

Regular Board of Directors *Meeting Notes*

August 9, 2021

Approval of a Contract for Pole Attachment Application Management Services

The Board approved a contract with Davey Resources Group, Inc. to manage pole attachment applications and agreements.

Approval of a Professional Services Contract for Architecture Services

The Board approved a contract with Singleton Simmer Haliburton Architecture PC for architectural design services for the new BTU Administration Building.

Presentation Regarding BTU Rates and Structure

Mr. Doug Lyles, Executive Director of Business and Customer Operations, presented an overview of BTU's ratemaking methodology to the Board. He discussed that the process aims to maintain fair, equitable, and predictable rates for customers in both the City and Rural Systems.

Recommendation to the Bryan City Council to Approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

The Board approved Resolution BTU-P-274 to recommend the Bryan City Council approve the FY2022 Budget Resolution for BTU City and Rural Systems.



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

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Important Numbers

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(979) 821-5700

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(979) 822-3777

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(979) 821-5770

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BTU Staff Recognized for Their Service

Each year, BTU celebrates its staff with an employee banquet. This year, 16 employees received awards in recognition of 5 to 40 years of service to our customers.

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

Pictured:

- 1** **Greg Gomez – 40 years:** *General Manager Gary Miller, Greg, Executive Director of Energy Delivery Randy Trimble, Division Manager for Transmission Clay Lindstrom*
- 2** **Vicki Reim – 35 years:** *Gary, Vicki, Executive Director for Business and Customer Operations Doug Lyles*
- 3** **James Yendrey – 35 years:** *Gary, James, Executive Director for QSE and Production Wes Williams, Division Manager for Production Nick Cook*
- 4** **Randy Bell – 15 years:** *Gary, Doug, Randy, Division Manager for Customer Operations Vicki Reim*
- 5** **Jerry Ellard – 15 years:** *Gary, Jerry, Randy, Division Manager for Distribution James Bodine*
- 6** **Benjamin Rodriguez – 15 years:** *Gary, Benjamin, Randy, James*
- 7** **Steve Ingram – 15 years:** *Gary, Steve, Randy, Clay*
- 8** **Elsa Murcia – 10 years:** *Gary, Doug, Elsa, Vicki*
- 9** **Tiffany Forsyth – 5 years:** *Gary, Doug, Tiffany, Vicki*

Not Pictured:

Brandon Scamardo – 15 years
Corey Welch – 15 years
Stephen Copeland – 10 years
Eric Armke – 5 years

Rebecca DeLeon – 5 years
Frances Galicia – 5 years
Kolton Kubin – 5 years

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Each June, Bryan Texas Utilities sends local high school students to Washington D.C. on the Government-in-Action Youth Tour. The trip includes an all-expense-paid, 10-day tour around both our state and national capitols highlighting memorials, museums, and even offering attendees a private meeting with their congressional representative. Unfortunately, this “trip of a lifetime” has been cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic for the past two years. BTU still sought to find a way to support local young leaders, and as such created the BTU Youth Leadership Scholarship. To be eligible students must have either lived in or attended school in the BTU service territory. The scholarship program recognized those who performed well academically while giving back to the community through volunteerism and extracurricular activities. Each scholarship carries a one-time stipend of \$1,000, payable to the higher education institute the graduate will be attending. Join us in celebrating the winners of the 2021 BTU Youth Leadership Scholarship.

Ana

Ana Maria Rojo-Mayorga was born and raised in Bryan, Texas. She recently graduated from Bryan Collegiate High School (BCHS), Bryan Independent School District’s Texas Education Agency designated Early College High School, with a 4.7 GPA and 58 college credits. In her high school career, she participated and took leadership roles in numerous extracurricular activities, such as the National Honor Society, the BCHS Quilting Club, and BCHS Families. She enjoys being creative and often finds herself painting canvases or practicing tasks that fall within the cosmetology field, like hair and makeup. Another favorite pastime of Ana’s is spending quality time with her family and friends. This fall, Ana will attend Texas A&M University in College Station and hopes to graduate with a double major in Spanish and Landscape Architecture. Her career goals consist of gaining experience in the field of architecture and eventually opening her own landscaping business in the Bryan/College Station area.

