



Regular Board of Directors | **May 11, 2026**
MEETING NOTES

Board of Directors

- Mr. Pete J. Bienski, Jr., Chair
- Mr. Paul Madison, Sr., Vice Chair
- Mr. John A. Bond, Secretary
- Mr. Milton Howard
- Mr. A. Bentley Nettles
- Ms. Rosemarie L. Selman
- Mr. Buppy Simank
- Mr. Jason Bienski, Ex-Officio
- Mr. Kevin Boriskie, Ex-Officio

General Manager

Gary Miller

Executive Directors

- Doug Lyles
- Randy Trimble
- Wes Williams

Division Managers

- James Bodine
- Meagan Brown
- Nick Cook
- Shawndra Curry
- Michele Kimich
- Ken Lindberg
- Clay Lindstrom

City of Bryan

Andrew Nelson, City Manager

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
- cityofbryan

Renewal of Contract for Underground Utility Location Services

The Board approved a renewal contract for underground utility location services with Private Solutions, LLC.

Approval of Purchase of Seven (7) Fleet Trucks

The Board approved a purchase agreement for seven (7) fleet trucks from Altec Industries, Inc. These vehicles will play a critical role in field operation, supporting multiple crews through supervision, coordination, outage response, and system reliability activities.

Discussion Regarding FY27 Lake Bryan Capital Improvement Projects

Ms. Meagan Brown, Division Manager of Customer Solutions, presented an overview of potential capital improvement options for the Lake Bryan park for consideration and direction. Options under consideration for the FY27 budget include repair and replacement of RV rental sites, playground equipment, and a dog park facility.

FY27 Non-Competitive Capital Improvement Projects and Operating & Maintenance Budgets Presentation

Mr. Doug Lyles, Executive Director of Business and Customer Operations, and Mr. Randy Trimble, Executive Director of Energy Delivery, presented overviews of FY27 CIP budget highlights for each respective department. Ms. Alicia Kenney, Interim CFO for the City of Bryan, presented an overview of the proposed FY27 CIP and O&M budgets. BTU Staff will bring a proposed budget to the Board for recommendation to the Bryan City Council in June.

BTU BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

KIOSKS

Locations accepting credit cards, cash and checks:

HEB	1609 N. Texas Ave.
HEB	725 E. Villa Maria Rd.
BTU Drive-Through <i>Open 24 hours</i>	200 E. 29th St.
BTU Drive-Through <i>Open 24 hours</i>	2611 N. Earl Rudder Fwy.

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

OVER THE PHONE

Payments can be made 24 hours a day via the “e-payment” option by calling **(979) 821-5700**. Account number and credit card required.

ONLINE

To register your account, view, and/or pay your bill online, visit:

btutilities.com



CREATIVE WAYS TO BEAT THE HEAT THIS SUMMER

THE TEXAS HEAT IS NO JOKE!

Higher temperatures mean higher A/C use as we try to stay cool, but what if there were more creative ways to beat the heat and save a bit of money on our electric bills along the way?

Check out these five unconventional tips, and let us know if they work for you!



Take Cold Showers

Long, hot showers are great for relaxation, but can heat the parts of your home around the bathroom. Shorter, colder showers can keep your home cool, and even have added health benefits like boosted mood, improved circulation, and a boost to your immune system.



Eat Cooler Foods

We all know to hydrate on hot days, but have you considered how your snacking could help regulate your body temperature? Choose chilled fruits, yogurt, and water-heavy vegetables for healthy snacks, and consider options for meals that do not require a stove or oven.

Time Your Tasks

You know to time your outdoor chores in the cooler parts of the day, but did you know your indoor tasks should be completed during these times as well? The appliances we rely on every day, like dishwashers, washers, and dryers, radiate heat and make it harder to cool our homes. Use them in the mornings and after the sun has gone down to keep your home cooler!



Embrace the Darkness

Blackout curtains do a great job of blocking out the sun and keeping your home cool, but you can take it a step further. Keeping the lights off in your home, especially during daylight hours, saves energy and keeps your home cooler by removing a residual heat source.

Make Your Bed the Ultimate Chill Zone

Toss your pillowcases in the fridge or freezer for a few minutes before bed. It may sound strange, but it helps you fall asleep comfortably without lowering the thermostat!

These ideas may sound crazy, but so is the Texas heat! Check out our website and follow us on social media for more tips all summer long.

btutilities.com



BTU SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATE

AMERICA 250

AT THE MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN G.I.

Revolutionary currency and artifacts from over a century of American military history highlight this summer's attractions.



