

### Regular Board of Directors Meeting Notes

**August 8, 2022** 

#### Approval of a Contract Renewal for Pole Attachment Application Management Services

The Board approved a renewal contract with Davey Resource Group Inc. for pole attachment application management services.

#### **Update of Refunding Bonds**

The Board previously approved the refunding of bonds to realize a net present value savings of at least 3%. William J. Smith, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the results of the refunding bond sale with the Board. The bonds were sold at a rate allowing BTU to realize a net present value savings of 4.87%.

#### Presentation and Discussion of Customer Payment Assistance Options

Doug Lyles, Executive Director of Customer Operations, presented an overview of customer payment assistance options to the Board. The presentation included information regarding local charitable organizations, payment arrangements, and the balanced billing program.

## Recommendation of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget to the Bryan City Council

William J. Smith, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Board with a budget resolution, Resolution BTU-P-282, recommending the BTU FY2023 budget appropriation to the Bryan City Council. The Board unanimously approved recommending Resolution BTU-P-282 to the Bryan City Council.





BTU Drive Thru – 205 E. 28th St. (Open 24 Hours) HEB Grocery – Tejas Center on Villa Maria HEB Grocery – Texas Ave. & Hwy 21







Bring your BTU account number, BTU bill, keycard or reminder letter.



#### **BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES**

205 East 28th Street • Bryan, TX 77803 email: ContactBTU@btutilities.com

#### www.btutilities.com

#### **Hours of Operation**

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

#### **Board of Directors**

Mr. A. Bentley Nettles, Chairman Ms. Rosemarie Selman, Vice Chairman Mr. Pete J. Bienski, Jr., Secretary Mr. John A. Bond Mr. Paul Madison, Sr. Mr. Jason Bienski, Ex-Officio

#### **General Manager**

Mr. Buppy Simank, Ex-Officio

Gary Miller

#### **Executive Directors**

Doug Lyles Randy Trimble Wes Williams David Werley, Chief Business Officer

#### **Division Managers**

James Bodine Nick Cook Shawndra Curry Ken Lindberg Clay Lindstrom Gary Massey

#### City of Bryan

Vicki Reim

Kean Register, City Manager William J. Smith, Chief Financial Officer

**Important Numbers** 

Billing/Collections/Connects

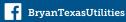
(979) 821-5700

Electrical Outage/Lines Down

(979) 822-3777

Line Design

(979) 821-5770







### PUBLIC POWER WEEK | OCTOBER 3-8, 2022

Public Power Utilities Fast Facts

Public power utilities are community-owned and not-for-profit.



**PUBLIC** POWER provide power to more than

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Public Power generation comprises 10% of all electricity generated in the US, including BTU. BTU owns 4 natural gas generating units.



BTU has been in operation since 1909.



Public power provides local control as elected positions (City Council, Mayors, etc.) influence utility operations.

On average, public power customers have service interruptions lasting 62 minutes, compared to 150 minutes on average for investor owned utilities.



In 2021, BTU had an average service interruption lasting just 17 minutes.

more than

BTU serves customers in the City of Bryan, parts of the City of College Station, Brazos County, and parts of Burleson and Robertson Counties.

**Public utilities support** strong local economies by reinvesting in the community through payments in lieu of taxes, providing hometown jobs, and support local charities or causes.

BTU employs more than local employees.

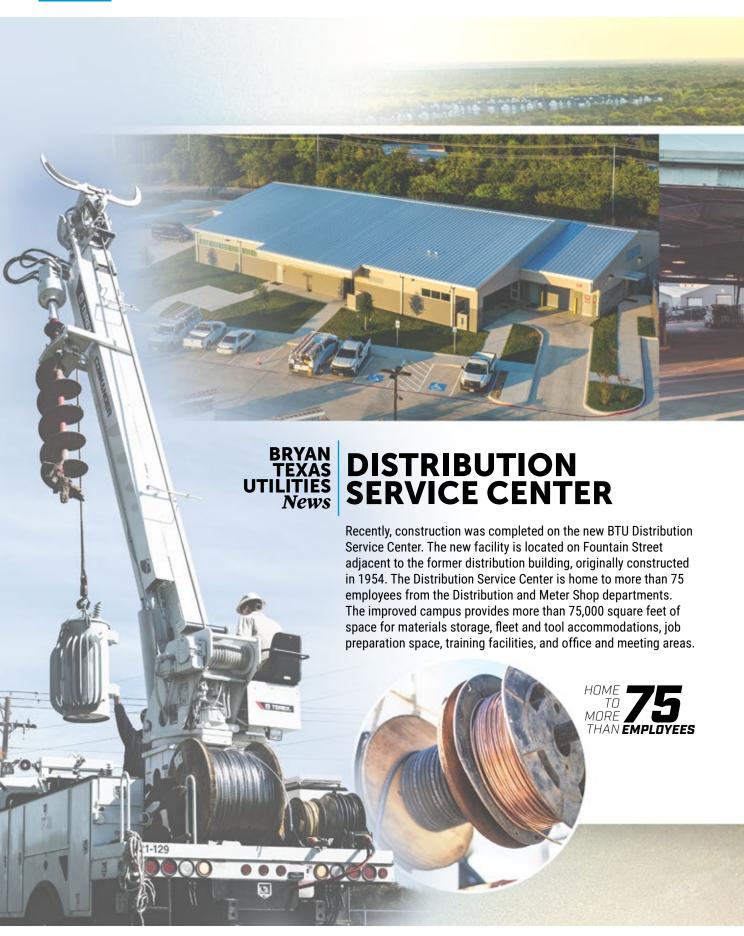


When you call BTU, you are speaking with someone located in Bryan, not in a faraway call center.

