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Regular Board of Directors MEETING NOTES | August 14, 2023

Recognition of Former BTU Board Member

Mr. Gary Miller, General Manager, presented Mr. Paul Turney with a special desk lamp featuring an electric meter in appreciation for his years of service to the BTU Board of Directors.

BTU Participation in the Texas Electric Cooperatives' Government-in-Action Youth Tour

Ms. Meagan Brown, Public Information Officer, presented regarding the history of the Texas Electric Cooperatives Government-in-Action Youth Tour. BTU sends local high school students on the Government-in-Action Youth Tour to Washington D.C. each summer. This longstanding youth program promotes leadership and fellowship amongst outstanding young people. Two of this year's participants, Maci Nash and Tristan Brown, gave a brief overview of their trip and thanked the BTU Board for their continued support.

Pole Attachment Application Management Services

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

Design Services for the Dansby Substation

The Board approved a contract with Black and Veatch Engineering for engineering design services related to the Dansby Substation expansion project.

Contract Approvals for BTU Projects

Mr. Randy Trimble, Executive Director of Energy Delivery, presented the bid tabulations for several BTU projects, including:

- **Primary Underground Unit Services for FY24.** The Board approved a contract with Kasparian Underground, LLC. for primary underground unit services.
- **Secondary Underground Unit Services for FY24.** The Board approved a contract with Bayer Construction Electrical Contractors, Inc. for secondary underground unit services.
- **Expansion of the Steephollow Substation.** The Board approved a contract with Lambda Construction LTD for construction of the Steephollow Substation expansion.

Lake Bryan Park Operations Update

Mr. Doug Lyles, Executive Director of Customer Operations, presented an update regarding park operations, recent improvements and patron attendance. Mr. Lyles reported that BTU will develop a master infrastructure plan for the Lake Bryan Park.



BTU KIOSKS

Pay using cash, card or check at any one of our three convenient locations by entering your account number, listed on either your bill or your reminder letter, or by scanning a keycard provided by BTU. Keycards can be requested in the BTU main office.

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





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POWER SHARE
CUSTOMER DONATION PROGRAM



The PowerShare Program provides financial assistance to help offset an eligible BTU customer's home energy bill. Catholic Charities of Central Texas distributes assistance to BTU customers.

Visit our website to learn more

-  Register to donate
-  Apply for assistance



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Sign up to donate change rounded to the next highest dollar or a fixed amount on your bill each month

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BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES





PUBLIC POWER WEEK

October 1-7, 2023



The first full week in October (October 1-7, 2023) we take time to recognize and celebrate publicly-owned electric utilities. Bryan Texas Utilities has been publicly owned by the City of Bryan since 1909. Here are just a few reasons why publicly-owned utilities are beneficial to the communities they serve.

Local Control and Accountability

Public utilities, like BTU, are owned and operated by local governments, ensuring decisions are made with the community's best interests in mind. Local control promotes transparency, accountability, and responsiveness to residents' needs and concerns.

Stable and Affordable Rates

Public utilities often prioritize delivering affordable and stable rates as they are not driven by profit maximization to benefit shareholders. According to data from the American Public Power Association (APPA), publicly-owned utilities consistently offer lower rates than investor-owned utilities, reducing the financial burden on residents.



Investment in Infrastructure and Innovation

Public utilities reinvest their earnings back into the community, enhancing grid reliability and modernizing infrastructure. BTU's investment in reliability and grid technology has improved efficiency, reduced outages, and facilitated quicker response times.

Community Development and Economic Growth

Public utilities are more likely to source services and labor locally, contributing to job creation and economic growth. According to APPA, public utilities collectively provide over 93,000 jobs across the US. BTU employs nearly 200 local workers. When you call into the BTU call center, you speak with someone located in Bryan, not in another state or country.

Customer-Centric Approach

Public utilities focus on customer satisfaction, offering personalized service and responsive support. BTU's community involvement includes educational programs and energy-saving initiatives, enhancing the quality of life for residents.

Resilience and Disaster Response

Public utilities demonstrate enhanced resilience during natural disasters due to their community-focused approach. BTU's efficient response during emergencies safeguards critical services and aids community recovery. Local decision-making allows for prompt adjustments based on community-specific needs.

Publicly-owned electric utilities are a cornerstone of community well-being. They prioritize affordability, reliability, and local engagement, shaping a brighter and more resilient future for all. Publicly-owned electric utilities empower communities to thrive.

SPARKING SAFETY: FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Each October, the National Fire Protection Association celebrates Fire Prevention Week as a reminder of the importance of fire safety.

