

BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

September 30, 2025

Board of Public Affairs Chairman Annette Schreiner opened the meeting of the Bryan Board of Public Affairs with the following members present: Robert Eyre, Karen Ford, Richard Long, and James Salisbury. Also present were: Director of Utilities Derek Schultz, Water Superintendent Jimmy Dunning, Engineering Supervisor Brock Beck, Electric Distribution Superintendent Al Sullivan, Power Plant Production Superintendent Jim Coressel, Communications Superintendent Joe Ferrell, Bryan City Council Member F. John Betts, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Ms. Ford moved, Mr. Long seconded, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting, as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 33, 2025, titled,

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO RETAIN OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

was presented and read by title only. Director of Utilities Schultz explained the intent of the resolution is to avoid a potential conflict of interest for the City Attorney regarding legal advice on the proposed ballot language changing the Charter of the City of Bryan to eliminate the elected Board of Public Affairs,

Mr. Eyre moved, Ms. Ford seconded, to pass Resolution No. 33, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Board of Public Affairs Chairman Schreiner initiated a discussion on the role and value the Board of Public Affairs provides in local government. She reviewed her comments from prior meetings, highlighting the 100-plus years of public utility experience currently sitting on the Board, that being the lone remaining elected public utility board in Ohio should be a point of community pride. She questioned what staffing would look like under new direction proposed by Bryan City Council action to change the City's Charter and the security of utility funds from being redirected for other City purposes. She suggested that if there are inefficiencies or other issues between the Board and the Bryan City Council, they should work together to resolve them rather than dismantle the current and long-established governing structure.

Board Members Long and Salisbury were supportive of her comments and noted that the system in place has worked for a long time. Board Member Eyre expressed hope that members of the Bryan City Council are soliciting feedback from constituents, believing there is much opposition to a Charter amendment. Further discussion was held.

Board Member Long asked if anyone in the audience had comments they wished to make. Bryan residents Bill Metz, Brian Davis, and Deb Beavers each spoke in support of the Board and questioned the need for change. Further discussion was held. Ms. Beavers suggested the need to establish a citizens committee to help defeat the proposed ballot measure.

Water Superintendent Dunning, Engineering Supervisor Beck, Electric Distribution Superintendent Sullivan, Power Plant Production Superintendent Coressel, and Communications Superintendent Ferrell each went through their portions of a slide presentation providing Board members with status updates on current capital projects. Discussion was held throughout.

Resolution No. 34, 2025, titled,

**DESIGNATING OCTOBER 5-11, 2025, AS PUBLIC POWER WEEK AND
RECOGNIZING BRYAN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES FOR ITS
CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY**

was presented and read by title only. Director of Utilities Schultz announced that the week of October 5th thru the 11th is the annual national Public Power Week sponsored by the American Public Power Association (APPA). He stated that Public Power serves an estimated 55 million people and strengthens their communities by providing superior service, engaging citizens, and instilling pride in community-owned power.

He further noted that at last week's AMP Annual Conference, Bryan Municipal Utilities received multiple awards and accolades, specifically noting Lineworker Noah Landel and Lineworker Supervisor Adam Brandt for recognition they received.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Long seconded, to pass Resolution No. 34, 2025. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to pay the bills. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Bryan resident Deb Beavers asked if there was a budget in place and plans to recognize Public Power Week; Director of Utilities Schultz explained the planned activities.

Each of the Board members offered thanks for the capital projects updates and congratulated all of the AMP award winners.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Chairman of the Board

Clerk-Treasurer