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Regular Board of Directors MEETING NOTES July 14, 2026

Approval of Contracts for Comprehensive Services to Support Pole Attachment Application Permitting

The Board approved two not-to-exceed contracts for pole attachment support services: one with Davey Resource Group, Inc. and one with Entrust Solutions Group.

Approval of Jack Creek Substation Upgrade

Mr. Randy Trimble, BTU's executive director of energy delivery, stated that electric load growth in the Jack Creek Substation area requires additional distribution feeder capacity. The project, which was put out for bid on April 16, 2026, will add two 15 kV circuit breakers and upgrade existing distribution and transformer protection to current BTU standards. Lambda Construction I, Ltd. of New Braunfels, Texas (Lambda) submitted the lowest acceptable bid, and the Board approved the execution of a contract with Lambda to complete the project.

Announcement of Recent BTU Staff Promotions

Mr. Doug Lyles, BTU's interim general manager, announced two recent promotions within BTU. Ms. Meagan Brown to interim executive director and Mr. Dennis Gilmore to chief business officer.

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

Important Numbers

Billing/Collections/Connects
(979) 821-5700

Electrical Outage/Lines Down
(979) 822-3777

Line Design
(979) 821-5770

Social Media

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SEPTEMBER: NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

National Preparedness Month is observed every September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies. Sponsored by FEMA's Ready Campaign, the annual initiative empowers Americans to create emergency plans and build survival kits for their homes, businesses, and communities.



FEMA

Follow these tips from ready.gov to make sure you and your loved ones are prepared before disaster strikes:

KNOW YOUR RISK:

Know what could happen where you and your family live. This helps you figure out what you need to do to stay safe. You can explore various disasters and emergencies on ready.gov.

MAKE A FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN:

Making a plan early helps you reduce stress and save time and money. Meet with your family to discuss your plan, assess your household needs, document your plan, and practice it to ensure you're ready.

BUILD AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT:

Having enough food, water, and medicine can help you stay safe and comfortable until help arrives. Having what you need can also prevent injury and damage to your home. Additionally, build a go-bag with all the essentials you might need, so you don't need to scramble in an evacuation situation.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY:

Emergencies can happen fast, and emergency responders aren't always nearby. Consider joining a Community Emergency Response Team program, getting trained on basic disaster response skills, or enrolling in a CPR or First Aid class to help your community and neighbors recover from a disaster.

For more information, visit ready.gov/september



Ready.gov; U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Rooted in Relationships:

**BTU General Manager
Gary Miller
Reflects on a 42-Year Career**



If you asked most people to summarize the lessons learned or experiences gained over the course of multiple decades, they might be at a loss for words.

For Gary Miller, who has served BTU in various capacities since 2005 and as the general manager of the utility since 2012, everything he has learned to prioritize over the course of a career that has spanned over four decades can be summed up in one word: relationships.

“Relationships are the biggest thing,” Miller said as he pointed out two large binders in his office that contain every business card he has collected over the course of his career. “I can see or hear from somebody that I haven’t seen or dealt with since 1985, and we’re still friends. If you’re really good at building those relationships and are fair and honest with people, things generally will go the right way.”

That mantra was instilled early in Miller’s career, and has been an important pillar every step of the way.

Growing up in Bridge City, a refinery town near the Louisiana border where the Neches and Sabine rivers meet, Miller knew from a young age that math was his strong suit. He attended nearby Lamar University in Beaumont to study electrical engineering, and through a scholarship and co-op program offered by Gulf State Utilities (now Entergy), got his first opportunity to experience what a career in power might entail.

After graduating from Lamar, Miller’s first full-time job was with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) where he became the first-ever engineer hired at the South Texas Security Center – a precursor to ERCOT and one of two security centers established after a 1983 winter storm showed the need for better coordination amongst utilities. Miller’s primary functions included creating models that could predict what would happen to the grid if certain key pieces of infrastructure went offline. But, perhaps more importantly, it gave him the first taste of how important the relationships he now cherishes would be.

“Every utility was basically an island amongst themselves,” Miller said. “My job was to talk to everybody and all these other utilities because we had to work together. And I knew so many people just because that was my job – to make sure to talk to them and make sure we were doing what they needed us to do and that they were giving us the information we needed.”

After spending five years at LCRA, Miller embarked on a career that would be difficult to match in terms of the wide breadth of experience. The next fifteen years included directly working with ERCOT, serving at multiple electric co-ops in operations and power supply roles, trying his hand on the trading floor of a power marketer following deregulation in 1996, and managing energy accounting and system dispatch for major corporations.



2025 APPA
James D. Donovan Individual
Achievement Award

2026 TPPA John W. Davidson
Honor Roll Award

Twenty years into his career, many of which included a long commute into downtown Dallas, Miller was still looking for somewhere that felt like home. He found it in 2005, when he was hired as manager of BTU's Qualified Scheduling Entity (QSE) division.

