homes and their electrical systems were built before most modern-day home electronics and appliances were even invented. Today's increased demand for energy can overburden an older home's electrical system. If you notice flickering or dimming lights, it may indicate your home's wiring is inadequate for your needs. Have it checked by an electrician.

The following tips will help you identify and eliminate electrical hazards to protect yourself, your family and your home:

- Make sure televisions, game systems and computer equipment have plenty of space around them for ventilation.
- Use extension cords as temporary solutions only.
- Do not place extension cords in high-traffic areas or under carpets.
- Use a surge protector to help protect your computer, televisions and other electronic equipment from damage caused by voltage changes.
- Heavy reliance on power strips is an indication that you have too few outlets to address your needs. Have additional outlets installed by a licensed electrician.
- Keep liquids away from electrical items such as televisions and computers.
- Make sure lightbulb wattage is right for the fixture. Lightbulbs with wattages that are too high for the fixture can overheat and cause a fire.
- Create a guide for your breaker box so that you know which breaker to turn off when needed.
- Recurring tripped circuit breakers or multiple blown fuses can signify a serious and dangerous electrical problem. Contact a licensed electrician immediately.

As always, Bryan Texas Utilities encourages you and your family to stay safe.





Meet Your Elected City Officials: BRYAN CITY COUNCIL



Mayor Andrew Nelson

(Nov. 2016 – Present)

Mayor Nelson has served on the Bryan Business Council, on the board of the Research Valley Innovation Center and as a member of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee for the City of Bryan. In addition, Mayor Nelson has been active in a number of charitable and civic causes throughout the Bryan community. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Bryan; is a Founding Trustee and Officer of Brazos Valley Cares, which provides grants and emergency funds to meet local needs of veterans and their families; and raises funds for the Warrior and Family Support Center at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Reuben Marin: Councilmember, Single Member District 1

(Nov. 2016 - Present)

As a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Mr. Marin has first-hand experience working with residents to maintain the integrity of our neighborhoods. As a former Vice President of the Hispanic Forum of Bryan/College Station, Mr. Marin understands the importance of a solid educational foundation. He is proud to be a member of an organization that actively raises money for local scholarships. Mr. Marin is also a graduate of the City of Bryan's Citizen Police Academy, 50th Anniversary Class and attends Santa Teresa Catholic Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Prentiss Madison: Councilmember, Single Member District 2

(Nov. 2016 – Present)

Prentiss Madison is the son of past Bryan City Councilmember, Paul Madison, and is a member of Lily of the Valley Church of God in Christ. A 1995 graduate of Bryan High School, Councilmember Madison began his public service duties for the City of Bryan in 2001 as a member of the Bryan Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. He has also served on the Zoning Board of Adjustments, volunteered at the Boys & Girls Club of the Brazos Valley, and served as a UIL Basketball official. Councilmember Madison most recently served the previous six years as a Commissioner of the City's Planning and Zoning Board.











Greg Owens: Councilmember, Single Member District 3 (Nov. 2012 – Present)

He served on the City's Building and Standards Commission and as Chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mr. Owens has served as a guest lecturer at A&M's Mays Business School and has a strong record of philanthropic support of many organizations such as the Junior League, the Children's Museum and the Bryan Breakfast Lions Club. He is a member of the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce.

Mike Southerland: Councilmember, Single Member District 4 (Nov. 2014 – Present)

Mike Southerland has donated his time and energies to the Bryan Rotary Club and Habitat for Humanity as president. He has been a volunteer for Elder Aid, the Boys & Girls Club of the Brazos Valley, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Brazos Valley Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse, and the American Red Cross. As a director of the Bryan Development Foundation, he helped with Blinn College consolidation and furthered plans for a state prison development in Bryan. He has been on the board of Keep Brazos Beautiful and chaired the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall exhibited at the Bush Library and created and chaired an annual veteran's parade in Downtown Bryan. He has been Bryan Rotary President and Treasurer, and President and Treasurer of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 937.

Ben Hardeman: Councilmember, Single Member District 5 (*Nov. 2015 – Present*)

Ben Hardeman served two separate times on the Bryan City Council in the past, between 1984-1991 and 2003-2009. He was instrumental in passing the original non-smoking ordinance, implementing zoning to protect our neighborhoods, and expanding the Fire Department to include trained emergency medical technicians staffing City of Bryan ambulances. In the years since Ben was last on the Bryan City Council, he chaired or served on several committees that contribute to economic development, downtown Bryan revitalization and historic renovation and, in 2013, Ben was selected Citizen of the Year by the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce. Most publicly, he served five years as the Chairman of the Downtown Bryan Association (DBA) and still leads the Queen Committee, the project to save the historic Queen Theatre.

Buppy Simank: Councilmember, At Large, Place 6 (Nov. 2015 – Present)

(NOV. 2015 – Present)

Buppy Simank has called Bryan his home for almost 4 decades. He is a graduate of Bryan High School, played football for the Bryan Vikings, and continues to follow Bryan Football today. Buppy attended Blinn College in Bryan while working with the restaurant and catering company that he now owns. He served on the Boys and Girls Club Brazos Valley Board of Directors & Executive Board from 1995 to 2005 and is an active supporter of Hospice Brazos Valley, Brazos County 4-H, The Salvation Army of the Brazos Valley, Downs Syndrome Association of the Brazos Valley, and Bryan Independent School District.