

## From the General Manager - Blake Callaham



**P**roject Lightspeed, our five-year strategic plan, continues to guide our progress. Through this effort, we established a clear vision: "To be your trusted technology partner, enabling your world". For decades, Pioneer has been committed to expanding access to reliable technology—long before "bridging the digital divide" became an industry focus. As we finish our fiber buildout over the next 20 months—we will have completed an over 15,000-mile fiber network throughout 1,300 square miles that serves our core mission of connecting what matters most for western Oklahomans.

In 2017, we launched a marketing campaign with the slogan "We know Fiber" as that is something we have been building for decades and it just so happened to become the next big thing in technology. I am extremely excited to announce that what was once a dream—serving 100% of our membership with fiber—will soon become a reality, marking another tremendous achievement for our cooperative. This milestone means every member will now have access to high-speed internet, enhancing connectivity, supporting our community's growth, and opening doors to new opportunities for everyone. Further proving that Pioneer knows Fiber. Together, we're

creating a brighter future, and I can't wait to celebrate this progress with you!

At Pioneer, we believe the cooperative model works. When people work together, the unachievable becomes possible. This model has somewhat been forgotten by our society today and I hope you have had a chance to engage with our "Benefits of a Cooperative" campaign explaining the benefits and the reason why it is so important for western Oklahoma. One of the 7 principles is democratic member control and with that we would like to encourage your participation in our upcoming District Meetings in April. We are also excited to host the 2026 Annual Meeting on May 5th at the Kingfisher County Fairgrounds. More details will be shared in the upcoming publications and please mark down May 5th on your calendars; you won't want to miss it!

Another benefit of being a member of this great cooperative is patronage, and Pioneer is pleased to report a strong financial 2025 and approved an estimated \$8.8 million allocation for our general membership and estate payments for 2026. Dating back to our founding year of 1953, Pioneer has given back over \$164 million in general membership and estate payments. In addition to this patronage, Pioneer has invested over \$307 million in fiber over the last 8 years reaching over 15,000 miles of fiber across 82 communities in western Oklahoma. This is the true value of a cooperative, utilizing collective resources to provide a transformational service to rural western Oklahoma that would otherwise go unserved or require settling for inferior alternatives.

Lastly, I want you to know that we wouldn't be who we are today if it wasn't for each of you and your participation within the cooperative. I am extremely proud to be a part of the Pioneer family and would like to shake every one of your hands on May 5th, 2026.

Come see us and let's celebrate our 73rd anniversary together!

**Blake Callaham**  
**General Manager**

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# NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR DISTRICTS 2, 4, 9, 11 AND AT-LARGE

Meetings for members of Districts 2, 4, 9, 11, and At-Large will be held this year (2026) for the purpose of electing a trustee to represent your district on the Board of Trustees of PIONEER TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC., for the ensuing three-year term.

Any member who meets the applicable qualifications of their respective District as set out in Sections 4.2 and 4.4 of the By-Laws, and who desires to be a candidate for election as trustee, must file a form for candidacy, in-person, with the Secretary of the Cooperative at *108 E. Robberts Avenue, Kingfisher, OK 73750* on the first consecutive Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of the month of April (April 6, 7, or 8), 2026.

Forms to file for candidacy are available at the Pioneer Telephone Corporate Office in Kingfisher, Oklahoma. NO PERSON IS ELIGIBLE for candidacy unless this written filing is made.

It is important that you attend your District Meeting, as a quorum is necessary for a legal election.

Trevor Wilczek  
Secretary

**Note: A pass-by ballot procedure will be used whereby a ballot box will be open for one (1) hour, from 6-7 p.m., prior to this meeting. All District Meetings will start promptly at 7 p.m., at which time, sign-in will close.**

**Pioneer Telephone's By-Laws can be found online at: <https://GoPioneer.com/about-us/by-laws>.**

**You are a member and eligible to Vote** at your District Meeting if your membership account for services is located in the landline telephone exchange boundaries of the District holding the election of a Trustee; and,

You subscribe to a retail landline dial tone service with Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

**OR**

You subscribe to a retail landline stand-alone Digital Subscriber Line Service (DSL), provided by and using Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s landline copper or fiber facilities, with or without a corresponding analog voice (dial tone) service.

The information for each District Meeting can be found below. Please be sure to verify the date, time, and location of your District Meeting.

