

City of Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee Minutes  
Wednesday, July 12, 2023

1. Called to order at 3:00 pm
2. In attendance: Terry Ercolani, Bill Moss, Art Tenbrink. Absent: Antonio Kitt, Dan Broyles.  
Also in attendance: Mayor Benage (3:20 pm to end of meeting)
3. Approval of agenda: Bill motion, Terry second. Approved.
4. Approval of June 14, 2023 meeting minutes: Bill motion, Terry second. Approved.
5. New business
  - a. UAC membership as of 8-1-23:
    - i. Bill Moss (charter member) agreed to stay on the UAC for at least another year. Mayor Benage will submit his name to the Bel Aire City Council for approval, at a fixed term to be determined.
    - ii. Other members of UAC remain the same (Art, Dan, Antonio, and Terry, noted above in item 2. *In attendance*).
  - b. CCUA updates
    - i. Art attended a recent CCUA meeting as the Bel Aire representative (alternate)
    - ii. Reviewed letter that KDHE sent to CCUA dated May 24 with regards to KDHE concerns of capacity issues at the CCUA facility. KDHE agreed to an extension for CCUA to provide a plan to address the issue.
    - iii. Reviewed CCUA's response to KDHE's May 24 letter. The response proposed a plan that addresses load management and operational improvements. Attached to the CCUA response were supporting information from Bel Aire and Park City.
  - c. Cox Channel 7: Art noted that the channel was displaying a blue screen Monday, July 10. The city council meeting was shown the next day, but today (July 12) the channel displayed a dark screen. Art contacted Tristan Terhune regarding the channel's outages.
  - d. Kechi tree limb and brush waste disposal: Mayor Benage reported that Kechi has interest in partnering with Bel Aire, but no progress has been made yet. Desire is to continue to keep this item open for future discussion.

- e. August "Did You Know?"
  - i. Art wrote the DYK regarding recent rainfall trends in Bel Aire as related to the El Nino weather pattern
  - ii. The DYK was accepted; it will be submitted for inclusion in the next Bel Aire Breeze edition
- 6. Roundtable discussion
  - a. Continued discussion regarding Bel Aire's history with CCUA
  - b. Bill Moss and Terry Ercolani had no additional topics for discussion
  - c. Art brought up the following for discussion:
    - i. SafeWise safest cities list for 2023 has Bel Aire as #4 in Kansas. Bel Aire continues to be in the top 10 cities in Kansas. In the past, Bel Aire has been #1, with recent position #8.
    - ii. The June 28 Wichita Eagle newspaper reported that Bayside Industrial will build up to seven warehouses in Bel Aire, 175,000 square feet each. The first warehouse construction will begin next month. The city provided incentives for Bayside to locate in Bel Aire.
- 7. Next meeting: UAC meeting August 9, 2023. .
- 8. Old, continuing, future business. None to report.
- 9. Adjournment of meeting: Bill motion, Terry second. All approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.