

**MINUTES  
NEW BRAUNFELS UTILITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**1:00 P.M.  
MONDAY MARCH 27, 2022  
NEW BRAUNFELS CIVIC AND CONVENTION CENTER - BALLROOM  
375 S. CASTELL AVENUE, NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS 78130**

Board President Judith Dykes-Hoffmann opened the meeting at 1:34 pm. A quorum of the NBU Board was present.

**PRESENT**

Board President John Harrell, Board Vice President Judith Dykes-Hoffmann, Board Trustee Bob Gray, Board Trustee Wayne Peters, and Mayor Rusty Brockman

**ABSENT**

None

**NBU PERSONNEL**

Ian Taylor, Ryan Kelso, Dawn Schriewer, Connie Lock, Melissa Krause, Greg Brown, David Hubbard, and Laura Rivers

**NBU CONSULTANTS**

None

**PLEDGE AND INVOCATION**

Board Vice President Wayne Peters led the pledge of allegiance and offered the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR**

**1. Report from Budget Committee**

Board Vice President Wayne Peters provided an update on the Budget Committee meeting that took place on March 9, 2023.

**PRESENTATION ITEMS**

**1. Presentation and Discussion of NBU Draft Fiscal year 2024 Budget, Five-Year Operating Plan, and Any Proposed Changes to NBU Fees**

Chief Executive Officer Ian Taylor, Chief Strategic Communications and Security Officer Melissa Krause, Chief Financial Officer Dawn Schriewer, Chief Operations Officer Ryan Kelso, and Chief Technology Officer Greg Brown provided, and Chief Administrative Officer David Hubbard provided an overview of the FY 2024 Budget, Capital Projects, and Five-Year plan.

**2. Presentation from NBU Chief Executive Officer, Rate Advisory Committee Chair, Freese and Nichols, Inc., and NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC**

- a. Discussion of Cost of Service Study Results for NBU's Water, Wastewater, and Electric Lines of Business, Including Rate Advisory Committee Feedback Regarding the NBU Cost of Service Study and Final Rate Design**
- b. Discussion of Rate Advisory Committee Feedback Regarding Reports from Each RAC Subcommittee Relating to the Following Policy Areas:**
  - i. Low/Fixed Income Customers**
  - ii. Equity and Fairness in Rate Making**
  - iii. Conservation and Renewables**
  - iv. Revenue Sufficiency**
  - v. Accommodating Growth**
  - vi. Utility Financial Stability and Strength**
  - vii. Simple to Understand and Easy to Implement**
- c. Discussion of Proposed Water, Sewer, and Electric Rate Design for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025**

CEO Ian Taylor, Rate Advisory Committee Chair Justin Meadows, Richard Campbell of Freese and Nichols, Inc., and Tony Georgis of NewGen Strategies and Solution, LLC presented the Cost of Service Study results and rate design, and RAC Committee feedback from the final Cost of Service Study report and subcommittees.

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AS DESCRIBED ABOVE**

**ADJOURN**

Board President Judith Dykes-Hoffmann adjourned the Budget Workshop at 4:43 PM.

  
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Judith Dykes-Hoffmann, President

*Approved*

**Attest:**

  
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Ian Taylor, Secretary of the Board

*Chief Executive Officer*

*Date Approved: April 27, 2023*