Emma

Emma Zimmerman graduated as class of 2021 from Bryan High School with a distinguished International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. Throughout her time in high school, Emma took several advanced placement (AP) and IB courses. She also spent many hours volunteering. As a junior, Emma conceived and organized a children’s book drive collecting over 300 books for Phoebe’s Home, a local domestic violence shelter. She was a member of the Bryan Viking Band, and during her senior year, earned the position as Head Drum Major. This fall, Emma will be attending the University of Texas at Austin. After completing her undergraduate degree, she hopes to attend law school.



Kayce

Kayce Wallace is a native Brazos County resident and recently graduated College Station High School (CSHS) Summa Cum Laude. During grade school, Kayce enjoyed being a part of the Brazos County 4-H, the Tsunami Swim Team, and her church youth group. In high school, she was a Lady Cougar Varsity Basketball player, served on Student Council, Students to Student, was a member of CSHS FFA, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a CSISD Scholar Recipient. This summer, Kayce attended classes at Blinn College. In the fall, she plans to attend Texas A&M University to major in Kinesiology, and then transfer to Texas State University to become a Physical Therapist. Kayce is excited to learn more about rehabilitation and helping others recover from injuries.

Joseph

Joseph Griffin recently graduated from James Earl Rudder High School Cum Laude. During his time in school, Joseph was a member of the National Honor Society, was a varsity letterman for the cross-country team, and participated in FFA events such as ag mechanics, horse judging, and green-hand skills teams. His passion for agriculture continued outside of school with extracurricular involvement serving as the treasurer for the Brazos County 4-H Horse Club, competing as a member of the Texas 4-H Horse Show State Champion Mounted Drill Team in 2017, 2018 and 2019, and by being named the Top Horse & Rider at the 2019 Lonestar Classic in Magnolia, Texas. Joseph also found time to volunteer with the Brazos County Precinct 4 Volunteer Fire Department and work part-time at both a local sign manufacturing company and a local ranch. He plans to attend Texas A&M University in the fall, majoring in Agricultural Systems. Joseph hopes to pursue a career as a firefighter.

Elizabeth

Elizabeth Arriens recently graduated from Texas Connections Academy, and she plans to follow her parents' lead and attend Texas A&M University. She aspires to receive an education in computer coding with a focus in researching animal communications using coding. Growing up on her family farm has led to an interest in animals and inspiration to seek better ways to keep them healthy and to communicate with them. Throughout her time in high school, Elizabeth developed various interests including spending time in nature by visiting local parks, computer coding, and taking flying lessons at Coulter Field in Bryan. She was elected Historian for the National Honor Society, and maintains daily gardening and farming chores at home. Earlier this year, she even shared some farm eggs with BTU crews after they installed new poles across her family property. Elizabeth credits her love of math and science to her mother and father who were civil and mechanical engineers, respectively. Elizabeth said she "wish(es) to thank BTU for the opportunities that this scholarship will provide."



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING PUBLIC POWER WEEK OCTOBER 3-9, 2021

Public power utilities are community-owned, not-for-profit utilities that serve their communities with high reliability, competitive rates, and neighborly customer service. More than 49 million Americans receive services from a public power utility in 2,000 communities across the nation. Bryan Texas Utilities (BTU) has been municipally owned by the City of Bryan since 1909. Citizens that elect local city council members, and have representation through an advisory board of directors, maintain a direct voice in the operations of the utility. Locally controlled utilities have a unique understanding of the communities they serve. BTU employees, from lineworkers in the field to customer service representatives in the call center, live right here in the Brazos Valley.

Communities served by public power utilities experience higher reliability. On average, public power customers have service interruptions lasting 62 minutes a year, compared to 150 minutes on average for investor owned utilities. In 2020, BTU outages lasted just 19 minutes on average. BTU invests in vegetation management, system design, and other aspects to keep the electric grid functioning as reliably as possible.

Public power customers can also expect to pay less than those served by investor owned utilities. Across the nation, public utility customers pay 12 percent less than investor owned utility customers. BTU's rates are even more economical than the national average. BTU also maintains goals to keep rates stable and predictable, insulating customers from market variabilities.

