

City of Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, November 8, 2023

1. Called to order at 3:00 pm
2. In attendance: Dan Broyles, Terry Ercolani, Antonio Kitt, Bill Moss, Art Tenbrink.
Also: Deborah Appel, Bel Aire City Treasurer
3. Approval of agenda. Bill motion, Terry second, approved.
4. Approval of October 11, 2023 meeting minutes: Bill motion, Dan second, approved.
5. New business
 - a. 2024 UAC officer elections: election ballots were distributed, with the following being the results:
 - Chair: Art Tenbrink
 - Vice-Chair: Terry Ercolani
 - Secretary: Antonio Kitt

The new appointments will be effective January 1, 2024.

- b. Lead and Copper Project Initiative
 - Deb discussed the survey progress so far. A notice was placed in last month's Bel Aire Breeze mentioning the initiative. A \$50 drawing each month for the next few months will take place for those that complete the survey. The *Do You Know* column for December will discuss the survey. Help regarding completion of the survey is available by calling Bel Air city offices. Two Bel Aire staff people can come to one's house to assist with plumbing identification, if requested. In general, the following is noted regarding plastic plumbing colors: Polyethylene is black, PEX is red and blue, PVC is white. Polybutylene is gray (although it is not listed on the survey as it is a less-common material type). Additional information about the initiative can be found at the Bel Aire City website ([Lead and Copper Information | Bel Aire, KS \(belaireks.gov\)](https://www.belaireks.gov/Lead-and-Copper-Information))
 - CUA updates. The next meeting is Nov. 9, and then Dec. 14.
 - c. Kechi tree limb and brush waste disposal--no progress on this issue.

- d. November "Did You Know?" Art wrote the column for December. Topic is winter average consumption (WAC), and how it is determined for each residence. Terry motion to approve, Antonio second. Approved for publication.

6. Roundtable discussion

- a. Ty Lasher is retiring in 2024.
- b. Three of six lift stations for wastewater will get new Flygt Chopper pumps. The old pumps have been good pumps, but they are old and in need of repairs and new parts (which are not always available).
- c. Discussed lift station oxygenator and the biological oxygen demand (or BOD, a measure of how much oxygen is required to break down organic matter by microbes present in wastewater). BOD is a biological process as opposed to chemical oxygen demand (or COD)
- d. Art discussed row crops and how they affect water usage in agriculture-intensive regions of Kansas. Corn, soybeans, and wheat are typical row crops. Converting to sorghum, rye, and millet could save 12% in water.
- e. Tributary #7, which goes through Bel Aire between Woodlawn and Edgemoor has had some rework done to it since Woodlawn construction started. No issues lately regarding flooding or overflow.

- 7. Next meeting: UAC meeting December 13, 2023, 3-5 pm at City Hall Senior Center.
- 8. Old, continuing, future business. None to report.
- 9. Adjournment of meeting: Bill motion, Antonio second. All approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.