BTU is the #51 largest publicly owned utility in US

(by number of connected meters).

BTU maintains nearly **2,500 miles of** distribution lines.





BTU began planning for the new facility in 2018 with construction beginning in 2019. Customer and system load growth led to a need for larger and more modern facilities to provide employees with a productive work environment. BTU's customer base has grown more than 60 percent in the last twenty years.



CUSTOMER BASE BOY IN THE LAST TWENTY YEARS

In addition to needed expansion, the new space increases efficiency by providing queuing space for crews to gather and prepare materials for construction jobs. The more efficient work space helps reduce outage response times and supports storm recovery efforts. The facility also improves safety and security for BTU employees and materials.

The new Distribution Service Center helps BTU support continued growth in the Bryan/College Station area well into the future.



Alyssa Shaw Mary Downs Mary Davis Sarah Alanis Alexis Garcia Ross Woods\* Jacob Lapaglia\* James Denham\* Chris Lenz\* Clay Lindstrom Justin Kirkland\* Kenneth Lindsey\*

Keith Thomas\* Damon Seaton\* Nathan Brown\* Braden Hobson\* Wayne Cloat\* Calvin Hendrickson

Steve Martin\* Lori Williams Brandon Charanza\* Cole McKinney\* Michael Mathews

Each year, BTU celebrates its tenured staff with an employee

Congratulations to all of this year's award recipients! BTU and its customers thank you for your years of dedicated service.

banquet. This year, 29 employees received awards in recognition of 5 to 25 years of service to our customers.

> Angie Saxby **April Dempsey** David Haddix\* Shawndra Curry Wayne Thomas\*

Elise Wells\*

\*Photo not available



From left: Gary Miller, Greg Gomez & Maurice Carlson

#### **Greg Gomez & Maurice Carlson**

BTU also honored two individuals who retired within the last year after more than 20 years of service. These individuals received gold BTU watches as a token of appreciation and in recognition of their dedication.



From left: Dan Wilkerson, Angie Saxby & Gary Miller

Dan Wilkerson, former BTU General Manager, joins BTU General Manager Gary Miller on stage to recognize Angie Saxby's years of service.























#### Friends of Brazos Valley Cemeteries & Wreaths Across America

#### VETERANS OF BRAZOS VALLEY MEMORIAL Dedication

Join us in honoring our local veterans with the unveiling of the Veterans of Brazos Valley Memorial.

## Friday, November 11th / 10 AM\* Bryan City Cemetery 1608 N Washington Ave, Bryan TX

\*On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Dedication start time is at 10 AM Central (11 AM EST).

In 2020, the City of Bryan designated a portion of land in the expanded Bryan City Cemetery as "Veterans Field". Friends of Brazos Valley Cemeteries (FBVC) is partnering with Wreaths Across America, Watson Signs and Monuments and Brazos Valley Cares to raise funds to memorialize our veterans in this field.





Please help us raise funds to procure the memorial stone and other related items for Veterans Field and other veteran graves at Bryan City Cemetery and Oakwood Cemetery.

Scan the QR Code to learn how to donate.



Special Thanks to:
Brazos Valley Cares, City of Bryan, Watson Signs & Monuments





## Trick or Treating

The city does not regulate trick or treating hours. We know ghouls just wanna have fun, but please be respectful and courteous of your neighbors.



# October 28 Halloweentown

BRYAN TEXAS

Join your community on Friday, Oct. 28 for the 3rd annual Halloweentown in Downtown Bryan. This is a free, family-friendly event featuring trick-or-treating, a costume contest, photo stations, kids' crafts, and more kid-friendly fun.

When: Friday, Oct. 28 | 3 PM - 6 PM Where: Downtown Bryan | Cost: Free

# October 29 Trunk or Treat

Join the City of Bryan Parks & Recreation Department and Bryan High School's Viking Theater for a trunk or treat event on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 3 to 6 p.m. The event will take place at the Bryan High School parking lot adjacent to Bryan Aquatic Center. Enjoy fair games, food vendors, inflatables, train rides and more! Costumes are encouraged.

For entry, please bring five can good items. Items will be donated to the Brazos Valley Food Bank.

When: Saturday, Oct. 29 | 3 PM - 6 PM Where: Bryan High School



For more information on how to stay safe this Halloween you can go to www.nsc.org.

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