

**Notice of Spring Election and
Sample Ballots
April 7, 2026**

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 7, 2026, 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

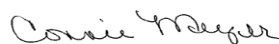
The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote 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:



Connie Meyer, Rusk County Clerk

Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office April 7, 2026

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
<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>Mayor Vote for 1</p>
	<p><input type="radio"/> Robert J Grotzinger</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>
	School District
	<p>School District of Ladysmith School Board Member Vote for not more than 3</p>
	<p><input type="radio"/> Laurie Keebler</p> <p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>
Judicial	
<p>Justice of the Supreme Court Vote for 1</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>
<p><input type="radio"/> Chris Taylor</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>
<p><input type="radio"/> Maria S. Lazar</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>
<p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>	
County	
<p>County Supervisor District 17 Vote for 1</p>	
<p><input type="radio"/> David A. Willingham</p>	
<p><input type="radio"/> write-in:</p>	

<p>Continue voting at top of next column.</p>		
<p>Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office April 7, 2026 for</p> <p>City of Ladysmith, Wards 5, 8 & 9 Rusk County</p> <p>Ballot ID: 2280</p>	<p>Ballot issued by</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Initials of election inspectors</p>	<p>For Official Use Only</p>
	<p>Absentee ballot issued by</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk</p>	
	<p>Certification of Voter Assistance 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>If this is the Original Ballot, write the serial number here: _____</p>
		<p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Initials of inspectors who remade ballot</p>

RUSK COUNTY SUPERVISOR
DISTRICT 1
Vote for 1 Alec E. Hampton Thomas Moran
DISTRICT 2
Vote for 1 Write-In
DISTRICT 3
Vote for 1 Write-In
DISTRICT 4
Vote for 1 John T. Moore
DISTRICT 5
Vote for 1 Terry Wedwick
DISTRICT 6
Vote for 1 Write-In
DISTRICT 7
Vote for 1 Write-In
DISTRICT 8
Vote for 1 Tom Cudo
DISTRICT 9
Vote for 1 Lisa Podgornik
DISTRICT 10
Vote for 1 Tony Ziesler
DISTRICT 11
Vote for 1 Phil Schneider
DISTRICT 12
Vote for 1 Jim Meyer
DISTRICT 13
Vote for 1 Kurt Gorsegner

RUSK COUNTY SUPERVISOR - CONT.
DISTRICT 14
Vote for 1 Jeremy Vincent
DISTRICT 15
Vote for 1 Thomas Hanson
DISTRICT 16
Vote for 1 Write-In
DISTRICT 17
Vote for 1 David A. Willingham
DISTRICT 18
Vote for 1 Mike Russell
DISTRICT 19
Vote for 1 Ron Freeman
VILLAGE VILLAGE OF BRUCE
Village Trustee
Vote for not more than 3 Mark A. Zimmer John R. Hoilby Sr. Kim Grasley
VILLAGE OF CONRATH
Village President
Vote for 1 Gary Pomeranke Tony Vojtasek
Village Trustee
Vote for 1 Tony Vojtasek
Village Clerk
Vote for 1 Angie Harvey
Village Treasurer
Vote for 1 Beau Harvey
VILLAGE OF GLEN FLORA
Village President
Vote for 1 Ron Moser
Village Trustee
Vote for 1 Lucas Mikkelsen

VILLAGE - CONT.
VILLAGE OF HAWKINS
Village Trustee
Vote for not more than 3 Amanda Bratlie Kyle Austad Patricia Johnson
VILLAGE OF INGRAM
Village Trustee
Vote for 1 Doug Kueny
VILLAGE OF SHELDON
Village Trustee
Vote for not more than 2 Write-In Write-In
VILLAGE OF TONY
Village President
Vote for 1 Monte Groothousen
Village Trustee
Vote for 1 Julie Hauser
Village Treasurer
Vote for 1 Kim Groothousen
Village Clerk
Vote for 1 Write-In
VILLAGE OF WEYERHAEUSER
Village Trustee
Vote for 1 Sandra Arts
CITY
CITY OF LADYSMITH
Mayor
Vote for 1 Robert J Grotzinger
Aldersperson
District 2 Vote for 1 Nathan Johnson
Aldersperson
District 4 Vote for 1 Al Christianson Sr
Aldersperson
District 6 Vote for 1 Randy Lovely

SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BIRCHWOOD
Town of Wilkinson, Wilson
SCHOOL BOARD
Vote for not more than 1 Becca Hrdlicka
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRUCE
Rusk County - Town of Atlanta, Big Bend, Hubbard, Murry, Stubbs, Thornapple, Washington, Village of Bruce
Sawyer County - Village of Exeland
Town of Meadowbrook, Meteor, Weirgor
SCHOOL BOARD
Vote for not more than 3 Write-In Write-In Write-In
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHETEK-WEYERHAEUSER
Town of Big Bend, Rusk, Strickland, Stubbs
Village of Weyerhaeuser
SCHOOL BOARD
Vote for not more than 3 Barbara Reisner Kelly Olson Write-In Write-In
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FLAMBEAU
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 4 Kim Dachel Jennifer Heath Ted Alberson Write-In Write-In Write-In
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GILMAN
Town of Hawkins, Lawrence
SCHOOL BOARD
Vote for not more than 3 Valorie Kulesa Lauren Zach Derrick Romig Write-In Write-In Write-In

SCHOOL DISTRICT CONT.
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LADYSMITH
Town of Flambeau, Grant, Grow, Hubbard, Thornapple, Willard, City of Ladysmith
SCHOOL BOARD
Vote for not more than 3 Laurie Keeble Write-In Write-In Write-In
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LAKE HOLCOMBE
Town of Big Bend, Marshall, Washington, Willard
SCHOOL BOARD
Vote for 2 Matthew Flater Tess Engel Write-In Write-In
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW AUBURN
Town of Rusk
SCHOOL BOARD
Vote for not more than 1 Write-In
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WINTER
Town of Hubbard
SCHOOL BOARD
Vote for 1 Area 5 - At Large Michael Kinsley Write-In
REFERENDUM
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WINTER
Town of Hubbard
QUESTION: Shall the School District of Winter, located in Sawyer County and Rusk County, Wisconsin, be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,000,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GILMAN
Question: Shall the School District of Gilman1 Taylor, Chippewa and Rusk Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$700,000 per year for four years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and ending with the 2029-2030 school year, for non-recurring purposes
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No