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CURRENCY OF INDEPENDENCE EXHIBIT

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence – an act of defiance by our nation’s founding fathers that added fuel to the fire of decades of conflict and, eventually, unified 13 individual colonies in a fight for freedom from tyranny.

But while it’s easy to enjoy the freedoms that we can trace back to the events surrounding the American Revolution, it is also easy to feel disconnected from an event that happened so long ago.

The Museum of the American G.I., located on Highway 6 just south of College Station, aims to change that by presenting a fresh perspective on the American Revolution presented through something all generations can understand: money. Their new exhibit *Currency of Independence: Financing the American Revolution*, is on display until August 2, 2026.

According to the museum’s website, the exhibit features 28 original Revolutionary-era notes that once paid soldiers, purchased supplies, and circulated through homes, farms, and businesses during one of the most uncertain periods in American history.

Melissa Bauman, the museum’s curator of collections and registrar, says that these notes embody the spirit of a people figuring out how to finance a future they believed in, a necessary hurdle in the fight for independence. For colonists an ocean away from their ruling authorities – ones they would eventually fight and die to separate from – these precious documents were an essential first step towards living independently.

“They were trying to build a country, and that’s done by faith,” Bauman said. “[They were saying], ‘We don’t quite know for sure how we’re going to do this. We’re going to put this out there, and people are going to have to trust, work together, and believe this is going to happen.’”

The bills on display date from the 1750s, twenty years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, through the 1780s and tell the story of a nation trying to make a name for itself. The collection includes pieces of currency printed and designed by Benjamin Franklin, and each one has a unique story to tell.

“Each bill can actually be its own paper, its own rabbit hole of research,” Bauman said. “Everything has a story – every printer, every engraver – I think that’s the really interesting thing. Each one is a piece of artwork.”

While trying to connect with the past through a history lecture, memorizing dates and battles, or scratching our brains to remember what our AP U.S. History teachers once said can be difficult, seeing the real history in person presents a unique opportunity to connect with the past. And since Texas was still almost seventy years away from joining the United States, it can offer a fresh perspective.

“It’s not from a Southern area, so we don’t really see this,” Executive Director Leisha Mullins said. “This is the perfect exhibit for the 250[th anniversary] for people to come and see. This is a connection to our history that we would not normally see.”

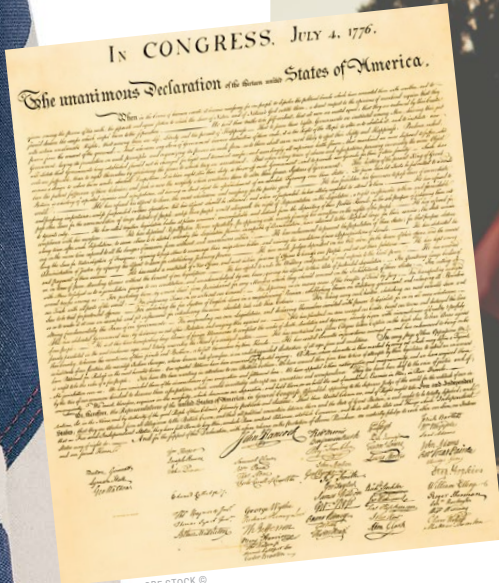
The museum’s permanent attractions are well worth a visit for anyone interested in military history, or connecting with those that have protected our freedoms for 250 years. While other museums are dedicated to one war, the Museum of the American G.I.’s collection tells the stories of an array of conflicts through the eyes of those who fought on the front lines.

“All of our exhibits are set up to give a personal connection,” Mullins said. “The individual stories allow us to tell the big picture.”

The museum’s mission is to preserve, honor, and educate, and they accomplish that through their collection of rare artifacts – from vehicles to an actual door from the infamous Hanoi Hilton POW camp – that you will not find anywhere else.

“We have a little bit of everything,” Mullins said. “If someone comes through, even if they are an expert, I can almost guarantee they will walk out and at least know one thing that they did not know about something.”

The Museum of the American G.I. is located at 19124 Highway 6 South in College Station. Visit their website, americangimuseum.org, for more information on hours, admission, exhibits, and events throughout the year.



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THE POWER of American Independence

The Fourth of July is a festive day on which we celebrate our nation’s independence with family and friends. Typically, it’s not a day of quiet reflection; we spend a lot of energy having fun, and if we give any thought to our forbearers and their determined efforts to bring about our nation’s independence, it’s fleeting.

However, it is worth reflecting on this uniquely American spirit of self-determination that remains part of our collective DNA 250 years after the U.S. was formed and the Declaration of Independence was crafted.

