

**BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**June 2, 2026**

Board of Public Affairs Chairman Annette Schreiner opened the meeting of the Bryan Board of Public Affairs with the following members present: Karen Ford, Brian Davis, and Debra Beevers. Jeremy Suffel was absent. Also attending were: Director of Utilities Derek Schultz, Mayor Carrie Schlade, Human Resources Director Tricia Lyons, Bryan City Council Member F. John Betts, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Mr. Davis moved, Ms. Beevers seconded, to excuse Mr. Suffel from the meeting due to a personal conflict. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Suffel absent.

Mr. Davis moved, Ms. Beevers seconded, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026 Regular Meeting, as amended. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Suffel absent.

Bryan resident and Bryan Municipal Utilities employee Suzan Hensley addressed the Board to express her concerns over alleged discrepancies in the compensation and benefit packages of various Bryan Municipal Utilities employees. Board Chairman Schreiner noted that Ms. Hensley's concerns were taken under advisement.

Resolution No. 19, 2026, titled,

**AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DILIGENT CORPORATION FOR BOARD EFFECT SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES**

was presented and read by title only. Director of Utilities Schultz explained this is the web-based platform for electronic Board packets and other information previously discussed. The subscription price is \$5,250 plus a one-time setup fee of \$500; subsequent annual renewals will include a 3% increase if the Board chooses to continue.

Ms. Beevers moved, Mr. Davis seconded, to pass Resolution No. 19, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Suffel absent.

Resolution No. 20, 2026, titled,

**AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER POSITION FOR THE BRYAN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**

was presented and read by title only. Human Resources Director Lyons explained the position is intended to strengthen and formalize public communications, customer engagement and community outreach efforts. Director of Utilities Schultz noted while the position is new, due to current vacancies, it will not add to the budgeted headcount for utility operations. Further discussion was held.

Ms. Ford moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to pass Resolution No. 20, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Suffel absent.

Resolution No. 21, 2026, titled,

**UPDATING THE BRYAN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES COMPENSATION  
PLAN FOR NON-BARGAINING UNIT HOURLY AND SALARIED  
STAFF**

was presented and read by title only. Human Resources Director Lyons explained that the update merely incorporates the new Public Communications Manager position into the existing compensation plan.

Mr. Davis moved, Ms. Beevers seconded, to pass Resolution No. 21, 2026. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Suffel absent.

Human Resources Director Lyons explained that Power Plant Operator Levi Vasquez has completed job relevant coursework at Northwest State Community College as part of his work toward an Industrial Electrical degree, and that he is eligible for tuition reimbursement.

Ms. Ford moved, Mr. Davis seconded, to authorize the payment of educational assistance in the amount of \$510.74 to Levi Vasquez. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Suffel absent.

Ms. Ford moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to pay the bills. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Suffel absent.

Director of Utilities Schultz offered thanks and congratulations on the retirement of Meter Reader Jeffery Schlosser and thanks to staff who participated in the recent “Wheels on Display” event.

Board Member Beevers offered thanks to Human Resources Director Lyons for her work on the Public Communication Manager position. Board Member Ford congratulated Mr. Schlosser. And Board Chairman Schreiner noted that John Courtney of Courtney & Associates was recently inducted to the American Municipal Power (AMP) “Wall of Fame”.

Mr. Davis moved, Ms. Beevers seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried. Suffel absent.

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Chairman of the Board

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Clerk-Treasurer