"One of the things I realized after working for investor-owned utilities and working for public power entities is that it was just different," Miller said. "I was much more comfortable within [public power] entities, and I think that's the biggest thing that led me towards coming back to one."

Not long after he arrived in Bryan, Miller was promoted to the role of group manager of QSE and generation. In 2012, he was appointed as the interim general manager, and in February of 2013, the interim label was removed. In total, Miller has spent 21 years serving the citizens of the Brazos Valley, exactly half of his 42-year career.

Each new role at BTU has presented challenges, but Miller's commitment to strong relationships has helped him rise to the occasion time and time again. When decisions about rates, winter storm responses, day-to-day operations, and everything in between have weighed heavy, his empathy for all stakeholders and security in the process of growing as a leader have remained solid guiding forces.

"The biggest challenge was going from concentrating on a small group of employees to having to think about how every decision

affected everybody," Miller said. "But that is just part of any growth. There are challenges, and you deal with them and move through it. Sometimes you win, sometimes you don't, but you learn from your mistakes and you go on."

As he enters the next season of his life in retirement, Miller is excited to spend more time with his two grandkids and experiencing true Americana in the form of national parks, driving Route 66, and taking in the Little League World Series. His time at BTU will be remembered fondly by those that worked under him, as his commitment to relationships was made evident by the fact that he could greet almost, if not every, employee by name.

As leadership at BTU transitions to a new era, Miller recognizes that changes in the industry will pose challenges, just as there were changes and challenges to be overcome throughout his career. His charge to future leaders at BTU and throughout the industry is to embrace what comes as an opportunity for personal and professional growth.

"I don't think that I could have picked a better path for me personally," Miller said. "I have enjoyed all 42 years in this business and have made a ton of friends along the way that I hope I can stay in touch with. [My advice is to] be nice to people, give them the freedom and authority to do their job, and always, always focus on our mission of reasonable rates, great reliability, and great customer service. If that's always your goal, then things should most of the time work out in your favor."

George Bush

High School Public Service Scholarship

The George Bush High School Public Service Scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors in the Bryan-College Station area who exhibit dedication to public service as exemplified by President George H.W. Bush. The scholarship began in 2002 as a joint effort between the George and Barbara Bush Foundation and Bryan Texas Utilities as a means to honor President Bush and his love for serving the community.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be graduating seniors and plan to attend an accredited college or university. Scholarship recipients are selected based on their passion for community service, dedication to academic excellence, and exemplary leadership in their schools and communities. Awarded scholars receive a \$2,500 scholarship, and each high school that produces a winning student receives a \$1,000 grant to further youth education.



The 2026 Recipients



Tatum Bennett

A&M Consolidated High School

"Growing up in College Station, I have been inspired by the Bush family's legacy of integrity, humility, and dedication to others. As I prepare to attend Texas A&M University, where I plan to major in Agricultural Economics with a minor in Psychology, I am excited to continue growing both academically and professionally. I am passionate about building meaningful connections, serving my community, and making a positive impact through my future career. This scholarship not only supports my educational goals, but also challenges me to uphold the values of character, leadership, and service exemplified by President George H.W. Bush and Mrs. Barbara Bush. I am grateful for this honor and motivated to make the most of this opportunity."

Chloe Gutierrez

College Station High School

"I plan to attend Texas A&M University in the fall in order to study Kinesiology. I'm very excited to pursue this degree as science has been one of my major interests throughout my academic career so far, especially the study of movement. After obtaining my bachelor's degree I want to attend DPT school in order to become a Physical Therapist. I've spent the past summer volunteering in a local PT department, and have really enjoyed it thus far. I enjoy doing pottery and playing golf, both of which I plan to still keep as hobbies during college."

Lauren Reitmayer

College View High School

"I graduated from College View High School with over 30 hours of dual credit from Blinn College. In the Spring 2026 semester, I took British Literature II, Texas Government, and Economics, passing all classes with A's. I served as president of the National Honor Society chapter, and president of SkillsUSA chapter, and was the high-ranking graduate of my class as well. I plan to attend Texas A&M in the Fall of 2026 to major in Geology. I will also minor in Museum Studies and potentially Archaeology. I plan to obtain either a masters or PhD in either Archeology or Paleontology, and hope to discover new things and work in the field with research."

Jenavi Brooks

James Earl Rudder High School

"I am excited to graduate and attend Rice University in the Fall. I will be majoring in either Chemistry or Neuroscience, as I am still a bit undecided. My future aspirations either surround getting my doctorate and becoming a medicinal researcher, or moving towards a healthcare-oriented path and becoming a dentist or doctor. I am so incredibly grateful for both the generosity of the George and Barbara Bush Foundation, and their scholarship committee's confidence in me. I've always been passionate about the wonders of the STEM field, and this award is a huge help in allowing me to focus on my studies and get one step closer to the woman I hope to become."

