

PEC Election 2009

Pedernales Electric Cooperative is conducting its second-ever open and competitive election for members of the Board of Directors. PEC management announced the slate of qualified candidates at the PEC Board meeting on April 20th. In addition to collecting 50 member signatures, candidates had to meet the qualifications established in the by-laws and pass a back ground investigation.

Three Board seats up are for election and the candidates in each race (listed in order appearance on the ballot) are:

District 1

Mark A. Mayfield
Bill Wilcox
Cristi Clement
Sandra P. "Sandy" Jenkins

District 6

Theresa Rouke
Larry Landaker
Linda Kaye Rogers
Robbi Boone
David Bethancourt
Daryl Losaw

District 7

Patrick Cox (unopposed this year after election last year to fill the 1 year, unexpired term of Bud Burnett)

On May 6th ballots go in the mail to PEC members and on-line ballots become available. Members voting on-line MUST retain their ballot as the number printed there is required to access the voting system. Ballots must be post marked no later than June 12th. On-line voting ends at that time as well. Members wishing to do so may vote at the annual meeting on June 20th.

A brief biographical statement by each candidate is included with the ballots. Those statements are also available on-line. In addition, 2 minute oral presentations delivered by candidates at the April 28th "Candidates Forum are also available.

As last year, all races are "At-Large" meaning each PEC member is eligible to vote in all races. Unlike last year voting is based on "one member, one vote" rather than meters, only one vote is cast in each race.

The member organization, pec4u, has been instrumental in many of the PEC reforms achieved to date, including adoption of open, competitive elections. Last year the Steering Committee of this group endorsed candidates in each of the five races and three of those candidates won: Dr. Patrick Cox, Ms. Kathy Scanlon and Dr. Charles Tesar. Each of these candidates has gone on to provide critical leadership in the reforms of the past year, including adoption of targets for conservation and use of renewable generation technologies. This year, the Steering Committee has also endorsed candidates in each race:

District 1 - Cristi Clement

District 6 - Larry Landaker

District 7 – Patrick Cox (though running unopposed)

Each PEC member is, of course, *strongly* encouraged to learn as much as possible about each candidate and cast their votes accordingly. In addition to information available from PEC ([://www.pec.coop/CorpProfile/Election2009.aspx](http://www.pec.coop/CorpProfile/Election2009.aspx)) members can check the pec4u Candidate Forum website: [://pec4u.org/candforum09/](http://pec4u.org/candforum09/) . There, candidates are invited to post more detailed descriptions of their qualifications and positions on issues. In addition, a questionnaire developed by pec4u was provided to each candidate and the results are posted for those who responded.