

# Regular Board of Directors MEETING NOTES

**December 12, 2022** 

## Approval of an Agreement for the BTU Administration Building Project

Mr. David Werley, Chief Business Officer, presented bid results and a project overview. The Board approved an agreement with Collier Construction Inc.

## **Update Regarding a Proposed Voluntary Customer Donation Program**

Mr. Doug Lyles, Executive Director of Customer Operations, presented a newly designed logo and overview of the proposed program, named "Power Share". BTU has selected a partner agency and expects to implement the program no later than April 1, 2023.

#### **American Public Power Association Awards**

Mr. Gary Miller, General Manager, announced that BTU received two awards at the APPA Customer Connections Conference in Minneapolis, MN in November 2022. BTU was awarded an Excellence in Public Power Communications for social media efforts and received the Smart Energy Provider Designation to acknowledge BTU's commitment to energy efficiency, distributed generation, and renewable initiatives.





## TEXAS KIOSKS







Bring your BTU account number, BTU bill, keycard or reminder letter. Payments can be made 24 hours a day via the "e-payment" option by calling 979.821.5700. Account number and credit card required.

#### **BILL PAYMENT LOCATIONS**

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

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Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM

#### **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. Andrew Nelson Mr. Buppy Simank

## **General Manager**

Gary Miller

## **Executive Directors**

Mr. Jason Bienski, Ex-Officio

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

## **Division Managers**

Nick Cook Shawndra Curry Ken Lindberg Clay Lindstrom Gary Massey

James Bodine

## 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

## Social Media

**BryanTexasUtilities** 



BTU BryanTX















## AT LAKE BRYAN

In November 2022, the Major League Fishing (MLF) Fisheries Management Division, in partnership with Berkley Labs, Minn Kota and Humminbird, completed a habitat restoration project at Lake Bryan. The project was a collaborative effort between MLF, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), BTU and local anglers.



Teams deployed MossBack Fish Habitats at key points throughout the lake to promote spawning and fish growth. The Mossback Fish Habitats are American made with durable, recycled PVC. The installation included:

SPAWNING BEDS

Deployed in shallow water, this habitat, filled with pea gravel, provides the perfect space for fish to lay eggs.

TROPHY TREE XLS

Deployed at a depth of 7ft or more, this habitat provides a hiding spot for ambush-hunting sportfish, such as bass, crappie and catfish.

*SAFE* **HAVEN XL5** 

Deployed at a depth of 7ft or more, this habitat provides a refuge for baitfish, such as minnows and shad.

**CONSERVATION CUBES** 

Deployed at a depth of 7ft or more, this habitat is comprised of other MossBack products arranged in a cube to provide density.







Photos provided by BTU.

Lowe's of Bryan, Texas, donated 100 cinder blocks to secure the MossBack structures and pea gravel to fill the spawning bed trays. The crew deployed the extra 44 cinder blocks as a cinder block reef once all the MossBacks were in place. In addition to the MossBack Habitats, BTU provided 33 recycled, concrete trash receptacles to be used as catfish spawning habitats.

TPWD utilized a barge to help deploy the habitats in various areas around the lake. This project was the barge's maiden voyage. The two-day project was a shining example of TPWD's commitment to angler, industry and agency collaborative projects. Over the next several years MLF Fisheries Management Division expects this project to show an improvement in catfish, crappie, largemouth bass and bluegill spawning survival, adult population density and catchability.

BTU is grateful to MLF Fisheries Management Division, TPWD and all the local volunteers for dedicating their time to constructing and deploying the habitats. BTU is also appreciative of the sponsors, Minn Kota, Humminbird and Lowe's of Bryan, for their commitment to bettering the natural environment. BTU looks forward to anglers enjoying improved fishing for years to come.

















Local anglers should watch the Lake Bryan website, **LAKEBRYAN.COM**in the coming weeks for a map of locations of the habitats.

## **CITY OF BRYAN** Mayor & City Council



## **Bobby Gutierrez**

Mayor (Nov. 2022 - Present)

As the owner of House of Tires and La Pistola Cattle Co., and President of Gutierrez Ventures, Inc., Bobby Gutierrez has a strong business background and extensive public service in economic development.

Mayor Gutierrez has served as councilmember for Bryan's Single Member District 3, chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission, member of the Board of Directors of the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce, member of the Board of Directors of the Bryan Business Council (BBC), past chair and current treasurer of Brazos Valley Economic Development Corporation (BVEDC), member of the BioCorridor Board, member of the City of Bryan Advisory Board for the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, member of the Texas A&M University RELLIS External Academic Advisory Council, and is the founding member of Brazos Valley Cares, a 501c3 veterans outreach organization.