**The District 2 Meeting** will be held on Thursday, April 16, at 7 p.m., at the Canton Community Center, *301 N. Garfield in Canton*. District 2 includes the following exchanges: **ARNETT, CANTON, CHESTER, FARGO, GAGE, HARMON, MUTUAL, SEILING, SHARON, AND SHATTUCK.**

**The District 4 Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, April 15, at 7 p.m., at the High School Auditorium, *920 N. Main in Thomas*. District 4 includes the following exchanges: **CARTER, CUSTER CITY, FAY, GOULD, HOLLIS, OAKWOOD, PUTNAM, SENTINEL, AND THOMAS.**

**The District 9 Meeting** will be held on Thursday, April 9, at 7 p.m., at the First Christian Church Family Life Center, *200 E. Adams in Crescent*. District 9 includes the following exchanges: **COVINGTON, CRESCENT, DOUGLAS, GARBER, MARSHALL, AND ORLANDO.**

**The District 11 Meeting** will be held on Monday, April 13, at 7 p.m., at the First State Bank Community Room, *321 W. Main in Watonga*. District 11 includes the following exchanges: **CALUMET, GEARY, AND WATONGA.**

**The District At-Large Meeting** will be held on Monday, April 20, at 7 p.m., at the Kingfisher County Exhibit Building, *300 S. 13th Street in Kingfisher*. District At-Large includes the following exchanges: **ALL PIONEER EXCHANGES.**

**THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE SUBSCRIBERS WILL RECEIVE.**

## District Meeting Voting Eligibility

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At its regular Board Meeting on July 8, 2005, the Pioneer Board of Trustees adopted the following policy with regard to voting in district elections.

Only those properly identified will be able to cast a vote for specific business entities; they will be required to sign documentation to verify their position with the respective member.

**The following individuals will be able to vote for the various business entities identified.**

- 1. Individual** either husband or wife can vote.
- 2. Joint Tenancy** limited to husband and wife, grandfathered only. We no longer permit people to sign up in joint tenancy status; however, this could be voted by either joint tenant.
- 3. Sole Proprietorship** these memberships can only be voted by the owner or co-owner.
- 4. General Partnership** any general partner can cast a vote for the partnership.
- 5. Limited Partnership** only a general partner can vote.
- 6. Corporation** these memberships can only be voted by the general manager, or the president, or the vice-president.
- 7. Limited Liability Company (LLC)** can be voted only by a member.
- 8. Limited Liability Partnership** can be voted only by a member.
- 9. Trust** can be voted only by a trustee.
- 10. Hospitals** can be voted only by the administrator, or president, or vice-president of the board.
- 11. Volunteer Fire Departments** in unincorporated areas can be voted only by the fire chief or assistant fire chief.
- 12. Churches**, including **Parsonages** if set out as a separate membership and held in the name of the Church can only be voted by the minister, or chairman, or vice-chairman of the governing body.
- 13. Club/Lodge/Miscellaneous Associations** can only be voted by the chairman or the vice-chairman of the governing board.
- 14. Senior Citizen Center** can only be voted by the chairman or vice-chairman of the governing board.
- 15. Schools** can only be voted by the superintendent, or president, or vice-president of the school board.
- 16. Tribal Government** can only be voted by the chief, or assistant chief, or chairman, or vice-chairman.
- 17. Municipalities** all city offices of any type can only be voted by the city manager, or mayor, or any elected member of the governing board of the city or town.
- 18. County Government** if all county offices are covered by one membership, the county can only be voted by one of the county commissioners or the county clerk. Those county offices that have individual memberships can be voted only by the elected official.
- 19. State Government Offices** can only be voted by the individual in charge of the local office of the State agency involved, if it possesses a separate membership.
- 20. Federal Government Offices** can only be voted by the individual in charge of the local office of the Federal agency involved, if it possesses a separate membership.
- 21. Conservatorship/Guardianship** these memberships can only be voted by the court appointed conservator or guardian.
- 22. Powers of Attorney** no Powers of Attorney, including Durable Powers of Attorney, are authorized to vote.

# 2025 Ad Valorem Tax

## Pioneer Long Distance, Inc.

Blaine.....	2,689.00
Canadian.....	8,297.00
Cotton.....	599.00
Custer.....	21,704.00
Dewey.....	4,352.00
Grady.....	31,963.00
Grant.....	2,669.00
Kingfisher.....	161,058.00
Logan.....	3,763.00
Major.....	7,259.00
McClain.....	40,216.00
Oklahoma.....	11,718.07
Roger Mills.....	22,434.00
Woods.....	3,699.00
Woodward.....	1,531.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$323,951.07</b>

## O.T.&T. Communications, Inc.

Ellis.....	41.00
McIntosh.....	1,096.00
Muskogee.....	443.00
Okfuskee.....	682.00
Okmulgee.....	1,609.00
Pittsburg.....	2,212.00
Roger Mills.....	2,972.00
Seminole.....	3,184.00
Tillman.....	756.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$12,995.00</b>

## Cellular Network Partnership OK

Alfalfa.....	12,566.00
Beckham.....	8,464.00
Bryan.....	3,446.00
Caddo.....	10,349.00
Canadian.....	5,983.00
Comanche.....	3,661.00
Cotton.....	4,563.00
Custer.....	38,965.00

