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**Crawford Electric members to decide
4-way director race; all voting absentee**

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BOURBON – Crawford Electric Cooperative encourages consumer-members to vote in the upcoming election of candidates to serve on the co-op’s board of directors. All voting will be via absentee methods, and there are a number of incentives to encourage voter participation.

“The first 1,000 voters are guaranteed a \$5 electric credit,” said Laura Hengstenberg, who organizes the co-op’s member meeting. “We also will randomly award dozens of electric credits ranging in value from \$50 to \$100, \$250 and \$500. One lucky voter will be selected to win a \$1,000 electric credit.”

There is a four-way race for the District 2 position; the District 1 and District 3 incumbents are unopposed.

When the candidate nominations period closed on Friday, July 31, the following members had submitted nominating petitions to secure a place on the ballot:

District 1: Janice Dorson of Sullivan; District 2: Debbie Willette of Sullivan, James H. “Jim” Smith of Bourbon, Valery Wright of Owensville, Larry Motsinger of Leslie; District 3: Joe Cason of Cuba. Members may vote for one candidate in each district.

The absentee voting window for co-op members will open Aug. 14; it will close on Sept. 14. Members may vote using a mail-in ballot or a secure website, CrawfordVotes.com. Members will receive details about the voting process in their August billing statements and in their August member newsletter. The election results will be announced during a special meeting on Sept. 16, which will be a virtual, online event. There will be no public gathering at the co-op and no in-person voting.

As announced earlier this summer, the Crawford Electric board of directors made the difficult decision to cancel the Sept. 16 annual meeting of members. Due to the ongoing pandemic, an event that typically draws more than 500 registered members and about 1,000 total attendees and workers was unworkable. In its place, the board is calling for a special meeting to occur on Sept. 16 for the sole purpose of electing directors and approving 2019 reports. This will be a virtual meeting only. Co-op members may register for the event by visiting www.CrawfordElec.com. The virtual event also will be simulcast on KTUI 102.1 FM, KTUI’s YouTube channel and the co-op’s Facebook page. Members unable to participate at 10 a.m. Sept. 16 will be able to watch a recording of the event that the co-op will post on its website.

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 in Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Washington and Dent counties.

