

## REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS *Meeting Notes*

**August 12, 2019**

### **Approval of a Contract for Engineering Services for TxDOT FM 2818 Widening Project**

The Board approved a contract with POWER Engineers for project management and design for a TxDOT project along FM 2818 that requires a BTU 138kV underground transmission line relocation.

### **Approval of a Change Order for the Purchase of Steel Poles for the Snook to Steele Store 138kV Project**

The Board approved a change order to the original contract with Techline Inc. for the modification of three steel transmission poles.

### **Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2020 City and Rural Budget and Recommendation to Bryan City Council**

Mr. Gary Miller, General Manager, presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget. The Board approved a resolution to recommend the proposed budget appropriation to the Bryan City Council.

### **Establishment of a TPA Decommissioning Fund**

Mr. Joe Hegwood, Chief Financial Officer, presented a resolution to establish a fund devoted to the decommissioning of the Gibbons Creek generating facility. The Board approved the resolution.

### **TPPA Industry Achievement Award**

Vicki Reim, Division Manager of Customer Operations, was awarded the Paula J. DiFonzo Industry Achievement Award by the Texas Public Power Association. This award recognizes women who have made both individual and team contributions to their public power organization.

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### **Hours of Operation**

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

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Mr. A. Bentley Nettles  
Ms. Rosemarie Selman  
Mr. Paul Turney  
Mr. Buppy Simank, Ex-Officio  
Mr. Jason Bienski, Ex-Officio

### **GENERAL MANAGER**

Gary Miller

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

Randy Trimble  
David Werley

### **DIVISION MANAGERS**

James Bodine  
Shawndra Curry  
Ken Lindberg  
Clay Lindstrom  
David McIntyre  
Vicki Reim  
Will Smith

Doug Lyles, Chief Risk Officer  
Wes Williams, Regulatory Compliance Officer

### **CITY OF BRYAN**

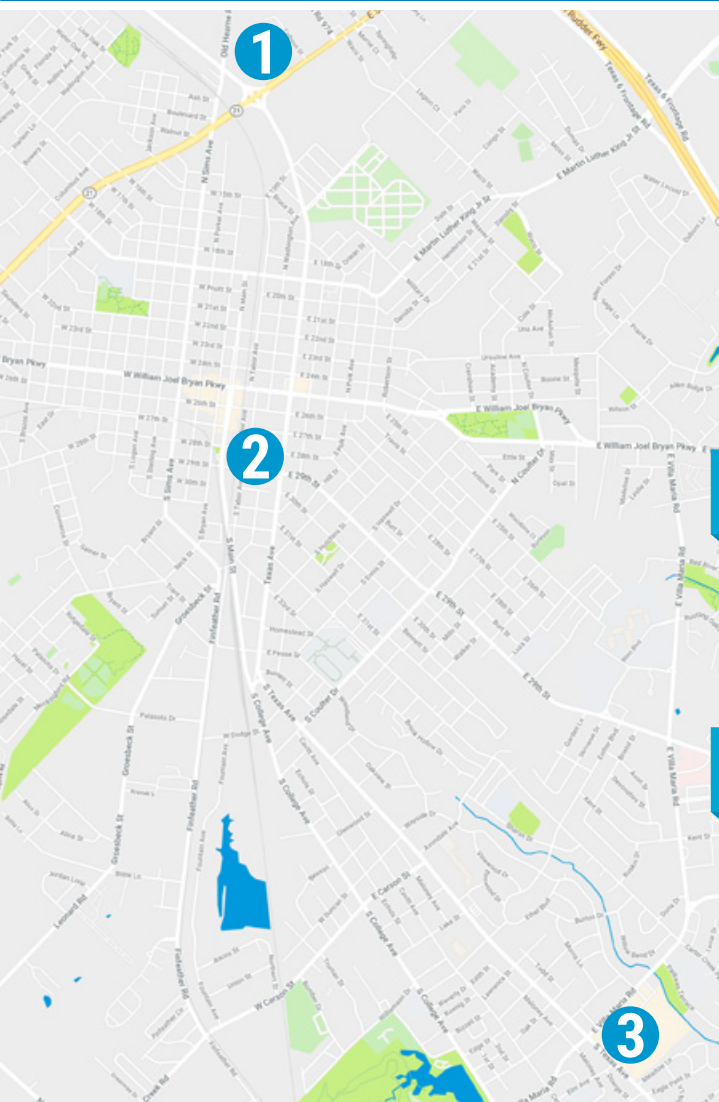
Kean Register, City Manager  
Joe Hegwood, Chief Financial Officer  
Bernie Acre, Chief Information Officer

### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

Billing/Collections/Connects  
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- BTU bill; or
- Reminder letter; or
- Keycard

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CHECK



CARD

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*Open 6 AM - 11 PM*

2

**BTU Drive Thru - 205 E. 28th St.**

*Open 24 Hrs*

3

**HEB Grocery - Tejas Center on Villa Maria**

*Open 6 AM - 12 AM*

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# Twin Oaks

## FALL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

**Saturday, October 19 / 7 AM to 2 PM / TAMU Services Building**

The Household Hazardous Waste & Computer Collection Event is a FREE event brought to you by BVSMA (Twin Oaks Landfill). Please access the event from Highway 30/Harvey Road. This is for residentially generated waste only; no commercial waste will be accepted.