## Cellular Network Partnership OK Cont.

Dewey.....	17,954.00
Ellis.....	14,476.00
Garfield.....	42,542.00
Grady.....	2,720.00
Grant.....	8,004.00
Greer.....	6,583.00
Harmon.....	3,971.00
Harper.....	12,355.00
Jackson.....	4,718.00
Jefferson.....	4,043.00
Kingfisher.....	140,621.00
Kiowa.....	5,969.00
Logan.....	7,938.00
Major.....	15,462.00
McClain.....	6,330.00
Roger Mills.....	13,732.00
Stephens.....	8,106.00
Tillman.....	12,627.00
Washita.....	6,806.00
Woods.....	13,695.00
Woodward.....	34,846.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$471,495.00</b>

## Cellular Network Partnership KS

Butler.....	1,296.56
Cowley.....	2,828.80
Sumner.....	902.14
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$5,027.50</b>

## Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Alfalfa.....	25,065.00
Beckham.....	16,538.00
Blaine.....	142,623.00
Bryan.....	288.00
Caddo.....	47,889.00
Canadian.....	57,069.00
Carter.....	1,180.00

## Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Cont.

Cleveland.....	1,169.00
Comanche.....	23,119.00
Cotton.....	14,041.00
Creek.....	14,041.00
Custer.....	66,131.00
Dewey.....	49,499.00
Ellis.....	82,428.00
Garfield.....	124,979.00
Garvin.....	2,995.00
Grady.....	248,398.18
Grant.....	41,074.00
Greer.....	182.00
Harmon.....	28,754.00
Harper.....	32,881.00
Jackson.....	2,479.00
Jefferson.....	15,636.00
Kay.....	1,061.00
Kingfisher.....	1,084,316.00
Kiowa.....	228.00
Logan.....	99,329.00
Major.....	96,367.00
McClain.....	632,310.00
Noble.....	5,496.00
Oklahoma.....	4,484.74
Payne.....	5,934.00
Pontotoc.....	1,575.00
Roger Mills.....	0
Stephens.....	81,010.00
Tillman.....	132,889.00
Tulsa.....	0
Washita.....	18,189.00
Woods.....	39,136.00
Woodward.....	172,686.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$3,413,468.92</b>

# save the date

Pioneer  
2026  
Annual  
Meeting

# 05.05

Please save the date and join us on  
**Tuesday, May 5, 2026**  
for our Annual Meeting held at  
the Kingfisher County Fairgrounds  
Exhibit Building.

We can't wait to create unforgettable  
memories while sharing food, fun,  
prizes, and most importantly...  
cooperative news!

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## NATIONAL AND PIONEER DO-NOT-CALL LISTS

### NATIONAL Do-Not-Call Registration

The Federal Trade Commission has established a National Do-Not-Call Registry for residential consumers and cell phone users that do not wish to receive commercial solicitation over their telephone. Pioneer honors Do Not Call requests on this national list, as well as state lists and Pioneer's internal Do Not Call List.

The National Registry is nationwide and will preclude telephone solicitations made for commercial purposes only; but will not prevent all unwanted calls. Registering does not prevent the following:

- calls from organizations with which you have recently done business with or calls for which you have given prior written permission; but if you ask them not to call you, they must stop. Be sure to write down the date you asked them to stop;
- political calls (call cannot include a sales pitch);
- charitable calls (call cannot include a sales pitch);
- debt collection calls (call cannot include a sales pitch);
- purely informational calls (call cannot include a sales pitch);
- surveys (call cannot include a sales pitch); and
- scam calls.

Robocalls – a call that plays a recorded message – is selling something, it is illegal unless the company trying to sell you something got written permission, directly from you, to call you that way.

So if you haven't given the company permission, and the robocall isn't purely informational — like your cable company confirming a service appointment — there's a good chance it's a scam. At the very least, it's from a company you don't want

to do business with.

If you get an illegal robocall, hang up. Don't press buttons to be taken off a call list or to talk to a live person. It might lead to more unwanted calls. Instead, report it to the Federal Trade Commission at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov).

Technology has made it easy for scammers to fake or "spoof" caller ID information, so the number you're reporting might not be the caller's real number. But sometimes, the FTC and other law enforcement agencies can still trace the call based on the information you give. Your report also helps because the FTC analyzes report data and trends to identify illegal callers based on calling patterns. The FTC can also use additional information you report, like any number you're told to call back, to track down scammers.

Once you register your phone number(s), telemarketers covered by the National Do-Not-Call Registry have up to 31 days from the date you register to stop calling you.

You may register your residential telephone number(s) and your personal cell phone number(s) by calling the toll-free number, 1-888-382-1222 and for TTY access, 1-866-290-4236 (call from phone you want to register). You will need to call from each phone number you want to register. Business phone numbers and fax lines are not covered by Do Not Call.

