FAQS TCT Board Membership

Application Process, Qualifications and Job Descriptions:

Q: What Districts are up for election in 2027?

A: District 2, and District 4

Q: Who can apply to be a TCT Board Member?

A: Only members of the TCT Cooperative, in good standing, are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors, however other factors apply. Applicants should possess business, finance or budgeting skills. They should be able to work as a team member, listen to, and thoughtfully consider ideas and suggestions; as well as commit time to board meetings, planning sessions and special events. Applicants must also understand the needs of their community. The qualifications for the Board of Directors are outlined in TCT's Bylaws under Article IV, Section 3 and a detailed list of qualifications can also be found on TCT's website, tctelco.net.

Q: What factors might make a member ineligible as a Board Candidate?

A: There are some factors that would make a member ineligible to apply for the Board of Directors. According to the TCT Bylaws, under Article IV, Section 3: *No person shall be eligible to become or remain a Board member of the Cooperative who: (a) is not a member and a bona fide resident of the particular district which he is to represent in the area served or to be served by the Cooperative; or (b) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business other than a business operating on a cooperative non-profit basis for the purpose of furthering rural communications. (c) is closely related to an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative. As used here, "closely related" means a person who is related to the principal person by consanguinity or affinity, to the second degree or less---- that is, a person who is either a spouse, child, grandchild, parent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, nephew, or niece by blood or in law, of the principal. However, no incumbent director shall lose eligibility to remain a director or to be re-elected as a director if he or she becomes a close relative of another incumbent director or of a Cooperative employee because of a marriage to which he or she was not a party; neither shall an employee lose eligibility to continue in the employment of the Cooperative if he or she becomes a close relative of a director because of a marriage to which he or she was not a party.*

Q: Where can I find a job description, a list of qualifications and an application for the Board of Directors?

A: All of this information is available on TCT's website at tctelco.net. There is a link to each one, including an application that members can complete online or download to print.

Q: Where can I get a paper copy of the job description, qualifications and an application?

A: The job description, a detailed list of qualifications and an application can all be downloaded and printed from TCT's website, tctelco.net, but you may request a paper copy of the information at the TCT Business Office, 1568 S. 1000 Road, Council Grove.

Q: When are applications due?

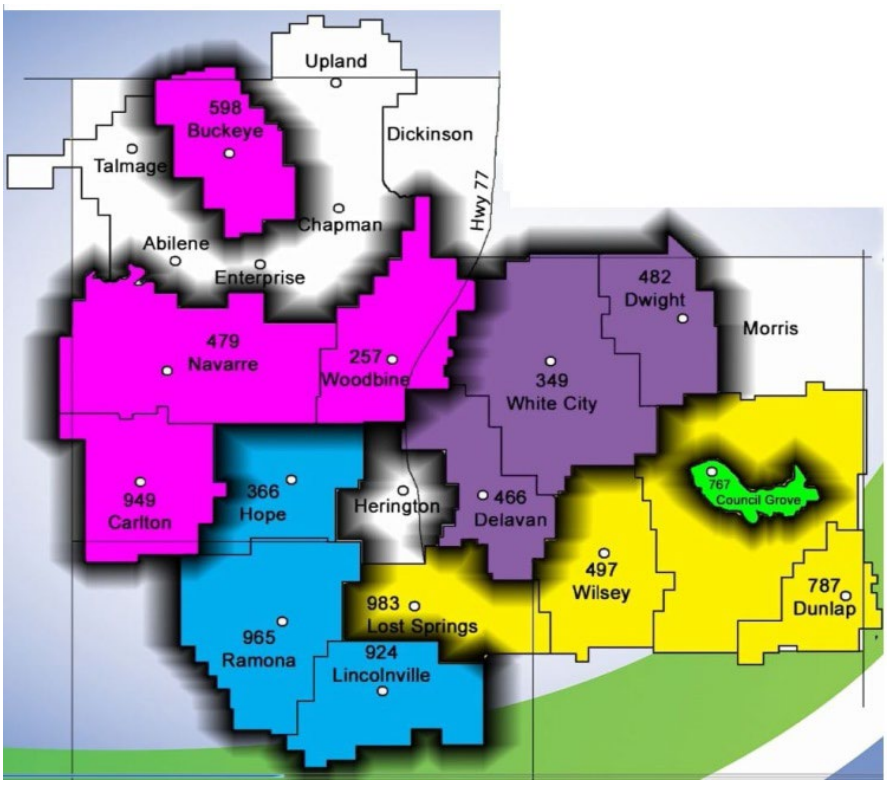
A: Applications are due by January 8, 2027

Q: How can I find out if I am a member in good standing?

