

## **Credentials & Elections Committee (Role)**

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Credentials & 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(A)(B) Committee Role:**

1. Director Nominations. The Credentials and Elections Committee serves the membership by functioning as the screening process for members to seek election as a director.
2. The committee serves two purposes: determine eligibility for members seeking to be on the upcoming election ballot and to rank the top candidates per eligible district.
3. The committee may name up to three (3) director candidates (including the incumbent, if applicable) per eligible district for an upcoming election. Any applicant that qualifies but is not recommended by the committee may choose to continue their election efforts through the member petition process.
4. Credentials and Elections Committee. The Board shall annually nominate members to serve on the Credentials and Elections Committee. The committee will accept and review nominations for director candidates for each director district scheduled for election each year.
5. Members of the committee shall be members in good standing of the cooperative, not currently serving as directors or employees of the cooperative, not be closely related to directors, or candidates, and not be candidates for a director position.
6. The committee shall be composed of not more than nine (9) members, nominated by the Board, including at least one from each director district. If a vacancy occurs on the committee, the Board shall appoint a replacement to the committee.
7. Credentials and Elections Committee Meetings. The committee shall meet at a designated and noticed location for the purpose of accepting written applications of director candidates; and determining whether such applicants are qualified to be placed into nomination as director candidates for the districts scheduled for election.
8. The committee will conduct meeting interviews with the applicants and ensure background checks are performed for all applicants.
9. In receiving and reviewing the director candidate applications, the committee shall have the assistance of cooperative staff, and counsel if requested; and shall vote on the eligibility, pursuant to these bylaws, of each candidate applicant.
10. If there are no nominations for a district, the then incumbent director shall be nominated by the committee.
11. A list of up to three (3) nominations (including the incumbent, if applicable) per eligible district shall be noticed to the membership, with such notice accomplished, at a minimum, by posting the committee report to a publicly accessible location at the cooperative or provided to a member on request.

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_