With a close working relationship with the Bryan Independent School District, Mayor Gutierrez is committed to educational opportunities for all students in Bryan, and helped establish funds for BISD's 100+ acre Regional Workforce Center and Technical Education (CTE) Complex.

Mayor Gutierrez has lived most of his life in Bryan's Single Member District 3. He enjoys volunteering and giving back to the community.



### **Paul Torres**

Councilmember / Single Member District 1 (Nov. 2022 - Present)

Paul Torres is a proud citizen of Bryan and 2002 graduate of Texas A&M University. He is the co-owner and investor of BenRoz Construction and works for Bunzl USA. He has served as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, a commissioner on the Building and Standards Commission and a commissioner on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilmember Torres is an active member of the Hispanic Forum of Bryan/College Station.

Councilmember Torres brings his knowledge and firsthand experience working with the citizens of Bryan to continue maintaining the integrity of our city's development. He is eager to work with his fellow councilmembers to advance our great city forward.



#### **Ray Arrington**

Councilmember / Single Member District 2 (Nov. 2022 - Present)

Ray Arrington has been a proud resident of Bryan since 1954, leaving only as needed during his 23 years of honorable military service. He was raised on the west side of Bryan with strong family values, education and a hard work ethic. Councilmember Arrington is a 1967 graduate of E.A. Kemp High School, and attended Wiley College in Marshall, Texas. After joining the United States Air Force, Councilmember Arrington finished his education at the University of Colorado.

After his military service, he has dedicated and focused his energies on supporting his community while working toward a more aggressive and productive city that will not only strive for a better quality of life, but a better quality of living.

Councilmember Arrington is currently the president of the Carver Kemp Neighborhood Association, founder of the Minority Economic Revitalization Council, an active member of the Bryan Rotary Club, a past member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and a past member of the Community Development Advisory Committee. Additionally, Councilmember Arrington is the proud recipient of former U.S. Rep. Bill Flores's "Community Service Award," an honoree into the Brazos Valley African American Museum, the recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "I Have a Dream" Award, and the recipient of the NAACP Community Service Award.

 $Council member\ Arrington\ is\ a\ member\ of\ the\ Greater\ Tabernacle\ Baptist\ Church.$ 





### **Jared Salvato**

Councilmember / Single Member District 3 (Nov. 2022 - Present)

Jared Salvato is a third-generation Bryan resident and a product of the Bryan Independent School District, graduating from Bryan High in 2006. He went on to attend Texas A&M University and graduated in 2010 with a degree in Finance from Mays Business School. Councilmember Salvato followed in the footsteps of his father and took his first job in the banking industry, working for Citibank in New York City. Upon moving back to Bryan he continued advancing in his career while working for local banks. He has been with Guaranty Bank & Trust since 2019 where he is a Senior Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer.

Councilmember Salvato has served as a commissioner on the Planning and Zoning Commission where he learned first-hand the importance of working with Bryan residents, developers and city staff members to maintain our city's integrity as the city grows. He has also served on the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board where he was able to oversee the expansion and improvements of our city parks as well as other recreational areas.

Councilmember Salvato is heavily involved in non-profit and other local organizations where he has served in various leadership positions and volunteered for numerous events that benefit our community. Councilmember Salvato and his family are members of St. Joseph Catholic Church. He is thankful for the opportunity to serve the City of Bryan as a city councilmember.



James Edge

Councilmember - Mayor Pro Tem / Single Member District 4 (May 2022 - Present)

James Edge has deep roots in the Brazos Valley being a fourth generation Bryan, Texas resident. He has lived in Single Member District 4 for more than 18 years. Councilmember Edge is a proud 1982 graduate of Bryan High School and attended Blinn College in Bryan.

Councilmember Edge has worked in retail, homebuilding, and real estate, and most recently served as the District Director for former U.S. Rep. Bill Flores. He has served on various boards and committees including the Bryan Business Council and the BISD Superintendent's Advisory Committee. Councilmember Edge currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC) and is a member of the Bryan Rotary Club and the Sons of the American Legion.

### **Marca Ewers-Shurtleff**

Councilmember / Single Member District 5 (Dec. 2022 - Present)

Marca Ewers-Shurtleff owns and manages a law firm in downtown Bryan and graduated Cum Laude from South Texas College of Law.