Learn more at: [www.TwinOaksHHW.com](http://www.TwinOaksHHW.com)



# RECOGNIZING BTU STAFF FOR THEIR SERVICE

The annual BTU employee banquet is an opportunity to celebrate the years of service that our employees have dedicated to serving our customers. This year, 37 employees were recognized for between 5 and 30 years of service.

## **Administration:**



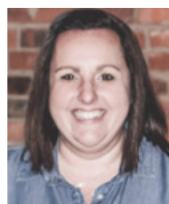
Wes Williams  
10 Years

## **Fiscal Services:**



Phebe Mosley  
20 Years

## **Customer Service/Billing:**



Ashley Branch  
5 Years



Jenna Graham  
10 Years



Kathy West  
15 Years

## **Energy Management:**



Meagan Brown  
5 Years



David Werley  
10 Years

## **Transmission:**



Micah Skinner  
5 Years



Travis See  
10 Years

## **Not Pictured**

Justin Johnson  
- 5 Years  
Nolan Johnson  
- 5 Years  
Beau Lewis  
- 10 Years  
Brad Wright  
- 15 Years





**Distribution:**

				
Derius Warren 5 Years	Mark Bryan 5 Years	Cody Naquin 10 Years	Sonia Cerda 15 Years	Bill White 15 Years
		<b>Not Pictured</b> Daniel Theiss - 5 Years Ruben Rios - 5 Years Robert Patterson - 5 Years Bobby Seaton - 10 Years Kevin Lee - 5 Years James Bodine - 10 Years		
Mark Telg 20 Years	Joe Lapaglia 20 Years			

**QSE:**

	<b>Not Pictured</b> Lee Brimberry - 5 Years
Ken Lindberg 15 Years	

**Production:**

		<b>Not Pictured</b> Daniel Moran - 15 Years Mark Wolchik - 20 Years Dwayne Pander - 25 Years
Michael Snodgrass 5 Years	Cassey McKay 5 Years	

**Engineering & System Planning:**

		<b>Not Pictured</b> Buck Henry - 5 Years Brenda Benson - 15 Years
Greg Burkhalter 15 Years	Thomas Martinez 30 Years	



