

Deadline for filing director nominating petition

For a member to become a qualified candidate for election as a director, he or she must file with the secretary of Pickwick Electric Cooperative not less than 20 days prior to the date of the district meeting a written petition nominating such person as a candidate and signed by not less than 25 qualified and eligible voting members in the voting district.

There shall be no nomination from the floor. Election for each district will be held within the district, and only members of that district will be eligible to vote. If the member petitioned is not present, such member shall not be accepted by the chairperson unless the chairperson has in hand a written statement from such member stating that person's willingness to serve as a director if elected.

Due to a realignment to district boundaries, anyone seeking the candidacy of director should call the PEC office to verify the district in which you live.

Among qualifications of a director are:

- Must be a member and reside in the district he/she is to represent.
- Must not be employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to members of the cooperative.
- Must not be the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.
- When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either one, but not both, may be elected director, provided both meet all the qualifications for a director.

Dates for the 2008 district meetings are:

District No.	Meeting place	Meeting date	Deadline for filing nominating petition
2	Crump Community Center	Aug. 11	July 22
4	Bethel Springs Elementary School	Aug. 12	July 23
6	The Marty Community Center	Aug. 14	July 25

Cooperative bylaws contain complete information concerning the election of directors, and a copy of the bylaws can be picked up at the PEC office. Blank petitions for nominating a director can also be picked up at the cooperative office.



Pickwick Electric Cooperative

Serving members in all of McNairy County and portions of Chester, Hardeman and Hardin counties in Tennessee and Alcorn and Tishomingo counties in Mississippi.



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These five pages contain local

news and information

for members of Pickwick

Electric Cooperative.

District meetings scheduled for August

During August, three of Pickwick Electric Cooperative's nine districts will hold meetings to elect directors.

These important meetings give you, the member, the opportunity to select the leadership of your cooperative.

An official notice giving more detailed information about the meetings and election procedures will be mailed to all members of Districts 2, 4 and 6. In addition to the director election, some nice attendance prizes will be given away.

The district meetings are being held prior to Pickwick Electric Cooperative's annual membership meeting to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 16. The August and September issues of *The Tennessee Magazine* will have more information on the annual meeting.

We urge your continued support of the cooperative by participating in these meetings.

Ronnie Fullwood
Incumbent Director

District 2, Aug. 11, 2008
Crump Community Center
Registration, 7 p.m.
Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Ray Allison
Incumbent Director

District 4, Aug. 12, 2008
Bethel Springs Elementary School
Registration, 7 p.m.
Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Dean Glidewell
Incumbent Director

District 6, Aug. 14, 2008
The Marty Community Center
Registration, 7 p.m.
Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Proposed bylaw change

In accordance with article XV of the bylaws of Pickwick Electric Cooperative and upon the approval and sponsorship of the board of directors of Pickwick Electric Cooperative, it is proposed to the membership of the cooperative that certain bylaws be amended in the following particulars:

Section 4.05. Directorate Districts. The territory served or to be served by the cooperative shall be divided into nine districts, each of which shall contain as nearly as possible the same number of members. Each district shall be represented by one director.

Not less than 60 days before any meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, the board of directors shall review the composition of the several districts and, if it should be found that inequalities in representatives have developed that can be corrected by a redelineation of districts, the board of directors shall reconstitute the districts so that each shall contain as nearly possible the same number of members.

A written description of the boundaries of the nine districts and a map of same shall be available at the PEC office for review by members of the cooperative, and such descriptions and map, and as may be revised from time to time in accordance with these bylaws, are specifically incorporated herein by reference and specifically made a part of the bylaws as if copied herein verbatim.

The proposed amendment to the bylaws of Pickwick Electric Cooperative shall be effective on the date of their approval by the membership.

This summary explanation of the proposed amendment to the bylaws of Pickwick Electric Cooperative shall be contained in or with the notice of the annual membership meeting to be held Sept. 16, 2008.



Energy-efficient ventilation – circulating fans

Circulating fans include ceiling fans, table fans, floor fans and fans mounted to poles or walls. These devices create a wind chill effect that will make you more comfortable in your home, even if it's cooled by natural ventilation or air conditioning. Ceiling fans are considered the most effective of these fans.

If you use air conditioning, a ceiling fan will allow you to raise the thermostat setting about 4 degrees Fahrenheit with no reduction in comfort. In temperate climates or during moderately hot weather, ceiling fans may allow you to avoid using your air conditioner altogether. Install a fan in each room that needs to be cooled during hot weather.

Ceiling fans are only appropriate in rooms with ceilings at least eight feet high. Fans work best when the blades are 7 to 9 feet above the floor and 10 to 12 inches below the ceiling. Fans should be installed so the blades are no closer than 8 inches to the ceiling and 18 inches from the walls.

Larger ceiling fans can move more air than smaller fans. A 36- or 44-inch diameter fan will cool rooms up to 225 square

feet, while fans that are 52 inches or more should be used in larger rooms. Multiple fans work best in rooms longer than 18 feet. Small- and medium-sized fans will provide efficient cooling in a 4- to 6-foot diameter area, while larger fans are effective up to 10 feet.

