

**Notice of Spring Election and  
Sample Ballots  
April 1, 2025**

Office of the Rusk County Clerk

To the voters of Rusk County:

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in Rusk County on April 1, 2025, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

**Information to Voters**

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification\*
- sign the poll book\*\*

\*If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

\*\*If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

**Assistance for Voting**

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

**Where Optical Scan Voting is Used**

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* ("*ImageCast Evolution-ICE*") to mark an **optical scan ballot**, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

**Spoiling Ballots**

If a voter spoils a **paper or optical scan** ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

  
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Connie Meyer, Rusk County Clerk

MUNICIPAL
<b>TOWN OF ATLANTA</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
Steve Tiegs
Town Supervisor
Vote for 2
Roger Roehl
Dennis J. Draus
Clerk
Vote for 1
Christine McGinnis
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Michelle Stout
<b>TOWN OF BIG BEND</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
Tom Meisner
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Alec Christanson
Marc Wiesner
Clerk/Treasurer
Vote for 1
Sandy Rassbach
<b>TOWN OF BIG FALLS</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
Dave Zimmer
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Jeffery Zimmer
Amy L Webster
Clerk
Vote for 1
Margaret (Peggy) Fiser
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Pamela Fiser-Wolf
<b>TOWN OF CEDAR RAPIDS</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
Theresa Kopaz
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Michal Elwanger
Perry Felske
Clerk
Vote for 1
Geralyn Felske
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Donna Kudlicki
<b>TOWN OF DEWEY</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
John Moore
Supervisor
Vote for 2
Mike Verdegan
Anthony Arts
Town Clerk
Vote for 1
Mary Ann Metzger
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Kathy Adisek
Constable
Vote for 1
Scott Bingham

MUNICIPAL - CONT.
<b>TOWN OF FLAMBEAU</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
Terry Wedwick
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Phil Duchnowski
Bill Pfalzgraf
Clerk
Vote for 1
Missy Kroening
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Katrina Duchnowski
<b>TOWN OF GRANT</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
Erle E. Barber IV
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Tom Riegel
Tom Ziesler
Randy Kolar
Clerk
Vote for 1
Carol Luce
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Brian Coggins
Tami Moore
<b>TOWN OF GROW</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
Amy L Webster
Clerk
Vote for 1
James P. Zuck
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Glenn L Miller
Wayne Mezriere
Timothy J Bandli
Clerk
Vote for 1
Steffani Unterschuetz
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Terry Verdegan
<b>TOWN OF HAWKINS</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
David L. Curtis
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Brent Olsen
David L Webster
Clerk
Vote for 1
Shirley A. Severson
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Jennifer Mabie
<b>TOWN OF HUBBARD</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
Anne Schweitzer
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Richard Serek
Bob Lincoln
Clerk
Vote for 1
Jolene Zeman
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Traci Wraeltz

MUNICIPAL - CONT.
<b>TOWN OF LAWRENCE</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
Robert G Nawrocki
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Duane Biller
John Prasnicky
Clerk
Vote for 1
Charidy Ludescher
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Judith Johnson
<b>TOWN OF MARSHALL</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
Scott Jones
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Brett Bechtel
Tom Ziesler
Randy Kolar
Clerk
Vote for 1
Carol Luce
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Joe Lorence
<b>TOWN OF MURRY</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
James Graves
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Scott Ring
Robert Shimko
James S Brown
Clerk
Vote for 1
Tracy Larsen
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Dale McKittrick
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Christine Kruppe
William P Hecker
Clerk
Vote for 1
Allison Grubba
Treasurer
Vote for 1
MaryAnn Schneider
<b>TOWN OF RUSK</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
Lisa Dobrowski
Supervisor 1
Vote for 1
Steve Styczynski
Supervisor 2
Vote for not more than 2
Richard Serek
Bob Lincoln
Clerk
Vote for 1
Anne Konwicka
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Megan Giles

