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### **Early voting deadline nears for Crawford Electric members; annual meeting set for Sept. 17**

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BOURBON – The Sept. 15 deadline is fast approaching for Crawford Electric members to vote early in the co-op's director election. All early voters will be entered into random prize drawings for dozens of electric credits, with a grand prize of \$500 worth of free electricity. In-person voting will be offered from 8 to 10 a.m. on annual meeting day for members who haven't voted early.

Members are invited to attend the 85<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, which is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 17, at co-op headquarters, 10301 N. Service Rd., Bourbon. Breakfast is served from 8 to 10 a.m. Bluegrass Americana band As the Crowe Flies will entertain members during breakfast. Attendance prize drawings will also take place throughout the morning. The business session will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the meeting adjourning after the final prize drawing, which is expected to occur no later than 11:30 a.m.

All co-op members received official notice of the meeting in their September *Rural Missouri* magazines.

Members are voting for one candidate in each of the three districts. District 1 candidates are Janet Morrow and Paul Gross. District 3 candidates are Gary Mullen and Kenny Staples. Incumbent director, Jim Biermann, is running unopposed in District 2 and will be re-elected to serve another three-year term.

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. For details on the proposal and more information on the director candidates, members may visit the co-op's website at [crawfordelec.com](http://crawfordelec.com).

Early voting this year opened on Aug. 15 and runs through 11:59 p.m., Monday, Sept. 15. Members who have already requested mail-in ballots should use the return envelope provided to send the ballot back to Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS), the co-op's independent voting contractor. Members also may vote using a secure online portal, or through the SmartHub app. SBS will handle the random drawing for electric credit winners from among all early voters, regardless of whether the member voted by mail, via the website or by using SmartHub.

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.



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