

TO:

Brownsville Public Utilities Board

Date: September 8, 2023

FROM:

Art Rendon, Chair

SUBJECT:

Notice of a Regular Board Meeting

**MEETING DATE:** 

**September 11, 2023** 

**MEETING TIME:** 

5:00 PM

**MEETING LOCATION:** 

**BPUB Annex Building** 

**Board Room** 

1425 Robinhood Drive **Brownsville, Texas 78521** 

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

### Call Open Meeting to Order at 5:00 PM

CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOR U.S. FLAG AND TEXAS FLAG

MOMENT OF SILENCE

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Consideration and Approval of Minutes:
  - a. May 22, 2023 Special Meeting
- 2. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Brownsville Public Utilities Board Travel in Accordance with the Statement of Policy and Travel by Members of the Board of Directors of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board-Marilyn D. Gilbert
- 3. Consideration and Possible Action of Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2023-2024—Melida Pinales

- 4. Consideration and Possible Action on a Resolution by the Board of Trustees of the City of Brownsville, Texas Public Utilities Board Requesting the City Commission of the City of Brownsville, Texas to Approve a Supplemental Ordinance Authorizing Replacement of the Dealer for Obligations Designated as City of Brownsville, Texas Utilities System Commercial Paper Notes, Series A, Including the Execution and Delivery of a Dealer Agreement, and Approving Other Matters in Connection Therewith—Miguel A. Perez
- 5. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution by the Board of Directors Relating to Its Annual Review of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board's Investment Policy and Investment Strategies as Required by the Provisions of Chapter 2256, as Amended, Texas Government Code; Approving the Brownsville Public Utilities Board's Investment Policy and Investment Strategies; and Other Matters in Connection Therewith—Miguel A. Perez
- 6. Consideration and Possible Action on Commercial Paper Funding Adjustments to Reimburse Expenditures for Electric, Water, and Wastewater Capital Improvement Projects for the Period of July 2023 through September 2023—Miguel A. Perez
- 7. Consideration and Possible Action on the Brownsville Public Utilities Board Directors and Officers and Employment Practices Liability Insurance—Estrella Solorzano
- 8. Consideration and Possible Action on Brownsville Public Utilities Board Excess (Umbrella) Liability Insurance—Estrella Solorzano
- 9. Consideration and Possible Action on Brownsville Public Utilities Board General Liability, Automobile, Mobile Equipment, Crime, and Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance—Estrella Solorzano
- Consideration and Possible Action on Brownsville Public Utilities Board Cyber Liability Insurance— Estrella Solorzano
- 11. Consideration and Possible Action of Approval of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board Group Health and Dental Partially Self-Insurance Plans and Rates—Emilia Guerra/Sergio Delgadillo
- 12. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Renewal of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board Group Supplemental Benefits and Voluntary Benefits Insurance Plans for Policy Year 2024—Emilia Guerra/Sergio Delgadillo
- 13. Consideration and Possible Action to Authorize the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer to Amend the Contract for Project Described as: Quality Assurance Services for Implementing an Enterprise Content and Records Management System—Nancy Arriaga
- 14. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Bid Award for the Supply of Electrical Overhead and Underground Cable—Diane Solitaire
- 15. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Proposal Award for the Customer Service Inspection for Brownsville Public Utilities Board Cross Connection and Backflow Program—Albert Gomez, Jr.
- 16. Consideration and Possible Action to Reject Bids for the Purchase of a 125 HP Motor and Single Stage Propeller Backwash Waste Pump—Jaime Estrada

# ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 1. General Manager's Report:
  - a. Board Calendar-Marilyn D. Gilbert
  - b. Financial Report—Monica Cavazos
  - c. Engineering and Legal Fees Monthly Expenses—Monica Cavazos
  - d. City of Brownsville Capital Work Orders Report—Monica Cavazos
  - e. BTX Fiber Project Installation Repairs—Jaime Estrada
  - f. AMI Update-Eddy Hernandez

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Please note the following:

PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED IN WRITING NO LATER THAN ONE (1) HOUR IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING BY SENDING THEM TO <u>PublicComments@brownsvillepub.com</u>. In the body of the email please include date, your name, your address, phone number, agenda item number, if applicable, or subject of discussion, and your comments.

- THERE IS A THREE (3)-MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER. THE PRESIDING OFFICER MAY, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO, ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME TO A SPEAKER.
- THE SPEAKER MUST IDENTIFY BY NAME, ADDRESS, AND ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION (IF ANY) BEFORE SPEAKING.
- QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE BOARD AS A WHOLE, NOT TO INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS, THE CEO, OR MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE.
- IF AN ISSUE ADDRESSED IS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, NO FORMAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

# CONTINUATION – ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 2. Consideration and Possible Action of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Operations and Maintenance (O&M) and Capital Budgets—Miguel A. Perez
- Consideration and Possible Action on a Resolution Requesting the City Commission Amend Section 102-81 of the Code of Ordinances, Entitled "Resaca Fee," to Provide for Adjustments to Said Resaca Fee—Miguel A. Perez
- 4. Consideration and Possible Approval of a Sponsorship Request from the Brownsville Museum of Fine Art—Ryan Greenfeld
- 5. Consideration and Possible Action on Brownsville Public Utilities Board Printing and Mailing Services For Bills and Reminder Notices—Estrella Solorzano

RECESS TO CLOSED MEETING to Consider Matters Pursuant to Tex. Government Code Chapter 551, et seq.

## **CLOSED MEETING**

At this time the items on the Agenda designated for Closed Meeting will be considered. If there is an approved motion to go into Closed Meeting the listeners will be placed on "hold" until the Board returns to Open Meeting.

- 1. Meeting with Board's legal counsel for advice about contemplated and pending court and administrative litigation and on matters in which the duty of the attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with Chapter 551 (Sec. 551.071).
- 2. Discussion and consultation with Board Counsel of any pending litigation against Brownsville Public Utilities Board (Sec. 551.071).
- 3. Presentation, discussion, and possible recommendation of information upon pricing of purchased power, generation, and fuel and their impact upon the Fuel, Purchased Energy, and Marketing Charge and possible discussion (Sec. 551.086).
- 4. Possible discussion with Counsel on the Resaca Restoration Program (Sec. 551.071).

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- 6. Consideration and Possible Action on Items Discussed in Closed Meeting
- 7. Discussion and/or Requests for Future Agenda Items

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Adjournment

Art Rendon, Chair

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The meeting will be conducted in accordance with Board Resolution No. 2023-0615 (IC5), the "Rules of the Public Utilities Board." Once the Meeting is convened with a quorum present, the Presiding Officer may change the order of business for purposes of accommodation of the Board members or participants and to permit a more orderly consideration of related agenda items.

The BPUB reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code § 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), § 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), § 551.074 (Personnel Matters), § 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), § 551.086 (Public Utility Competitive Matters), § 551.087 (Economic Development), and § 551.089 (Department of Information Resources).

I certify that a copy of the September 11, 2023 agenda of items to be considered by the BPUB was posted on

ATTEST

, Recording Secretary