MUNICIPAL - CONT.
<b>TOWN OF SOUTH FORK</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
Michael Eckes
Supervisor 1
Vote for 1
Michael Borek
Supervisor 2
Vote for 1
John Gasior
<b>TOWN OF STRICKLAND</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
John Cwojdzinski
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Joel Checkalski
Phil Grassmann
Clerk
Vote for 1
Sharon Czekalski
<b>TOWN OF STUBBS</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
David Kochendorfer
Tom Cudo
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Pam Bonczyk
Annie Huiras
David Wierzba
<b>TOWN OF THORNAPPLE</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
Tom Zelm
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
James Engelhardt
Ryan Smith
Clerk
Vote for 1
Shari Sheehy
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Suzanne Pinnow
<b>TOWN OF TRUE</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
David Sepanski
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Phillip Montwill
Brian Takach
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Jessica Takach
<b>TOWN OF WASHINGTON</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
Martin Borer
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Kurt Gorseger
Jaimie Wik
Clerk
Vote for 1
Deb Klund
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Tori Hanson

MUNICIPAL - CONT.
<b>TOWN OF WILKINSON</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
Keith Swenson
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 2
Monty Gordon
Dave Robinson
Clerk
Vote for 1
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Ann Roeder
<b>TOWN OF WILLARD</b>
Chairperson
Vote for 1
Robert J Nelson
Supervisor
Vote not more than 2
Erika Wojciuch Halmsad
Chris Olson
Mark S Taft
<b>VILLAGE</b>
<b>VILLAGE OF BRUCE</b>
President
Vote for 1
Shane Trott
Trustee
Vote for not more than 3
Jim Johnson
Galen McGee Brainerd
Tim Dolan
<b>VILLAGE OF CONRATH</b>
Trustee
Vote for 1
James Chiovarie
<b>VILLAGE OF GLEN FLORA</b>
Trustee
Vote for 1
Sarah Hillman
<b>VILLAGE OF HAWKINS</b>
President
Vote for 1
Douglas Vandoom
Trustee
Vote for 1
<b>VILLAGE OF INGRAM</b>
President
Vote for 1
Jerry Biller
Trustee
Vote for 1
Bryan Baselt
Clerk
Vote for 1
Keri Baselt
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Nicole Verdegan
<b>VILLAGE OF SHELTON</b>
President
Vote for 1
James Shaw
Trustee
Vote for not more than 2
Betty Stone
Lisa Taylor
Clerk
Vote for 1
Heidi Williams
Treasurer
Vote for 1
Mary Dicus

VILLAGE - CONT.
<b>VILLAGE OF TONY</b>
Trustee
Vote for 1
Jeffrey Hurlbeaus
<b>VILLAGE OF WEYERHAEUSER</b>
President
Vote for 1
Tom Bush
Erv Murray
Trustee
Vote for 1
Don Szozda
<b>CITY</b>
<b>CITY OF LADYSMITH</b>
Aldersperson District 1
Vote for 1
Shawny Delasky
Aldersperson District 3
Vote for 1
Mike Hraban
Aldersperson District 5
Vote for 1
John Keryon
Aldersperson District 7
Vote for 1
John M Hoover
<b>CITY OF LADYSMITH REFERENDUM</b>
SHOULD THE CITY OF LADYSMITH DISCONTINUE ADDING FLUORIDE TO ITS PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM?
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BIRCHWOOD</b>
Town of Wilkinson, Town of Wilson
School Board
Vote for 2
Jason Musil
Mike Paul
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRUCE</b>
RUSK COUNTY - Town of Atlanta, Big Bend, Hubbard, Murry, Stubbs, Thornapple, Washington, Village of Bruce
SAWYER COUNTY - Town of Meadowbrook, Meteor
Weigor, Village of Exeland
School Board
Vote for not more than 3
Brittany Leer
Dan Robers
Write-in
<b>REFERENDUM - 1</b>
Shall the School District of Bruce, Rusk and Sawyer Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$600,000 per year for five years, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and ending with the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses?
<b>REFERENDUM - 2</b>
2. Shall the School District of Bruce, Rusk and Sawyer Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount no to exceed \$6,900,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide capital maintenance, building infrastructure, systems and site improvements; construction of a safe and secure entrance; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WINTER</b>
Town of Hubbard
<b>Area 1 - Vote for 1 School Board</b>
Gregory G Ripczinski
<b>Area 3 - Vote for 1 School Board</b>
Desiree Velazquez
<b>Area 4 - Vote for 1 School Board</b>
Joseph L Bodo