**Congratulations to all of our award recipients, and thank you for your years of dedicated service to our customers.**

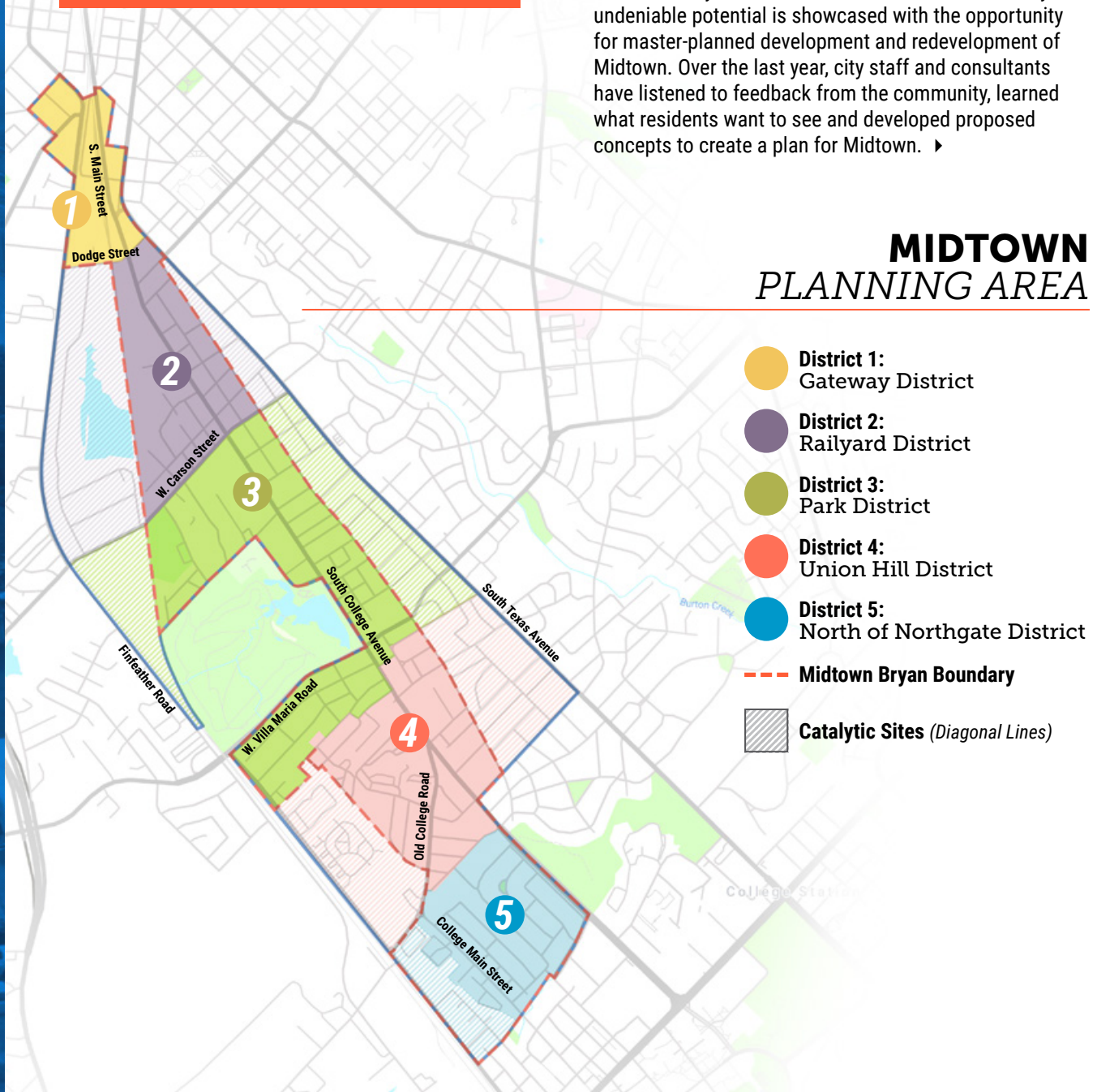


# MIDTOWN

## MOVING FORWARD

Rich in history, the arts, education and commerce, Bryan's undeniable potential is showcased with the opportunity for master-planned development and redevelopment of Midtown. Over the last year, city staff and consultants have listened to feedback from the community, learned what residents want to see and developed proposed concepts to create a plan for Midtown. ▶

## MIDTOWN PLANNING AREA





The Midtown Plan will be the principal guide in promoting orderly growth, development and redevelopment of the Midtown area. Bryan's Midtown boundaries include South Texas Avenue and Finfeather Road from the Bryan/College Station city limit to revitalized historic Downtown. The Midtown area is a premiere landscape for significant sustainable development that can accommodate growing demand for quality housing, commercial services, restaurants and entertainment while enhancing the existing neighborhood fabric within this important corridor.

## THE DRAFT PLAN

City of Bryan staff worked with consultants Miller Boskus Lack Architects and multiple sub-consultants to research and draft the Midtown Plan, which will be presented to the Bryan City Council for approval in late fall of 2019. General proposed concepts include building in additional quality and flexibility into the South College zoning districts and recommendations for how to maximize the area's development and redevelopment potential. Each of the pieces of the plan are voluntary, giving property owners the flexibility to choose whether the recommendations are right for them.

The main goal of this process is to help strengthen Midtown's contribution to the great quality of life that Bryan is known for providing to residents and visitors.

### ***The draft Midtown plan includes:***

- Five "experience districts," which are focused planning areas that incorporate physical, cultural and social realms to align and advance a desired way of living, working and playing while clearly distinguishing the unique personality of an area.
- Catalytic sites within the experience districts, which create opportunities for partnership between the city and developers with the intent to create distinct destinations with their own unique experiences.
- Pattern zoning that would allow additional building options specifically designed to maintain neighborhood integrity of the various areas in Midtown. This voluntary program includes permit-ready home plans in a variety of price points and living styles.
- Improvements to South College Avenue, including a potential shared use path and an increase in the number of street trees.

### ***These ideas follow the core principles of the plan, which include:***

- A dynamic and aesthetically pleasing South College Avenue Corridor
- Complete, connected and safe neighborhoods
- Future neighborhood infill development
- Opportunities to reuse existing structures when feasible
- The alignment of cultural, social, legal, financial and institutional structures.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Midtown Area Plan process included significant efforts to engage the community. The Bryan City Council appointed a Midtown Area Plan Advisory Committee comprised of Midtown residents; neighborhood organizations; local business owners and real estate developers; representatives of local trade, tourism and economic development groups; and representatives from the Bryan Business Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and City Council.

