

## Notice of Spring Election and Sample Ballot

April 4, 2023

Office of the Town Clerk

To the voters of the Town of Rice Lake

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in the Town of Rice Lake, on April 4, 2023, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are listed under the title of the office and under the appropriate party or other designation, 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 they intend 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 next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device ("ExpressVote") 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.

## **After Voting the Ballot**

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it may be inserted in a security sleeve so the marks do not show. The voter shall then insert the ballot in the voting device or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

## **Spoiling Ballots**

If a voter spoils an 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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Janet Tomesh, Clerk/Treasurer – Town of Rice Lake

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# Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office and Referendum April 4, 2023

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

## General Instructions

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).

To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●

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: ●

### Judicial

#### Justice of the Supreme Court Vote for 1

Janet C. Protasiewicz

Daniel Kelly

write-in:

### Municipal

#### Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1

Dean Borofka

write-in:

#### Town Board Supervisor 1 Vote for 1

John Blaskowski

write-in:

#### Town Board Supervisor 2 Vote for 1

Peter W. Gallagher

write-in:

## School District

### Rice Lake School District School Board Member Vote for not more than 4

Albert Bert Richard

Douglas J. Kucko

Nellie Scheurer

Don Cuskey

Jenna Mitzel

write-in:

write-in:

write-in:

write-in:

### Referendum

To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: ●

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: ●

### Statewide

**QUESTION 1: "Conditions of release before conviction. Shall section 8 (2) of article I of the constitution be amended to allow a court to impose on an accused person being released before conviction conditions that are designed to protect the community from serious harm?"**

Yes

No

## Referendum

### Statewide

**QUESTION 2: "Cash bail before conviction. Shall section 8 (2) of article I of the constitution be amended to allow a court to impose cash bail on a person accused of a violent crime based on the totality of the circumstances, including the accused's previous convictions for a violent crime, the probability that the accused will fail to appear, the need to protect the community from serious harm and prevent intimidation, and potential affirmative defenses?"**

Yes

No

**QUESTION 3: "Shall able-bodied, childless adults be required to look for work in order to receive taxpayer-funded welfare benefits?"**

Yes

No

Continue voting at top of next column.

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**Official Ballot  
Nonpartisan Office and  
Referendum  
April 4, 2023  
for**

**Barron County**  
Town of Rice Lake  
SD Rice Lake

**Ballot issued by**

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Initials of election inspectors

**Absentee ballot issued by**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
If issued by SVDs, both must initial

**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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of assistor

**For Official Use Only**

**Inspectors:** Identify ballots required to be remade:

- Overvoted
- Damaged
- Other

If this is the **Original Ballot**, write the serial number here: \_\_\_\_\_

If this is the **Duplicate Ballot**, write the serial number here: \_\_\_\_\_

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Initials of inspectors who remade ballot