



2015 Board of Directors Election Candidate Information

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Director District 7

Board Position: Director District 7

Amy Lea SJ Akers

Town: Hays County



Amy Lea SJ Akers seeks to serve the members of PEC District 7

The seven directors of Pedernales Electric Cooperative, a member only cooperative, are responsible for the largest electric coop in the nation covering over eight-thousand square miles and serving 265,000 accounts. With single member districts each district is equally represented on the board. District 7 encompasses parts of Travis, Hays and Caldwell counties.

Representing the interests of the individual member while protecting and supporting the future of the coop Amy Akers aims to bring balance through transparency. An attorney by trade Amy often represents those less fortunate or under represented. She believes in doing the right thing and standing up for what you believe in. Dedicated to the community Amy pledges to zealously represent the member interests of District 7.

As a lifelong resident of the Texas hill country and PEC Amy Akers will carry an allegiance for balance between the sustainability and affordability of our energy resources. Raising three children Amy is not only thinking about tomorrow she is thinking about the future for all our children. Understanding demand will ultimately increase, Amy will work hard and fight now to anticipate the growth of the future in an effort to keep costs affordable.

Professionally trained in renewable energy law Amy believes in a balance between the environment and human needs. She says "if we don't anticipate the affects or plan our natural resource consumption we are not protecting our future." Applying her management skills and experience coupled with her public administration and legal education Amy, as a contract City Attorney, successfully negotiated an Industrial Agreement with a local gas power plant, owned by a national investment firm, and ultimately increased the city's overall annual budget by more than 210% allowing the City to maintain one of the lowest property tax rates in the State of Texas. Her knowledge of the industry and professional training will be an asset to the coop and its members.

Amy's past construction management experience has provided her the skills to plan, assign, coordinate and direct multiple projects including scheduling and budgeting. Establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with officials, organizations and the general public she gained experience in public speaking on various matters including controversial subjects such as budgeting, utilities, taxes and the environment. Ensuring and striking a balance for reliable, sustainable, renewable and affordable energy District 7 members should feel confident their interests will be protected should Amy Akers be elected to represent them.

Resume:

Education

St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas
Juris Doctorate

University of Texas, San Antonio, Texas
BA, Political Science

Professional Experience

The Akers Law Firm
Attorney Municipal Legal Services; Economic Development Services; Child Welfare Legal Services

Pflugerville Community Development Corporation
Intern Contract Drafting, Negotiations and Administration; Business Recruitment,
3rd-yr bar card Development and Retention (Focus on Renewable Energy Projects)

Cokinos, Bosien & Young
Law Clerk Research; Drafting; Developing Legal Arguments and Strategy
(Construction and Insurance Law)

June He Law Offices, Beijing
Law Clerk Contract Drafting, Consulting and Administration (International Municipal Law)

City of Pflugerville

Intern Research; Contract Drafting; Prosecution and Representation; Employment
3rd-yr bar card Law; General Municipal Law

Bexar County District Attorney

Intern Criminal Case Processing

Austin Independent School District

Permanent Substitute Teacher

The Keller-Martin Organization, Inc.

Construction Project Coordinator Commercial Construction

Dave Jackson Construction

Construction Project Manager Residential and Commercial Construction

Offices

District 11 Director, Edwards Aquifer Authority

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