When a customer calls in to receive assistance from BTU, they will speak with a customer service representative located in an office in downtown Bryan. Since all of the employees live in the Brazos Valley community, they are able to serve their neighbors, friends, and customers with a matchless perspective. BTU is proud to have served the citizens of Bryan and the Brazos Valley for more than 100 years, and looks forward to the next century of public power.



HALLOWEEN *Safety*

Halloween is a fun time for kids and adults alike. Trick-or-treating and costume parties typically require extra attention to safety because they take place during the evening hours. Keep these important safety tips in mind at all times during this spooky holiday:

- Choose costumes and bags that have reflective tape and/or bright colors to help drivers see kids at night.
- Use specific pumpkin carving tools instead of a sharp kitchen knife to carve a jack-o-lantern. Carve from the top down rather than from the bottom up to minimize the chance of injury.
- According to Safekids.org, children under 12 years of age should trick-or-treat under adult supervision. Remind kids to stay in groups to make it easier for drivers to see them.
- Kids should be constantly reminded to walk, not run, while trick-or-treating. Injuries from falls are common due to hampered vision from darkness and trip hazards from costumes.
- Include glow stick necklaces and bracelets as part of your child's costume.
- After trick-or-treating, check all candy and treats for signs of tampering. Discard candy if the wrapper is faded or torn, as well as homemade treats from sources you do not fully trust.



Twin Oaks

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Saturday, October 30 / 7 AM to 2 PM / TAMU Services Building

Twin Oaks Landfill is once again holding a FREE household hazardous waste collection event at the Texas A&M University Services Building located on Old Ti Road (just north of Veterans Park) on Saturday, October 30th from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. This event is for Brazos County residents, and participants are asked to enter Old Ti Road from Harvey Road, then exit onto University Drive after their items have been dropped off.

Most household and garden chemicals, medicines, paints, and automotive waste will be accepted for disposal. Commercial waste, regular household garbage, appliances, and tires are among the waste that will not be accepted.

Go to twinoakslandfill.com/hhw.asp for more information on this event, including what waste is accepted and not accepted.

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK / OCTOBER 3-9



Every year since 1922, the National Fire Prevention Association has sponsored the observance of Fire Prevention Week. This event is observed each year during the week in which October 9 falls in order to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire that began on October 8, 1871. The Chicago fire destroyed over 17,400 structures and killed over 250 people.

National Fire Prevention Week begins Sunday, October 3rd and ends Saturday, October 9th. This year's theme is "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety," which focuses on understanding the sounds made by smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. The catchphrase for this theme is "Hear a beep, get on your feet! Hear a chirp, make a change!"

SMOKE ALARMS

- A series of three long beeps means smoke or fire. If you hear three beeps, get everyone out of the house and call 9-1-1. Do not attempt to re-enter the house.
- A single brief "chirp" every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed. If the chirping continues after a new battery has been installed, it means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

- A continuous series of four loud beeps means carbon monoxide has been detected. If you hear this alarm, get everyone out of the house, call 9-1-1, and stay out of the house.
- Just like a smoke alarm, a carbon monoxide alarm will chirp every 30 or 60 seconds when the battery is low. If the alarm continues to chirp after replacing the battery, the unit must be replaced.
- Many new alarm devices combine smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and come with sealed 10-year batteries that never need changing. Simply replace the unit when it chirps.





Join the 150th Anniversary Celebration

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the City of Bryan's official incorporation on Nov. 29, 1871. That's 150 years of history to celebrate, and we are taking the opportunity to tell the stories of how Bryan has grown – through the people, places and things that shaped the community.

Upcoming 150 Events

In -Person History Tour

Fri., Nov. 5th / 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Sign up on the calendar at 150.bryantx.gov.

Mobile Self-Guided History Tour

Available now at destinationbryan.com/history.

Complete is by 12/31 to receive a Bryan, Texas gift pack.

Time capsule burial at the Municipal Office Building

Tue., Nov. 9th

Community is invited to watch.

Free Concert in Downtown Bryan

Fri., Nov. 12th

Palace Theater. Free. Tickets are not required.

Community Thanksgiving Meal

Sat., Nov. 13th / 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Watch the City of Bryan's social media, or sign up for our email newsletters for free ticket information. Free meal, entertainment and anniversary program.

Official Anniversary of Incorporation Date

Mon., Nov. 29th



Visit

150.bryantx.gov/events
to learn more about these events.



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