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Regular Board of Directors MEETING NOTES | May 8, 2023

Approval of a Contract for Design of Triangle Park Substation Expansion

The Board approved a contract with Burns and McDonnell for the design of the Triangle Park Substation Expansion Project.

Approval for the Purchase of a Trailer-Mounted Underground Cable Puller

The Board authorized the purchase of one trailer-mounted underground cable puller from Sherman Reilly, Inc.

Approval of a Contract Change Order for Overhead Unit Service for FY23

The Board approved a contract change order with Southern Electric Corporation of Mississippi for overhead unit services for FY23.

Presentation of FY24 Non-Competitive Capital Improvement Projects and Operating and Maintenance Budgets

Mr. William J. Smith, Chief Financial Officer, presented regarding the FY24 CIP and O&M budgets. The City System Operating and Maintenance budget increased slightly over the prior year by 2.18% due to increased payroll, benefits, and hardware and software costs, offset by a decrease in bad debt write offs due to collection activity. The Rural System Operating and Maintenance budget increased slightly over the prior year with a 1.44% increase also due to increased payroll, benefits, and hardware and software costs, offset by a decrease in bad debt write offs due to collection activity. The City System CIP budget includes \$74 million primarily for transmission and distribution infrastructure.

Administration Building Construction Update

Mr. David Werley, Chief Business Officer, updated the Board regarding construction progress for the new Administration Building. Mr. Werley reported that construction is progressing on schedule under the direction of Collier Construction.

BTU Award RP3 Diamond Designation

Mr. Gary Miller, General Manager, announced that the American Public Power Association presented BTU with a Reliable Public Power Provider Diamond Designation Award for the fourth consecutive term. The diamond designation is the highest level achievable. Of the many public power utilities in Texas, only seven currently hold the RP3 diamond designation. BTU has previously earned the RP3 diamond designation in 2014, 2017 and 2020. In 2017, 2020 and again in 2023, BTU scored perfect scores in all four disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. Each discipline is based on leading business practices and are intended to represent a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity.



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KIOSK LOCATIONS

- **BTU Drive Thru** – open 24 hours
- **HEB at Texas Ave. & Hwy 21** – open 6am-12am
- **HEB in the Tejas Center** – open 6am-12am



American Public Power Association

BTU awarded the **RELIABLE PUBLIC POWER PROVIDER (RP3)[®] DIAMOND DESIGNATION** by the American Public Power Association (APPA)

Bryan Texas Utilities (BTU) has been awarded the Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3)[®] Diamond designation by the American Public Power Association (APPA) for a fourth consecutive three-year term. BTU received a score of 100 percent on the evaluated criteria. BTU was first awarded the APPA RP3[®] Diamond designation in 2014. This prestigious award recognizes industry-leading public utilities who provide reliable and safe electric service to their customers and exemplifies a utility-wide commitment to workforce development and system improvement. BTU is one of only 11 municipal utilities in Texas and only 271 nationwide that have earned the significant designation.

The RP3[®] designation certifies that BTU is committed to recognizing the importance of and committing to what matters to our customers. Reliability is arguably the single most important measure of service in a customer’s eyes. BTU has very high reliability compared to national and state averages, and continually looks to mitigate service interruptions. This includes collecting and analyzing outage data, having a mutual aid agreement with other utilities to restore power in the case of natural disasters or extreme weather events, creating and utilizing a disaster management or emergency response plan, and implementing sophisticated cyber and physical security measures.

Customers rely on public power employees to be highly trained and skilled. The RP3[®] designation signifies BTU’s dedication to developing employees’ professional knowledge. Workforce development is essential to developing experienced staff and cultivating less experienced employees.

System improvement is another important piece of utility management. This encompasses long-term planning for transmission and distribution system design and improvements as well as financial planning and assessments. This category measures and encourages research and development programs to produce procedures and utility guidelines for sound business practices.

All other metrics mean nothing if safety is not the foremost thought on each employee’s mind. A culture that promotes safety above all else is paramount at BTU. Employees are rigorously trained on safe practices and behaviors. Having employees go home safely at the end of each day is a driver in all of BTU’s processes, and that sentiment extends to customers.

