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Crawford Electric director candidate petition period opens May 14

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BOURBON – Crawford Electric Cooperative members who want to run for a seat on the board of directors may submit their candidate petition packets starting Wednesday, May 14, through Wednesday, July 16. All candidates, including incumbents seeking re-election, must submit a nominating petition signed by at least 15 co-op members to appear on the ballot. Members can pick up candidate packets at the co-op office (10301 N. Service Rd., Bourbon) or download them from www.crawfordelec.com/PetitionPeriod.

As a community-focused cooperative, Crawford Electric is guided by a board of nine locally elected members who are rooted in the communities they serve. Directors are responsible for setting policy and developing long-term goals that reflect the best interests of the co-op and its members. One seat in each of the co-op's three geographic districts is up for election each year, with results announced during the annual meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 17. Directors will serve a three-year term before they are up for re-election. This year, the expiring terms are held by Janet Morrow of Sullivan (District 1), Jim Biermann of Bourbon (District 2) and Gary Mullen of Steelville (District 3).

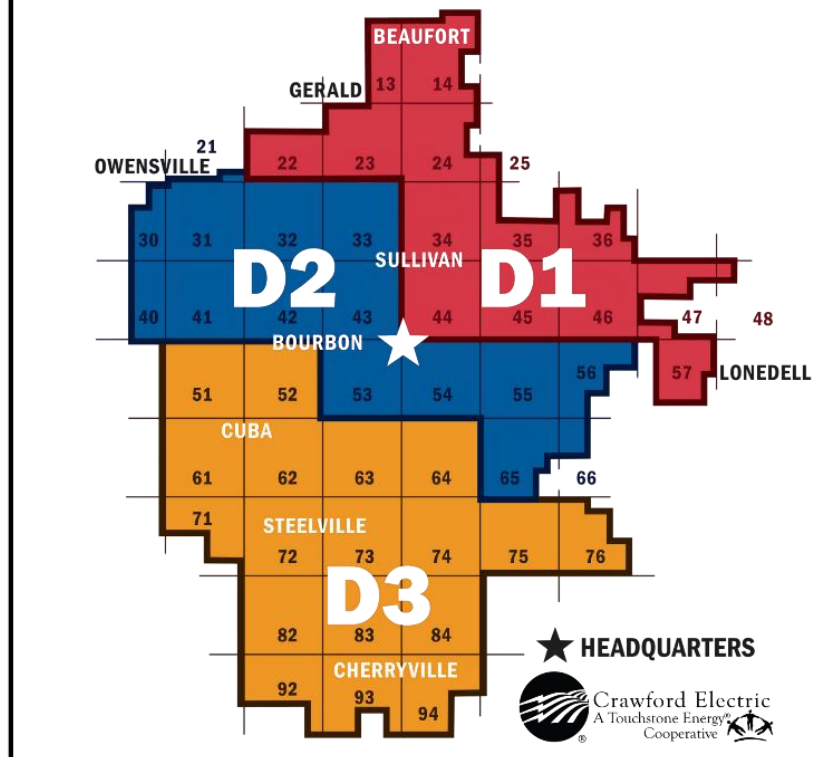
To be eligible, candidates must be members of the cooperative and may run only for the board seat of the district where their primary residence is located. Additional requirements and potential conflicts of interest that may affect eligibility are outlined in the co-op's bylaws. Candidates must declare which district seat they are seeking and may contact the co-op to verify district residency.

Nominating petitions must be submitted in person during regular business hours between 8 a.m. on May 14 and 5 p.m. on July 16. First-day filers will draw for ballot order. After that, candidates will be listed in the order their petitions are received.

Directors are elected at large by the entire voting membership. Members may vote for one candidate in each district, with each elected director serving the co-op as a whole. Early voting will be available by mail-in ballot and through secure online platforms for one month leading up to the annual meeting—from Aug. 15 through Sept. 15. In-person voting will be available to members at the annual meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 17. The co-op will share more details about the voting process and the annual meeting as the event approaches.

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 about 20,000 meters along almost 3,000 miles of distribution lines mostly in Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Washington and Dent counties.

CRAWFORD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SERVICE TERRITORY MAP



Crawford Electric is divided into three geographical districts. The bylaws define the districts and are drawn to make sure that board members come from all sections of the service area. Each district contains a nearly equal number of members.