For example, more than 80 years ago, rural Americans like those living in Bryan were told that it wasn’t profitable to bring electric lines that far from city centers. Aside from President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s promise of federal aid in the form of low-interest loans and engineering expertise, rural Americans had little help in bringing electricity to their homes.

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JULY 4, 1776

the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The first object of such Government, is to provide new Guards for their future security. The second, to establish a firm and lasting Union, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

So, they pulled together and worked cooperatively to do it themselves – a shining example of American determination and ingenuity. Rural cooperatives were founded, and locally, BTU, while municipally owned, filled a need for power in large portions of the Brazos Valley that were outside city limits. For the past 50-plus years, nearly every president since Richard Nixon has talked about the goal of U.S. energy independence – reducing our reliance on imported oil and other forms of foreign-supplied energy. Today, while we still have a way to go, we’re closer to that goal than ever before. We’re exporting more gas and importing less foreign fuel than in recent memory.

American ingenuity in the form of new technology and innovation is opening up more options and spurring greater efficiency across all forms of energy.

The best news is this: Consumers have an important role to play in the road to energy independence. They don’t have to wait for Democrats and Republicans to agree or environmentalists and fossil fuel advocates to reach consensus.

Consumers can play a part in moving us toward national energy independence by taking action in simple, practical ways: insulating and caulking around windows, doors, and electrical outlets; washing clothes in cold water instead of hot; replacing air filters; installing programmable thermostats; and using more energy-efficient appliances and home heating and cooling systems. Efficiency efforts can cut costs for individual households, but the collective benefit to our country is even greater.

If we all work together to achieve increased energy efficiency and reduce our overall energy consumption, we can make even more progress on the road toward energy independence.

At BTU, we want to be a resource for you in this effort. We can provide energy-saving tips tailored for your unique household needs.

Electric providers across the country have been actively engaged in promoting renewable energy resources such as wind, solar, hydropower, and biomass (including landfill gas, livestock waste, timber byproducts, and crop residue). All of these options play a key role in powering America while fostering our nation’s energy independence.

Recent advances in technology are transforming how we make and move electricity, and over time, these changes will greatly improve not only the efficiency but also the reliability of electric power.

This Fourth of July, as you gaze at the fireworks lighting up the night sky, reflect on the enduring spirits of hard work and independence that are integral to our American character, and remember the ways you can contribute to our nation’s energy independence.



George Wythe, Richard Henry Lee, Th. Jefferson, James Watson, Gen. Wolf, Casar Conway, Gov. North, Hugh Stockton, Mrs. Wickenspoole, Gen. Hopkinson, John Sherman, Sam. Huntington



TOURISM BOOSTS BRYAN ECONOMY



DESTINATION
**BRYAN
TEXAS**

Downtown Bryan

Visitors to Bryan provide the boost our economy needs to keep local businesses vibrant and help fund the services that make Bryan a great place to live.

In 2025, an estimated **4.9 million people** visited Bryan.

These visitors spent around **\$190.1 million** in our community.

If these visitors stopped coming today, each household in Bryan would need to spend an extra \$5,600 to keep our economy moving.

Visitor spending in Bryan supported an estimated **2,300 local jobs** in 2025.

2025 data provided to Destination Bryan by Dean Runyan Associates, the U.S. Census Bureau and Texas A&M University's Department of Hospitality, Hotel Management & Tourism.



Legends Event Center



Lake Bryan

WATER QUALITY REPORT



CITY OF BRYAN WATER CUSTOMERS

Your annual Drinking Water Quality Report, also known as a Consumer Confidence Report, is available at:

bryantx.gov/WaterQualityReport

To request a paper or translated copy, call **979-209-5900**.



GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

July 18 First day for candidates to file for a place on the ballot
(July 18 is a Saturday – city offices closed)

Aug. 17 Last day for candidates to file (5 p.m.)

Aug. 24 Last day for a candidate to withdraw (5 p.m.)

Oct. 5 Last day for voter registration for Nov. 3 election

Oct. 19-30 Early voting

Nov. 3 **Election Day**



CALENDARIO DE LA ELECCIÓN GENERAL

18 de julio Primer día de presentación de candidaturas
(El 18 de julio es un sábado – las oficinas de la ciudad estarán cerradas)

17 de agosto Último día de presentación de candidatura (5 p.m.)

24 de agosto Último día para retirar la candidatura (5 p.m.)

5 de octubre Último día para registrarse para votar para la elección del 3 de noviembre

19 al 30 de octubre Votación anticipada

3 de noviembre **¡Día de las elecciones!**