

Credentials & Elections Committee (Process)

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Credentials and Elections Committee of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("TCEC"). This Committee's purpose is to screen, interview, perform and receive background research, review applications and other functions necessary to appropriately render final decisions on incumbent and potential board director candidates' eligibility and to properly document each phase of the process for each incumbent and potential candidate. This Committee will rank eligible candidates and ensure all nominated candidates and candidates who may participate in the petition process meet or exceed all cooperative requirements.

ByLaw- 4.4(C)(D) 4.5- Committee Process:

1. The committee shall select its own chairman; and issue its nominations to the TCEC Members, signed by a majority of the voting committee members.
2. Committee members will be reimbursed for committee meetings attended; a \$250 per diem payment plus mileage.
3. Director Applications. 1. eligible members seeking nomination as a director shall file their applications by the deadline established in the most recent "Director Election Schedule", pursuant to the application form provided by the cooperative. 2. each director applicant shall execute, and attach to the application, the necessary and relevant consent forms provided by the cooperative for reasonable credit and criminal background checks. 3. each director applicant shall attach to the application the signatures of at least twenty-five (25) members whose primary residence is located within the director district for which the applicant seeks. 4. each director applicant shall also attach an application fee payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or other fee as determined by the Board to cover the application process.
4. Incumbent Director Candidates. Incumbent directors may be nominated for a subsequent term by turning in their application and accompanying attachments, consent forms, and fee payment by the applicable deadline. Incumbent director candidates shall have priority in designating the position of their name on the top of the election ballot with the word "incumbent" beside their name so members will easily recognize the current directors seeking re-election
5. Nomination by Petition. 1. members qualified by the Credentials and Elections Committee who were not ranked in the top three (3) may seek nomination by petition by returning a petition containing the signatures of fifty (50) members who reside in their district. 2. The petition must be filed with the committee by the deadline established in the election schedule and must be on the form as provided by the cooperative. 3. the petition must be accompanied by a candidate application and background check consent forms. 4. each petitioning director candidate applicant shall also attach an application fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or a fee determined by the Board to recover a portion of the election costs. This application fee is separate from the Credentials and Elections Committee fee outlined in Section 4.4 D above to offset part of the added expense of the petition process. 5. petitioning candidates who are determined eligible shall have their names included on the ballot for election for the applicable director district. The label of "Petitioning Candidate" shall accompany the petitioning candidate's name on the ballot.
6. Notice of Director Nominations. At least thirty (30) days before an election at which members are scheduled to elect directors, the cooperative shall notify members of the: 1. director positions scheduled for election by members, 2. names and corresponding director positions of all candidates seeking a position on the Cooperative Board of Directors and, 3. along with a proper listing of candidates seeking election to the Board of Directors that lists the incumbent director at the top of the ballot with "incumbent" listed beside their name and, 4. along with a proper listing of petitioning candidates seeking election to the Board of Directors that lists the petitioning candidate on the ballot with "petitioning candidate" listed beside their name and, 5. Credentials and Elections Committee candidates listed alphabetically below the incumbent's name on the ballot.

7. Director Elections. At each meeting at which a director position is scheduled for election by members, members shall elect the director by a majority of votes cast by members with a quorum present in person or by mail or electronic ballot and/or limited proxy as approved and authorized by the Board. Members may not vote for write-in candidates. As determined by the Board, the number of votes received by each nominee may not be announced but will be available upon request by a candidate. If no candidate receives a majority vote in races containing three (3) or more candidates, a runoff election shall be held until a majority vote is attained. If only one individual is nominated to run for election for a director position scheduled for election by members at the meeting, then the individual presiding at the meeting may announce that the nominated individual is elected by acclamation and no vote is required.

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the Credentials and Elections Committee (Process) for Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. outlined in this document.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witnessed By: _____ Date: _____