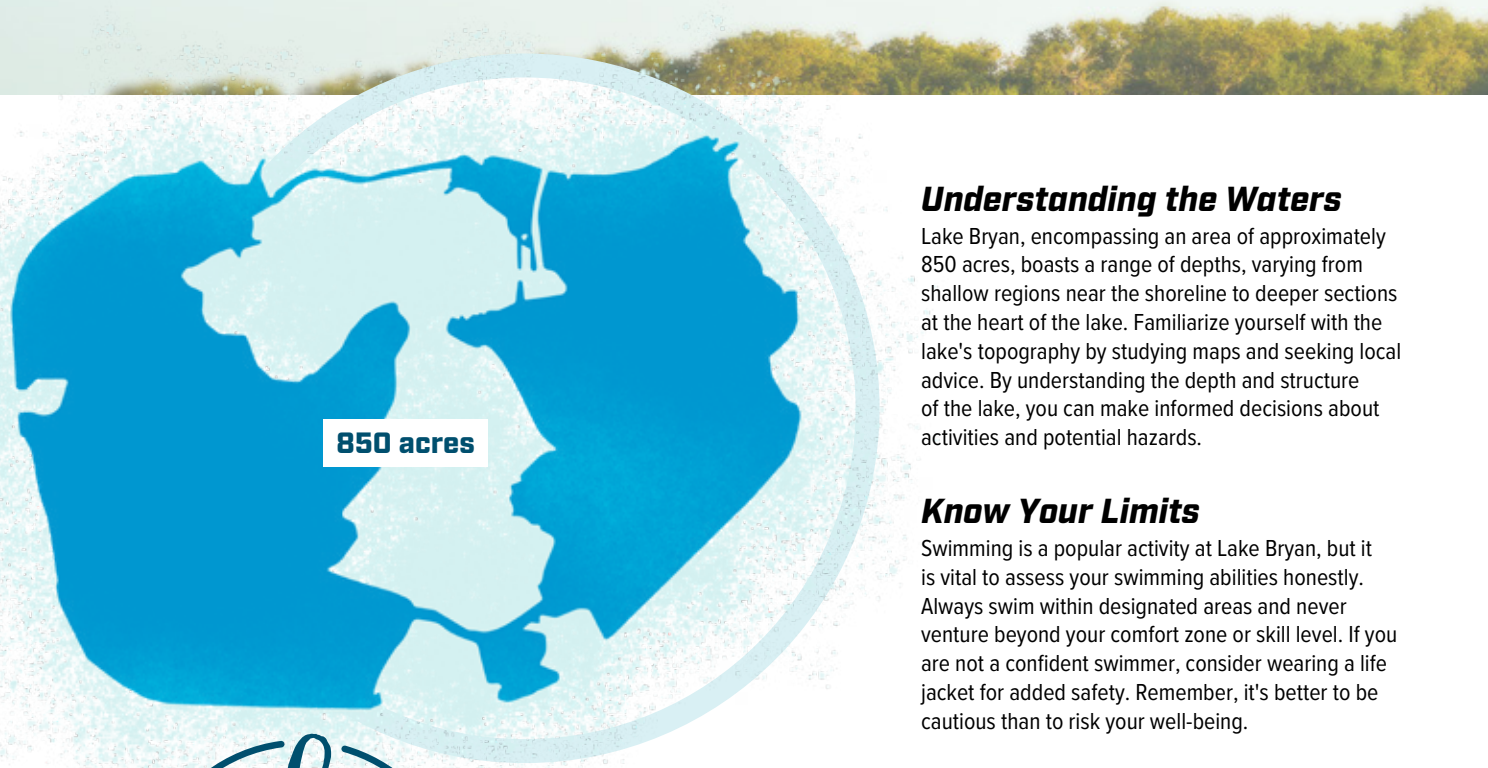
“We are honored to be recognized once again at the highest level, Diamond designation, of the Reliable Public Power Provider award. The Board of Directors and the staff of BTU consider reliability and safety to be of the utmost importance to our organization as we serve the community. To have our efforts acknowledged by the RP3[®] review panel is very rewarding to all of us at BTU.”

- Gary Miller, BTU General Manager



Exploring the Depths of WATER SAFETY

Nestled amidst the picturesque landscape of Bryan, Texas, Lake Bryan stands as a beloved destination for locals and visitors alike. With its sprawling waters and serene ambiance, the lake offers a multitude of recreational opportunities, from boating and fishing to swimming and picnicking. However, like any body of water, Lake Bryan requires careful consideration and adherence to essential water safety practices. In this article, we dive into the depths of water safety, providing crucial tips and insights to ensure a delightful and secure experience for all who venture to this splendid recreational gem.