SCHOOL DISTRICT Cont.
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WINTER</b>
<b>Area 5 At Large Town of Hubbard</b>
School Board
Vote for 1
Andrew Robert Winiarczyk
Miriam Sward
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FLAMBEAU</b>
Town of Big Falls, Cedar Rapids, Dewey, Flambeau, Grant, Grow, Hawkins, Lawrence, Marshall, Richland, South Fork, True, Willard, Village of Conrath, Glen Flora, Hawkins, Ingram, Sheldon, Tony
School Board
Vote for not more than 2
Zenny Mahun
Laura Dutter-Nelson
Craig Cahoon
<b>REFERENDUM</b>
Question: Shall the School District of Flambeau, Rusk, Taylor, Price and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a district-wide school facility improvement project consisting of: capital maintenance, building infrastructure, safety, security and site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment, including for career and technical education?
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GILMAN</b>
Town of Hawkins, Town of Lawrence
School Board
Vote for not more than 3
Lynn Rosemeyer
Derrick Romig
Holly S Bacha
Vonda Kinas
Josh Mann
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LADYSMITH</b>
Town of Flambeau, Grant, Grow, Hubbard, Thornapple, Willard, City of Ladysmith
School Board
Vote for not more than 2
Dustin James Mataczynski
Nancy Burmeister
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LAKE HOLCOMBE</b>
Town of Big Bend, Willard, Marshall, Washington
School Board
Vote for not more than 2
Jamie Tester Morfoot
Debra A Readinger
<b>REFERENDUM</b>
Shall the School District of Lake Holcombe, Chippewa and Rusk Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$900,000 per year beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and ending with the 2027-2028 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational and Maintenance expenses of the District?
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW AUBURN</b>
Town of Rusk
School Board
Vote for 2
Louise Cody
Benjamin Baalrud
Kathy Frank
<b>REFERENDUM</b>
Shall the School District of New Auburn, Chippewa, Barron and Rusk Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$750,000 per year for five years, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and ending with the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational and maintenance expenses, including for staff compensation, maintaining programs and services, and ongoing building maintenance?
<b>STATE REFERENDUM</b>
Question 1: "Photographic identification for voting shall section 1m of article III of the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject to exceptions which may be established by law?"

### Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office and Referendum April 1, 2025

Notice to voters: if you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

General Instructions	Municipal	Referendum
<p>If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).</p> <p>To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●</p> <p>To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●</p>	<p><b>Village President</b> Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Shane Trott</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p><b>Village Trustee</b> Vote for not more than 3</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jim Johnson</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Galen McGee Brainerd</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tim Dolan</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>	<p>To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: ●</p> <p>To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: ●</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>State</b></p> <p><b>QUESTION 1: "Photographic identification for voting.</b> Shall section 1m of article III of the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject to exceptions which may be established by law?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
State Superintendent of Public Instruction	School District	School District
<p><b>State Superintendent</b> Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brittany Kinser</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jill Underly</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>	<p><b>School District of Bruce</b> <b>School Board Member</b> Vote for not more than 3</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brittany Leer</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dan Robers</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>	<p>Question Number I: Shall the School District of Bruce, Rusk and Sawyer Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 12.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$600,000 per year for five years, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and ending with the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
Judicial		
<p><b>Justice of the Supreme Court</b> Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brad Schimel</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Susan Crawford</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p> <p><b>Court of Appeals Judge</b> District 3 Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lisa K. Stark</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>		<p>Question Number II: Shall the School District of Bruce, Rusk and Sawyer Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,900,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide capital maintenance, building infrastructure, systems and site improvements; construction of a safe and secure entrance; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>

SAMPLE BALLOT

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**Page 1 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot continues on other side. ➡**

<p><b>Official Ballot</b> <b>Nonpartisan Office and Referendum</b> <b>April 1, 2025</b> <b>for</b></p> <p>Village of Bruce, Ward 1 - 2 Rusk County</p> <p>Ballot ID: 2141</p>	<p><b>Ballot issued by</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Initials of election inspectors</p> <p><b>Absentee ballot issued by</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If issued by SVDs, both must initial</p> <p><b>Certification of Voter Assistance</b> I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature of assistor</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>For Official Use Only</b></p> <p><b>Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Overvoted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Damaged</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>If this is the <b>Original Ballot</b>, write the serial number here: _____</p> <p>If this is the <b>Duplicate Ballot</b>, write the serial number here: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Initials of inspectors who remade ballot</p>
<p><b>Page 2 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot begins on other side. ➡</b></p>		