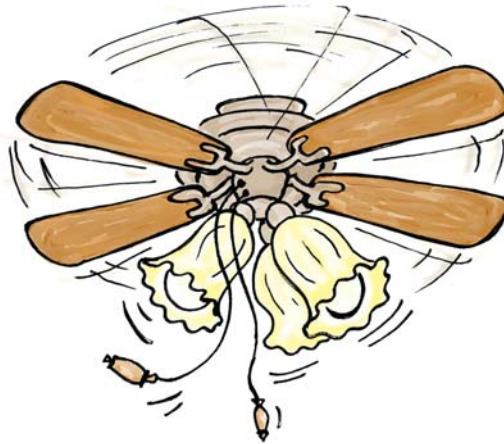
A larger blade will also provide comparable cooling at a lower velocity than a smaller blade. This may be important in areas where loose papers or other objects will be disturbed by a strong breeze. The fan should also be fitted to the aesthetics of the room — a large fan may appear overpowering in a small room.

A more expensive fan that operates quietly and smoothly will probably offer more trouble-free service than cheaper units. Check the noise

ratings and, if possible, listen to the fan in operation before you buy it.

When buying window fans, look for the Energy Star label. Fans that earn the label move air 20 percent more efficiently, on average, than standard models.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy



Top 10 no-cost steps you can take this summer to save energy

- 1 Turn up your cooling system's thermostat from 75 to 78 degrees. Don't pay to keep your furniture cool — raise the thermostat even more when no one is home.
- 2 Perform a do-it-yourself energy audit. You can request a print version or perform your audit online at www.energyright.com.
- 3 Lower your water heater temperature to 120 degrees and reduce hot water use by taking shorter showers and using cold water for laundry whenever possible.
- 4 Turn off lights, televisions and other appliances when not in use. Use the "sleep mode" on computers.
- 5 Remove and recycle your second refrigerator.
- 6 Keep curtains closed on the south, east and west sides of the house during the day to help keep cool.
- 7 Clean refrigerator coils and set the temperature from 36 to 39 degrees and the freezer from zero to 5 degrees.
- 8 Use the microwave; it cooks faster and doesn't create as much heat as a stove burner.
- 9 Air-dry dishes instead of using the dishwasher's heat-drying option.
- 10 Run your dishwasher and clothes washer only when they are full.



PEC and TVA support McNairy County Foundation for Academic Excellence

Pickwick Electric Cooperative has always been a strong supporter of education in our community. That's why we said yes when Gene He'bert approached us several years ago and asked for our support of the McNairy County Foundation for Academic Excellence. That commitment has now reached 12 consecutive years. A few years later we asked the Tennessee Valley Authority to join us in this alliance with the foundation.

"We are honored to have been a contributor to the McNairy County Foundation for Academic Excellence for many years now," says Karl Dudley, president of Pickwick Electric Cooperative. "I cannot think of a more positive way to influence our community and our world than by making a commitment to the education of our youth."

The foundation is a private, nonprofit charitable corporation, and its goal is to provide community support mechanisms to fund special initiatives and impart positive messages about the importance of community support for education.

Each year the foundation awards grants to teachers who develop innovative programs and concepts to enhance the educational opportunities available for the leaders of tomorrow. Grants of \$500 each are awarded to educators based upon completion and merits of the proposal. These grants are competitive among teachers, and this year 18 were distributed. Each grant application is submitted to the Education Department of Freed-Hardeston University for evaluation.

"We believe that education begins with a firm foundation, but students in today's world need more than the basics," says He'bert, chairman of McNairy County Foundation for Academic Excellence.



From left are TVA Customer Services Manager Al Campbell, McNairy County Foundation for Academic Excellence Chairperson Gene He'bert and PEC President Karl Dudley at a presentation in which He'bert accepted contributions from PEC and TVA to the foundation.

schools far into the future."

The foundation also recognizes teachers and support personnel for years of service, retiring teachers and foundation grant winners. This is done during an appreciation breakfast held at the end of each school year.

One of the highlights of the foundation is sponsorship of the Teacher of the Year Award. This award recognizes eight outstanding teachers in the McNairy County School System, and from that group one is selected as teacher of the year.

Charlie Miskelly, director of schools, made this year's teacher of the year presentation to Rod Barnes of McNairy Central High School. He was awarded a \$1,000 classroom grant sponsored by the foundation and funded by Henco Inc. and the Hendrix Educational Foundation.

We encourage everyone to give the foundation serious consideration when determining how your organization's assets can best be put to use. If you would like to make a donation or become involved in the foundation, please contact He'bert at 645-3315 or 645-3255.



Rod Barnes proudly displays his Teacher of the Year Award.

"That's where the foundation helps. The grants given to teachers provide funds earmarked specifically to underwrite the type of innovative instructional programs and teaching techniques that will give the students of McNairy County the edge in their fast-paced, highly competitive world."

"The foundation was established to work for years to come and currently has more than \$50,000 in our growing endowment. This endowment will continue to allow the foundation to spark excellence in our



Sara Shelton
Valedictorian
 Adamsville High School



Lauren Aristorenas
Salutatorian
 Adamsville High School

**You are
 to be
 commended
 for your
 scholastic
 achievements**



Aaron Ashe
Valedictorian
 McNairy Central High School



Alexandria Hamm
Salutatorian
 McNairy Central High School

Holiday Closing

**The Pickwick Electric Cooperative office will be closed
 Friday, July 4, for Independence Day.**