850 acres

Understanding the Waters

Lake Bryan, encompassing an area of approximately 850 acres, boasts a range of depths, varying from shallow regions near the shoreline to deeper sections at the heart of the lake. Familiarize yourself with the lake's topography by studying maps and seeking local advice. By understanding the depth and structure of the lake, you can make informed decisions about activities and potential hazards.

Know Your Limits

Swimming is a popular activity at Lake Bryan, but it is vital to assess your swimming abilities honestly. Always swim within designated areas and never venture beyond your comfort zone or skill level. If you are not a confident swimmer, consider wearing a life jacket for added safety. Remember, it's better to be cautious than to risk your well-being.

Buddy System

The age-old adage of the buddy system holds true, even in the serene waters of Lake Bryan. Always swim, boat, or engage in water activities with a companion. This ensures that someone is there to lend a helping hand in case of an emergency. Additionally, keep an eye on each other and communicate regularly to stay aware of each other's well-being.



Safety Equipment

Whether you're boating, kayaking, or paddleboarding, ensure you have the necessary safety equipment readily available. Life jackets, appropriate floatation devices, and signaling devices are crucial for any water adventure. Be sure to inspect your equipment regularly to ensure it is in good condition and functioning correctly.

Life jacket



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Weather Awareness

Mother Nature's mood can change unexpectedly, so before heading out to Lake Bryan, stay informed about the weather forecast. Strong winds, thunderstorms, or other adverse conditions can pose serious risks to water enthusiasts. If the weather takes a turn for the worse, be prepared to postpone or end your activities accordingly.

Hydration and Sun Protection

Spending a day at Lake Bryan means exposure to the sun's rays. Protect yourself from harmful UV radiation by wearing sunscreen, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water throughout your time at the lake. Heat-related illnesses are preventable with adequate hydration and sun protection.



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Respect Wildlife and Environment

Lake Bryan is home to various wildlife species and delicate ecosystems. Respect the environment by disposing of trash responsibly and avoiding littering. Admire wildlife from a distance and avoid disturbing their habitats. By being mindful of the ecosystem, you contribute to the preservation of this natural treasure for future generations.

Red-tailed Hawk



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Lake Bryan offers a tranquil and enjoyable setting for outdoor enthusiasts seeking water-based recreational activities. However, ensuring water safety should always be a priority. By following the essential tips outlined above, you can make the most of your experience at Lake Bryan while safeguarding yourself and others. Let the allure of the lake and the joys of water recreation intertwine with responsible practices, creating lasting memories in Bryan, Texas.

UNINVITED INTRUDERS:

The Hazards of Invasive Species in Texas Lakes



Zebra mussels

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Lurking beneath the serene waters of Texas lakes lies a threat that goes unnoticed by many: invasive species. These unwelcome intruders, such as zebra mussels, carp, and certain types of plants, pose a significant hazard to the delicate ecosystems of our beloved lakes. Native to Eastern Europe, zebra mussels have rapidly multiplied and established themselves in several lakes across Texas and the United States. These pesky creatures wreak havoc by attaching themselves to boats, docks, and water infrastructure, disrupting the natural balance and imposing significant economic and ecological consequences. With their sharp shells and relentless colonization, zebra mussels are a clear example of the detrimental impact invasive species can have on our cherished aquatic environments.

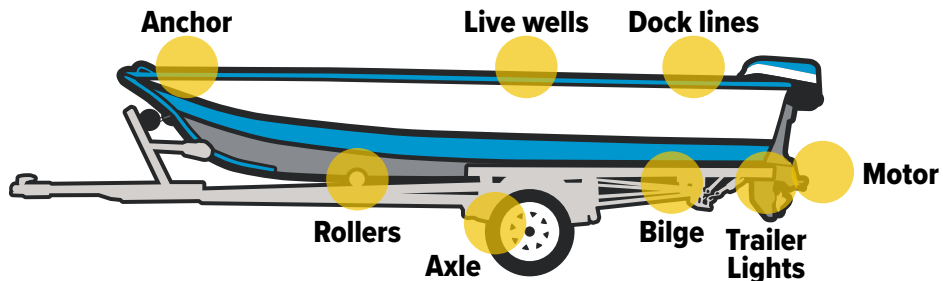
Lake Bryan’s purpose is to serve as a cooling reservoir for the steam unit at the Roland C. Dansby Power Plant. Invasive species - zebra mussels in particular - not only pose risks to ecosystems and native wildlife, but could have significant financial ramifications for the Dansby Power Plant. If the mussels infiltrate the water intake structures for the plant, they could damage the equipment and prove very costly to mitigate.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Make sure to wash all watercraft (boats, jet skis, kayaks, paddleboards, etc.) thoroughly with warm, soapy water before and after entering any body of water. Take care to remove all mud, plants or creatures that might have attached.
2. Drain all bilge water, live wells, bait buckets and any other water from your boat, engine and equipment.
3. Let watercrafts and trailers dry in the sun for several days prior to launching into another body of water.