Staff and consultants held four in-person public workshops, where residents were encouraged to share their thoughts about what they wanted the Midtown area to be. The city also encouraged input through a variety of traditional and digital media, including a dedicated website, video recaps of the public meetings, online surveys, appearances on television and local radio, email updates, and information posted to social media.

## THE PATH FORWARD

A draft of the plan will first go to the Bryan Planning & Zoning Commission, which will send a recommendation to the Bryan City Council in late fall. If approved, the principles of the Midtown Area Plan could move from concept to reality quickly. First, the proposed zoning changes would go before the Council for consideration, and if approved, voluntary construction of pattern zoning buildings could begin as early as spring 2020.

Other aspects of this dynamic plan could also see quick progress. If funded, the City could continue to improve South College Avenue by incorporating additional trees and wider sidewalks for pedestrian use. The Corridor Beautification Partnership (CBP) grant, which allows non-residential property owners to apply for reimbursement funding to update the exteriors of their businesses, is planned to be expanded to include South College Avenue by the end of 2019. The city will also work with property owners at the proposed catalytic sites to determine their interest and readiness to move forward with the proposed catalytic projects, but exact timing will be determined by property owners.

In the coming months, city staff intends to meet with stakeholders and answer questions about the final plan.

**To find out more, go to [bryantx.gov/midtown](http://bryantx.gov/midtown).**



## VICKI REIM

*Customer Operations Division Manager*

AWARDED

## PAULA J. DIFONZO INDUSTRY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

At the Texas Public Power Association (TPPA) Annual Meeting in July, Bryan Texas Utilities' Division Manager of Customer Operations Vicki Reim was awarded the Paula J. DiFonzo Industry Achievement Award. According to TPPA, this award recognizes women in public power who have made outstanding leadership and individual contributions to their public power system in Texas. Vicki exemplifies these requirements with her longstanding commitment to public power.

Vicki has been a pillar of women's involvement in the public power industry for more than 30 years, first joining BTU in 1986. In her initial position, she served as an Energy Auditor, closely interacting with customers to advise on energy efficiency measures and consumer options. She climbed the ranks at BTU, now overseeing the department that she worked in directly out of college, along with several others. She has ushered in many technological advancements at BTU, including being heavily involved in transitioning to AMI (Automated Metering Infrastructure), working to offer more payment options (i.e. bank draft, budget billing), and many software upgrades and changes.

In the industry, Vicki has chaired numerous committees and conferences at both the state and national levels. She chaired the Texas Public Power Association (TPPA) Marketing and Customer Service Conference for 12 years. She also served as committee chair and section chair for the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Customer Connections Conference, a four-year commitment. She also takes time to develop and encourage other women in public power. Many of her direct reports are female, and she advocates for, educates, and advises those women to succeed.

Vicki has represented BTU and served the community well by being involved in the Junior League of Bryan/College Station, Scotty's House (a Child Advocacy Center), the Women's Leadership Council, and several church committees. Vicki currently serves as the President of Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce and sits on the board of directors of the Boys and Girls Club of the Brazos Valley. Her involvement in the community reinforces TPPA's message of a committed, caring, community-powered utility.

# BRAZOS VALLEY GIVES

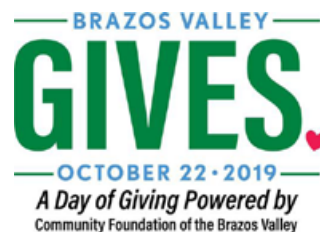
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THANKS.

**THE FIRST ANNUAL GIVING DAY** – Brazos Valley Gives will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 from 5 AM to 11 PM.

The Community Foundation of the Brazos Valley is powering this day, which is dedicated to bringing the seven-county region of the Brazos Valley together to donate online to local non-profit organizations. All of the money donated in the 18-hour online giving period will go directly to the non-profit of the donor's choice.

The Community Foundation has set lofty goals for this first annual event, hoping to have 60 non-profit agencies to benefit from the \$500,000 giving goal. Other Giving Days around Texas have been very successful, ranging from \$729,000 in the Abilene Gives campaign to \$48 million donated in the North Texas Giving Day.

The Giving Day's purpose is to strengthen non-profits, empower donors, and build community. With the compounded impact of multiple donors, each individual can feel like they are making a large effect. The Community Foundation is encouraging the public to join the Brazos Valley in this online donation event to make the Brazos Valley a better place to live and work.



Visit [brazosvalleygives.org](http://brazosvalleygives.org) to donate!