A: You may call TCT, 620.767.5153 or 800.362.2576 and ask about the status of your membership at any time.

Q: How can I find out what district I represent?

A: Most districts are divided by telephone prefix numbers; however, 767 numbers may be either district 2 or district 5. If you live within the city limits of Council Grove you are in district 5, if you live outside the city limits you are in district 2. District 1 numbers are: 349, 466 and 482, District 2 numbers are: 497, 787, 983 and in some cases 767. District 3 numbers are: 366, 924 and 965, District 4 numbers are: 257, 479, 598 and 949, District 5 is 767, within the city limits of Council Grove. There is also one (1) at large Director that can be from any district. A map of TCT's districts is posted on the website. If you have a question, you may call TCT, 620.767.5153 or 800.362.2576 any time. (Please see district map)



Q: How do I petition to be considered for a candidate on the ballot if my application is not chosen?

A: You must first submit an application by January 8, 2027. If your application is not chosen, you may petition to be included on the ballot. The deadline to submit a petition is January 29, 2027. Petitions must meet the criteria outlined in Article IV, Section 4 of the TCT Bylaws.

Q: Where can I find a copy of TCT's Bylaws?

A: All members are supplied a copy of the Bylaws when they sign-up for service with TCT, they are also posted on TCT's website on the "About Us" page, or you may request a copy at TCT Business Office, 1568 S. 1000 Road, Council Grove.

Nominating Committee, Voting/Balloting of Membership and Election Process:

Q: Who is on the Nominating Committee?

A: Each district has 2 members represented on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will be appointed by 10/24/2026 and will meet by 1/14/2027.

Q: How will I be notified if I am chosen as a candidate?

A: A representative from TCT or a Member of the TCT Nomination Committee will contact those individuals by Email.

Q: If I am chosen to run what is expected of me?

A: You will be expected to meet with the TCT Production crew to provide a video interview that will be posted to the TCT website and to TCT's social media pages. More importantly, you will also be expected to attend the 2027 Annual Meeting, the evening of April 6, 2027.

Q: What is the process for members to vote on candidates?

A: Voting for the Board of Directors will be done by mail in ballot. Members will receive a ballot in the mail. They will only be able to vote for the candidates in their district or the at large candidate. Members will be instructed to return the ballot promptly. All ballots will be sent to an independent third party to be counted. Results of the election will be announced to the public at the 2027 Annual Meeting, the evening of April, 6 2027.

Q: Will members be able to vote or bring proxies to the Annual Meeting?

A: In accordance with Article III, Sections 5 and 6 of the TCT Bylaws, voting for the Board of Directors shall be done by mail in ballots and votes by proxy are **no longer an option**. In short, there will be no ballots cast at the Annual Meeting.

Q: When will I be notified of the results of the election?

A: The results of the election will not be announced until the evening of the 2027 Annual Meeting, which you would be expected to attend.

TCT Board of Director General Information:

Q: If I am elected when does my term start?

A: A new Director will start their term during the first Board meeting following the Annual Meeting.

Q: If I am elected what type of training and resources are available to me to help me better understand the telecom industry and my role on the Board?

A: All Directors are given an orientation to both the telecom industry and the Board, including instructions on policies and procedures of the TCT Board of Directors.

Q: How often does the Board meet, where do they meet, and what time of day do they meet?

A: The Board meets typically every fourth Monday of the month at TCT's Headquarters, 1568 S. 1000 Road, in Council Grove. Meetings are typically in the evenings.

Q: What other time requirements are expected of Directors?

A: Directors are also expected to serve on various subcommittees, which are assigned to them by the Board President. The time requirements for Directors depend upon the committee they are assigned. All Directors are also expected to attend the Annual 2-day Strategic Planning Retreat that takes place in August.

Q: What are the terms for the Board of Directors?

A: The terms are outlined in the TCT bylaws under Article IV, Section 2 that states: *All elected Board members shall serve a three (3) year term. No director shall be eligible to succeed himself by election or appointment on the Board after having served four (4) consecutive terms (12 years), without an intervening period of absence for at least three (3) years, this to apply to District Directors and Directors-at-Large. Being a Director in either capacity shall prevent him from reappearing on the Board without the intervening period.*