Councilmember Ewers-Shurtleff has served as vice-chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission, member of the Bryan Business Council Board of Directors, chair of the Bryan Business Council Tourism Subcommittee, member of the Midtown Planning and Neighborhood Preservation Planning and Zoning Subcommittee and member of the Bryan Zoning Board of Adjustment.

In her public roles, at her law firm and in her charity endeavors, Councilmember Ewers-Shurtleff utilizes her extensive background in policy, public service and business to provide comprehensive solutions and innovative ideas. Her policy experience derives from her employment with the U.S. Congress and the Texas House of Representatives, Senate and Department of Agriculture.

In her spare time, Councilmember Ewers-Shurtleff enjoys spending time with family, competitive shooting sports, cooking, entertaining, Aggie football and tailgating, hiking and the outdoors.



## **Kevin Boriskie**

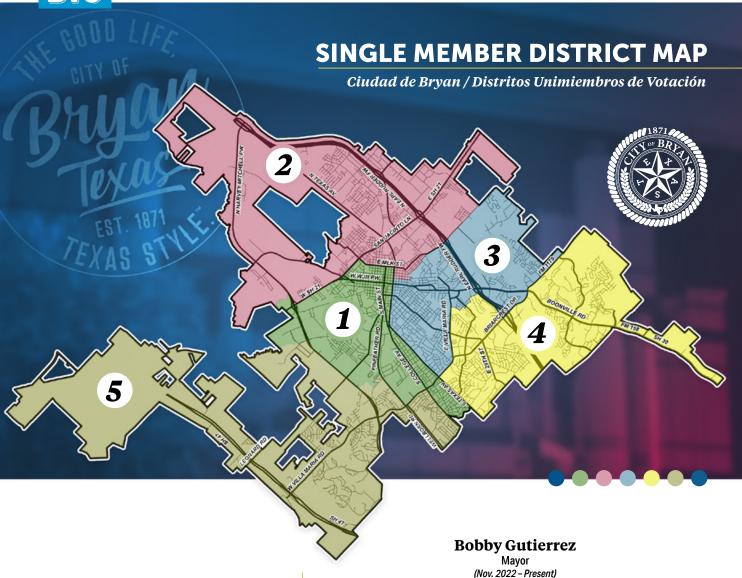
Councilmember / At Large, Place 6 (Nov. 2022 - Present)

Kevin Boriskie is a fourth-generation resident of Bryan. Growing up, Councilmember Boriskie attended St. Joseph's School, was a proud graduate of Bryan High School and is a member of the fighting Texas Aggie Class of 1996 where he earned his Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Finance.

Councilmember Boriskie has a strong business background, having worked for a Fortune 500 Company for over 15 years before starting his own sales and marketing agency. He is also a Texas Licensed Real Estate Agent with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Caliber Realty.

Councilmember Boriskie has an extensive history of service to the City of Bryan, having served as a commissioner on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Building and Standards Commission. He has served numerous terms on the Community Development Advisory Committee and served on the BioCorridor Board.





# CITY OF BRYAN Form of Government

The City of Bryan Charter stipulates that the council/manager form of government be utilized.

The seven-member city council consists of a mayor and six councilmembers, with one councilmember elected at-large and the other five elected from single-member districts. The mayor and councilmembers are elected for alternating four-year terms with eight-year term limits. The role of the City Council is to enact ordinances and resolutions, adopt regulations, and set policy direction for the conduct of the affairs of the city.





## **Paul Torres**

Councilmember Single Member District 1 (Nov. 2022 - Present)



## James Edge

Councilmember

– Mayor Pro Tem

Single Member District 4

(May 2022 – Present)



## **Ray Arrington**

Councilmember Single Member District 2 (Nov. 2022 – Present)



## **Jared Salvato**

Councilmember Single Member District 3 (Nov. 2022 - Present)



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Councilmember Single Member District 5 (Dec. 2022 - Present)



## **Kevin Boriskie**

Councilmember At Large, Place 6 (Nov. 2022 - Present)

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## **GROUNDBREAKING: BTU ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**



The new building will be a two-story, 40,000 square-foot structure with an expected completion in 2024. The facility will sit on four acres of a ten-acre tract owned by the city of Bryan. The remaining six acres will serve as a detention pond for the area. The building will be easily accessible for both

kiosks for customer convenience.