Ella Mitchell

Travis B. Bryan High School

"This Fall, I will be attending Texas A&M University. At Texas A&M, I will be in the Public Health major in hopes to later pursue nursing. This scholarship means so much to my family and I because my family is not only sending me, but at the same time they are also sending my twin sister to college. This has generated some financial stress on my family, but with this scholarship comes some relief. I would like to thank the George & Barbara Bush Foundation as well as BTU for this opportunity and this money. I hope to continue serving my community throughout my college experience."

Arlene Ocampo

Bryan Collegiate High School

"Watching my parents work so hard in life to give me the opportunity to pursue my education far beyond and always support me to achieve my desires is who has inspired me and shaped me to be the person I am today by gaining achievements and building strong character development. My future career goals are to work in a NICU hospital, help my mom get her future taco business, and give her the best in life because she deserves everything in the whole world. The impact receiving this scholarship has made on my goals is that anything is possible in life as long as you turn your goals into actions and make an impact on other people's lives significantly. I will always push through because there is a purpose why God chose me to be here and in the end it will all be worth it."

Yaretzy Carrizales

Snook High School

"Throughout high school, I have been involved in NHS, Student Council, UIL, FFA and One Act Play, where I learned the value of communication, teamwork, and leadership. Additionally, I have learned important values by being a part of the hospitality team at my local church. In the fall, I will attend Texas A&M University where I plan to major in Public Health and pursue a career in nursing. I have chosen the career of nursing because I have always been passionate to help others and wished I could do more. I look forward to using my education and experiences to make a positive impact on the lives of others and serve my community through healthcare."

Ella Ging

Brazos Christian School

"I am a graduating senior from Brazos Christian School and an incoming student at Texas A&M University, where I plan to study Psychology. My educational aspiration is to build a strong foundation in child development, mental health, and counseling so I can pursue a career providing therapy services for children and families. I hope to make a meaningful difference by helping young people navigate challenges, build confidence, and thrive emotionally. I am passionate about serving others and using compassion and encouragement to positively impact lives. Receiving the George H.W. Bush High School Public Service Scholarship helps make these goals more attainable by easing the financial burden of college expenses and allowing me to focus on my education, service opportunities, and professional preparation. I am deeply honored by this support as I begin the next chapter of pursuing my calling to help children."

Elizabeth Stanton

International Leadership of Texas Aggeland High School

"With a focus on civic engagement, one of my goals for college is to enter into a major that teaches me to make a difference in the world. As an early graduate, I will attend Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia—a top liberal arts college—and I plan to major in Politics, International Relations, or follow a pre-law track with a minor in Poverty Studies through W&L's Shepherd School. Additionally, I will ride on the varsity equestrian team as a collegiate athlete and serve the greater Lexington community as a Bonner Scholar. Attending W&L means pursuing my academic dreams and commitment to serving my greater community, making this scholarship monumental for me. With the funding to go to school and receive a higher education, I will turn my passion for service into a career with purpose, making a difference in the world and giving back to others."

Zoe Jones

Oakwell Academy

"I am incredibly grateful to be attending Texas A&M University this Fall to study Kinesiology as I work to pursue a future in physical therapy. I hope to also minor in Dance Performance and Pilates, so I can one day specialize in caring for dancers and athletes and help them keep doing the things they love. Receiving the George H.W. Bush High School Public Service Scholarship is such an honor, and reminds me to keep serving with heart and purpose. I am deeply grateful for this educational support and the encouragement it gives me moving forward."

Abbey Bienski

St. Joseph Catholic School

"I am an incoming freshman Animal Science major at Texas A&M University. I was born and raised in Bryan, Texas. I chose Animal Science as my major because of my genuine passion for helping animals. Currently, most of my time is dedicated to shadowing at a local vet hospital. This scholarship will help me on the path to reaching my ultimate goal, which is to become an Aggie veterinarian. During my time at Texas A&M, I plan to become involved as much as possible in various orgs, as well as continuing my commitment to community service."



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teams every Saturday
and Sunday during
football season.**



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National Register of Historic Places



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Shuttles run three hours before, during, and one hour after games.

Hop on at the Roy Kelly Parking Garage and get back on after the game at Texas A&M's Memorial Student Center.

Shuttle Schedule

Visit gameday.bryantx.gov for game times.

SEPT. 5	vs. Missouri State
SEPT. 12	vs. Arizona State
SEPT. 19	vs. Kentucky
OCT. 3	vs. Arkansas
OCT. 17	vs. The Citadel
NOV. 14	vs. Tennessee
NOV. 27	vs. Texas



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