Electrical problems are among the leading causes of home fires in the United States. Follow these essential tips to help you avoid electrical fires and keep your home and loved ones safe.



Avoid Overloading Outlets and Circuits

- Address flickering lights, warm outlets, and frequently tripped circuit breakers as warning signs of electrical problems.
- Do not overload outlets with multiple plugs or power strips, as this can lead to overheating and potential fire.
- Spread out high energy consuming appliances across different circuits and outlets in the home to prevent excessive strain.

Quality Cords and Plugs

- Use only high-quality, properly rated extension cords, and ensure they are in good condition without frayed wires. In the U.S., all extension cords should be UL, ETL, or CSA listed. These logos on a product guarantee it has undergone safety testing.
- Plug cords securely into outlets, avoiding loose connections that can cause sparks.



Space Heater Safety

- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from combustible materials like curtains, furniture, or bedding.
- Never leave a space heater unattended, and always turn it off before going to sleep.

Maintain Smoke Alarms

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and in each bedroom.
- Regularly test alarms and replace batteries annually to ensure they function properly.

Professional Installation

- When installing major appliances, such as air conditioning units, hire professionals to ensure proper electrical connections.
- Avoid do-it-yourself electrical work unless you are a trained electrician. Incorrectly wired circuits can lead to dangerous electrical faults and fires.

Outdoor Safety

- Use only outdoor-rated extension cords for outdoor lighting and appliances. Remember extension cords are intended for temporary use only.
- Keep outdoor outlets covered with weatherproof covers to prevent water and debris from entering.
- Install ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) outlets outdoors and near any sources of water to prevent dangerous faults.

This Fire Prevention Week, take proactive steps to safeguard your home from the threat of electrical fires. By following these simple yet crucial tips, you can ensure the safety of your loved ones and enjoy peace of mind at home.

Household Hazardous Waste & Computer Collection Event

Saturday, Oct. 21

7 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Rain or shine.

TAMU University Services Building
(enter from Harvey Road)

Free to Brazos Valley residents!

Safely dispose of automotive wastes, weed and pest control products, fertilizers, cleaning solutions, flammable products, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, electronics, computers, paints, corrosives, and much more.

New and gently used children's books and blankets will also be accepted for Books & A blanket.

Items that will NOT be accepted include: medications, medical sharps, tires, freon-containing units, ammunition, radio-active wastes, 55-gallon quantities or empty paint/chemical containers.

****COMMERCIAL-GENERATED WASTES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED****

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CITY OF BRYAN'S United Way Fundraiser

FRIDAY, OCT. 27 | 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.
LEGENDS EVENT CENTER

Haven't had the chance to experience all that our Legends Event Center has to offer? Do it for free and for a good cause! Everyone is invited to enjoy lunch, a dessert silent auction, yard games, pickleball, the gaming arena, basketball, and more.

Food proceeds will benefit the United Way of the Brazos Valley.
Visit uwbv.org to learn about their mission.

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CITY OF BRYAN HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER
2023



Here's the scoop on the all the hocus pocus going down in Bryan.

**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**
SO KIDS CAN EAT

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, Oct. 21 | 3 – 6 p.m.
Bryan High School parking lot

Enjoy trunk-or-treating, fair games, food vendors, inflatables, train rides and more! Costumes are encouraged. To participate, bring five canned goods that will be donated to the Brazos Valley Food Bank. Brought to you by the City of Bryan's Parks & Recreation Department and Bryan High School's Viking Theater.

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Halloweentown in Historic Downtown Bryan

DESTINATION
**BRYAN
TEXAS**

Friday, Oct. 27 | 4 – 7 p.m.

Destination Bryan's free, family-friendly event features trick-or-treating, a costume contest, photo stations, kids' crafts, and more fun.

DestinationBryan.com/halloweentown

BRAZOS COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN SURVEY



Help your local emergency management partners by completing a survey to update the Brazos County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. Having an established Hazard Mitigation Plan helps to reduce flood insurance rates, reduces damage/loss to personal property, and creates the ability to apply for recovery funds should a Federal Disaster Declaration be issued.



SCAN TO TAKE THE QUICK SURVEY:

ENGLISH



SPANISH



2023 FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST

Bryan Fire Department's annual Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest is underway for Bryan students in Pre-K through 12th grade, and life skills programs.

Participants are asked to complete a poster depicting any aspect of the 2023 theme:

**Cooking safety starts with YOU.
Pay attention to fire prevention™**

This is a great opportunity for teachers and parents to discuss fire preparedness with their students.

Deadline to submit completed posters is Oct. 23.

For complete details, visit:

BryanTX.gov/fire/public-education

nfpa.org

