POWER OF COMMUNITY
PEDERNALES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

2012 Board of Directors Election Candidate Information

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Director District 7

Board Position: Director District 7

Patrick Cox, Ph.D. **Wimberley, TX** **Age: 59**

PEC Board Member, 2008-present
Past President, Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Past President, Wimberley Lions Club
Reform advocate, PEC member since 1976
Outstanding Alum - Texas State University
Credentialed Cooperative Director
BA, PhD – University of Texas at Austin
MA – Texas State University

I reside in Wimberley with my wife Brenda. I recently retired from the University of Texas at Austin and work as a business consultant and professional historian. When I was elected as a reform director in 2008, the PEC was mired in controversy because of the abuses and self-interests of the entrenched board of directors and former General Manager Bennie Fuelberg. In the past four years, thanks to the dedicated, hard work of many members and PEC employees, we have made tremendous accomplishments in restoring trust, financial accountability, and transparency while providing excellent, reliable services to our members.

I am asking PEC members for another term to continue implementing reforms, improving cost-effective services, and making the PEC the best member-owned electric cooperative in the nation. I want to insure the adopted changes become a standard way of doing business.

Major accomplishments since 2009:

$36.4 million refunded to PEC members in capital credits over the past four years; implemented the first PEC capital credits policy.
Certified, clean independent audits for all PEC accounts.
Reduced power costs to members.
Lowered expenditures more than $20 million.
Member satisfaction now exceeds national averages for coops and private utilities.
Nationally recognized for reliability and safety.
Closed Texland, recovered hidden funds, and eliminated unnecessary contracts saving millions of dollars.
Improved communications through PEC website enhancements, newsletters, open meetings, forums, and improved customer service.
Adopted Member Bill of Rights guaranteeing open meetings and records along with fair and honest director elections.
Guaranteed positions and compensation for employees in the armed services and National Guard.
Included new, cost competitive renewable energy that provides Texas wind and solar power along with natural gas in our diversified energy portfolio.
Provided members with new tools for energy conservation and efficiency - rebates, incentives, and assistance from PEC experts.
Continued supporting our communities through educational scholarships, youth programs, assistance to nonprofit organizations and with local economic development efforts.

Pledge for the future -

Continue policies that provide excellent, reliable and affordable energy services, and better technology for our 200,000 plus members.
Continue open meetings and open records.
Continue to improve the PEC financial record through improved equity, competitive bidding, applied technology, and adhering to professional standards.
Improve educational opportunities and provide a safe, innovative work environment for PEC employees.
I have not accepted and will not seek contributions from businesses and individuals that do business with PEC.
PEC employees should have opportunities to increase their expertise through leadership, training and education so that we have the best prepared workers and the safest working conditions in the nation.
Provide members more cost effective choices for energy services.
Provide our members with better technology, access and information to make it easier to do business with PEC.