Help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species:

CHECK / DRAIN / CLEAN / DRY



Understanding and combating invasive species is paramount to preserve the pristine beauty of our Texas lakes for generations to come.

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SmartHOME

saving makes sense

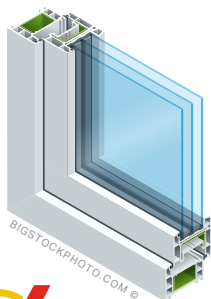
The goal of BTU's **SmartHOME** program is to encourage energy efficiency improvements that help customers reduce energy costs, and at the same time, reduce BTU's need to purchase or generate additional energy.

APPROVED MEASURES



INSULATION

Attic and wall insulation upgrades



WINDOWS

Energy efficient window upgrades



SOLAR SCREENS

Addition of solar screens to existing windows

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- 1 Complete SmartHOME application
- 2 Before and after pictures of your project
- 3 Copies of project-related invoices (materials and labor)

Apply online:

www.btutilities.com/energy-efficiency/smarthome-programs

FAQ

How much will I get back?

Your rebate will be between 10% and 25% of your total project cost. Incentive payments are calculated based on the type of energy efficiency upgrade(s) completed.

How will I get my rebate?

A check will be mailed to the address provided on your application.

How long does it take to receive my rebate?

Please allow 4 weeks for processing and approval from the time your completed application is received.



NEW OUTDOOR AMENITIES AT MIDTOWN PARK

**COMING
SOON!**

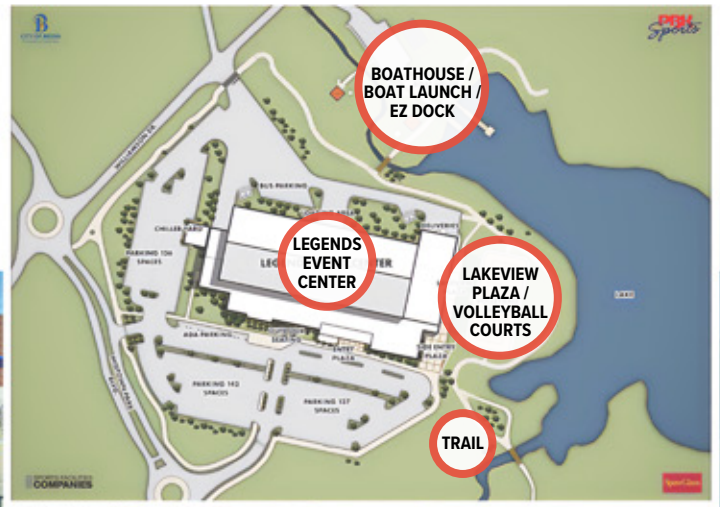


Construction is underway for new outdoor amenities at Legends Event Center and Midtown Lake.
The outdoor features include:

- Four NCAA-approved, lighted sand volleyball courts.
- Outdoor terraced viewing area between Legends Event Center patio and volleyball courts with sail shade structures.
- **Three synthetic areas totaling 21,684 square feet:**
 1. Terraced viewing area
 2. Between the volleyball courts and the lake
 3. Directly around the boat house

The outdoor features also include:

- A 24' x 38' boathouse foundation with a future capability to store 10-12 single kayaks and 7-10 double kayaks with a utility vehicle and trailer. Storage space will be available for other items, such as paddles, life jackets, etc. The boathouse will be constructed by BISD's construction technology students.
- A floating EZ Dock and pier with an ADA-accessible kayak/canoe launch.
- A 15-foot-wide concrete drive lane from the boathouse to lake for a utility vehicle boat launch and walk-up launching of canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards.
- A concrete landing and anchor point for the dock.
- 12-foot-wide multipurpose trail with a pedestrian bridge to connect Legends Event Center, the boardwalk and the future Schulman's Movie Bowl Grille



Bryan City Council approved the \$5.1 million construction contract at their April 11 meeting. The funds were already included in the overall budget for Travis Bryan Midtown Park.

All amenities are expected to be complete by summer 2024, except for the boathouse which should be completed by spring 2025.

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