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Vote early, win big: early voting begins for co-op board election, bylaw amendment

Early voters can win up to \$500 in free electricity

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BOURBON – A monthlong early voting period opens Friday, August 15, for Crawford Electric members to vote in the election of directors and on a proposed amendment to the co-op's bylaws. All early voters will be entered into a drawing for more than 50 electric bill credits, ranging from \$10 to a grand prize of \$500.

During the early voting period, members may cast ballots by mail, through a secure online platform or via the SmartHub app. The early vote is managed by the co-op's independent contractor, Survey & Ballot Systems.

Voting members will decide the makeup of the board of directors by voting for a candidate in each of the co-op's three geographic districts.

- District 1: incumbent director Janet Morrow of Sullivan or challenger Paul Gross of Sullivan.
- District 2: incumbent director, Jim Biermann of Sullivan, is unopposed in his re-election bid.
- District 3: incumbent director Gary Mullen of Steelville or challenger Kenny Staples of Cuba.

Candidate biographies, approved by each candidate, are available at CrawfordElec.com, on the electronic voting platforms and in all mail-in ballot packets.

This year, voters will also be asked to approve Proposition A, a proposed amendment to the co-op's bylaws that would prohibit directors and their close family members from being employed by the cooperative for one (1) year after the director's service on the board has concluded. Details of the proposal are included with the candidate information.

In-person voting will be available at the co-op's annual meeting on Wednesday, September 17, from 8 to 10 a.m., at co-op headquarters, 10301 N. Service Rd., Bourbon. Election results will be announced that same day.

The official notice of the meeting, which will be mailed to all members in the September issue of the *Rural Missouri* magazine, includes all election and meeting information.

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 3,000 miles of distribution lines mostly in Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Washington and Dent counties.



CRAWFORD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

DISTRICT

1



Janet Morrow



Paul Gross

DISTRICT

2



Jim Biermann

DISTRICT

3



Gary Mullen



Kenny Staples

Crawford Electric Cooperative members will vote in the 2025 election to fill three open board positions, one in each of the co-op's geographic districts, and on a proposed bylaw amendment. Pictured are District 1 candidates Janet Morrow and Paul Gross; District 2 candidate Jim Biermann; and District 3 candidates Gary Mullen and Kenny Staples.