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**Crawford Electric board candidate petitions  
may be submitted starting June 21**

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BOURBON – This year, the start of summer is also the start of the open nomination period for Crawford Electric consumer-members who want to run for the co-op's board of directors. Three positions on the board need to be filled with an election coinciding with the annual meeting of members on Wednesday, Sept. 19. Co-op consumer-members interested in running for the board can begin filing their nominating petitions on Thursday, June 21. The petitions must be signed by at least 15 co-op members. Candidate information packets are currently available at the co-op office (10301 N. Service Rd., Bourbon) or online in the About Us>Board of Directors section of the co-op's website: <https://www.crawfordelec.com/content/board-directors>

As a community-focused organization, Crawford Electric Cooperative is led by a board of nine locally elected consumer-members, who understand and listen to the community. The board sets policy and develops long-range goals, always safe-guarding the interests of fellow co-op members. Each year, one-third of the board is up for election.

To be a candidate for a position on the board, a person must be a member of the cooperative whose permanent residence is in the co-op's service territory. In addition, the co-op's bylaws list potential conflicts of interest that preclude an individual's candidacy. Members interested in running for the board should request a copy of the co-op's bylaws. The candidate must declare which district position he or she will seek and should contact the co-op to verify district residency.

Three three-year board positions – one from each of the co-op's three geographic districts – are up for election at each annual meeting. The expiring director positions currently are held by Justin "Bink" Blankenship of Sullivan (District 1), Doug Murphy of Bourbon (District 2) and Jim Cottrell of Cherryville (District 3).

All candidates, including the incumbents, get nominated to the election ballot by submitting nominating petitions signed by at least 15 co-op members. Such petitions must be delivered to the co-op office during the official petition period, which begins this year at 8 a.m. June 21 and runs through 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3. First-day filers will draw random numbers to determine ballot order placement. Thereafter, candidates will be listed in the order petitions are received at the co-op.

The director election will be decided by a vote of the co-op membership. Members may vote at the annual meeting, set to begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at co-op headquarters. Those unable to attend the meeting may vote for directors by mail. Co-op consumer-members will be receiving a mail-in ballot request form as an insert with their August electric bills.

Crawford Electric Cooperative is a member of Touchstone Energy, a national alliance of locally owned, community-minded electric co-ops with high standards of service. Crawford Electric serves almost 20,000 meters along more than 3,000 miles of distribution lines in Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Washington and Dent counties.