

BRYAN BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Special Session
12:00 noon

December 29, 2023

Board of Public Affairs Chairman Richard Long opened the meeting of the Bryan Board of Public Affairs with the following members present: James Salsbury, Annette Schreiner, Karen Ford, and Tom Sprow. Also present were: Director of Utilities Derek Schultz, and Clerk-Treasurer John Lehner.

Clerk-Treasurer Lehner corrected the minutes of December 19, 2023 to reflect that advertising for farm lease proposals would occur on January 4th and 11th, not January 4th *through* the 11th.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2023, as amended. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Director of Utilities Schultz explained that the U.S. Department of Energy's Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Program (GRIP) is entering into its second round of funding, which will provide grants up to 50% of costs for awarded projects that address distribution improvements over the next five years. He asked the Board to allow AMP to explore the program on behalf of the City of Bryan.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Long seconded, to allow AMP to explore the GRIP Program on behalf of the City of Bryan. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Director of Utilities Schultz requested that the Board of Public Affairs place Probationary Communications Technician III Patrick Wilde on regular employment status as a Communications Technician III at the current scheduled pay rate of \$28.43 per hour effective January 12, 2024, as he has successfully completed his probationary period.

Ms. Ford moved, Ms. Schreiner seconded, to place Probationary Communications Technician III Patrick Wilde on regular employment status as a Communications Technician III at the current scheduled pay rate of \$28.43 per hour effective January 12, 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Salsbury moved, Mr. Sprow seconded, to cancel the regularly scheduled January 2, 2024 Board of Public Affairs Meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Election of 2024 Chair and Vice-Chair:

Board Member Sprow suggested that it ought to be the turn of someone who has not served as Board Chairman previously. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Sprow moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to appoint Board Member Ford as Board of Public Affairs Chairman for 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Further discussion was held.

Mr. Long moved, Mr. Salsbury seconded, to appoint Board Member Schreiner as Board of Public Affairs Vice-Chairman for 2024. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Board Member Sprow suggested adopting a succession plan whereby the Vice-Chairman would be next in line to assume the Chairman's position. Discussion ended to acknowledge that the person, of course, would have to be eligible and willing to do so.

Mr. Sprow moved, Ms. Ford seconded, to approve a succession plan whereby the Board Vice-Chairman would move up to the position of Chairman in each succeeding year. Roll call vote: Sprow aye, Schreiner aye, Long nay, Salsbury aye, Ford aye. Motion carried.

All members offered thanks and well-wishes to Board Member Sprow for his 8 years of service on the Board. Others thanked staff and employees for a great 2023.

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

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

Chairman of the Board

Clerk-Treasurer