The Internet web address for registrations is [donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov). Registration is permanent, unless you revoke such objection by calling the toll-free number, or by using the Internet access listed above. You will need to call from each phone number you want to register.

*For more information, please visit [donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov).*

### PIONEER Do-Not-Call Registration

Pioneer maintains a do-not-call list that you may register with if you do not wish to receive telemarketing calls from us at a specific telephone number. If you would like to register, please dial 611 from your landline, or call 1-888-PTC-COOP (1-888-782-2667) to ask that your number be listed on Pioneer's do-not-call list.

In response to your request, Pioneer will update its list within 30 days of your request. Your number will remain on the list for five years unless you ask us to remove it sooner.

If your number is on Pioneer's do-not-call list, Pioneer and its representatives will not contact the listed number for sales promotions or other marketing campaigns. Pioneer may still contact that number for non-telemarketing purposes such as customer service surveys, public interest notices, or other service-related matters.

# DO NOT CALL

## Take 5, Win \$25!

Complete the entry form (all fields must be completed), clip out and mail to: Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Pioneer Tele-Topics, PO Box 539, Kingfisher, OK 73750

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pioneer Telephone #: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

1. I can register both my landline and mobile phone numbers on the National Do-Not-Call Registration.

- True  
 False

2. I can register both my personal and landline phone numbers on the Pioneer Do-Not-Call Registration.

- True  
 False

3. If I register on Pioneer's Do-Not-Call list, I can still receive calls from Pioneer if they are:

- Customer service surveys  
 Public interest notices  
 Service-related matters  
 All of the above

4. If I receive an illegal robocall I should:

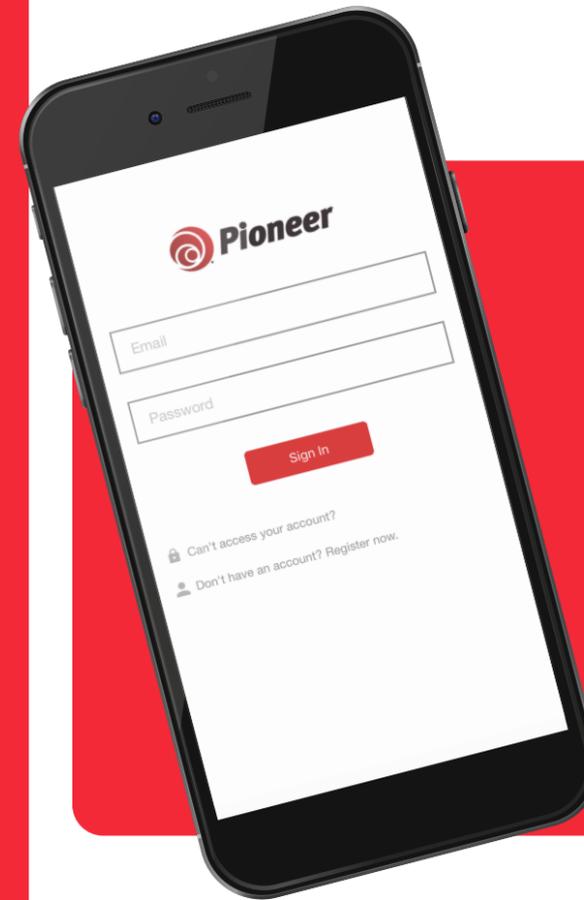
- Hang up immediately  
 Wait to chat!  
 Press all the buttons.

5. I can get more information on the National Do-Not-Call Registration at [donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov)

- True  
 False

**Skip the stamp! Fill this form out online at [GoPioneer.com](http://GoPioneer.com) under Tele-Topics Newsletter**

IF WE DRAW YOUR ENTRY AND YOUR ANSWERS ARE CORRECT, YOU WIN \$25! ELIGIBILITY: Correctly answer all the questions. You must be a current member/subscriber of Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc., 18 years of age or older. One entry per household. No photocopies. Employees of Pioneer or its subsidiaries, and their immediate household members are not eligible to enter. Winners will be contacted by letter and announced in the next issue of Tele-Topics. Clip out and mail to: Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Pioneer Tele-Topics, PO Box 539, Kingfisher, OK 73750. **Entries must be received by March 13, 2026.**



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*Note: Make sure you have your Billing Account Number*
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Attn: Capital Credit Department  
P.O. Box 539 • Kingfisher, OK 73750

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**Issue 4 Take 5, Win \$25 Winners**

\$25 Winners will receive their checks by mail within a few days of this publication.

**District #1** winner — **Jeannie Stahlman, Freedom**  
**District #2** winner — **Keith Kutz, Shattuck**  
**District #3** winner — **Harold King, Tipton**  
**District #4** winner — **Terri Powers, Custer City**  
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