

Notice of Spring Election, Referendum and Sample Ballots

April 6, 2021

OFFICE OF THE POLK CLERK TO THE VOTERS OF POLK COUNTY:

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in Polk County, on April 6, 2021, 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 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, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. 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 a voter is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence, if the voter presents proof of residence in a form specified by law. Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that 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 in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to the name of the candidate of his or her 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 his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall make

a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of his or her 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 his or her 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 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 at the name of the candidate of his or her 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 type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate of his or her 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 type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in casting his or her vote 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.

Spoiled Ballot

If the voter spoils a **paper or optical scan** ballot, he or she 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 voter may spoil a **touch screen** ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official **paper** ballot is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall leave the booth, deposit the ballot in the ballot box, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit, and shall leave the polling place promptly.

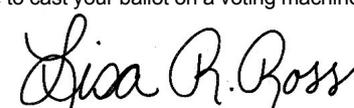
After an official **optical scan** ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. After casting his or her vote, the voter shall leave the booth, insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot

to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **touch screen** ballot is cast, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her 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.

The following are samples of the official ballots - one of each type of ballot Polk County residents will see, depending on where you live and/or whether you choose to cast your ballot on a voting machine



Lisa R. Ross, Polk County Clerk
WNAXLF

SAMPLE Touch Screen Ballot Layout

Official Ballot
Nonpartisan Office and Referendum
Polk County, Wisconsin
April 6, 2021

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

State Superintendent
Vote for 1

Jill Underly

Deborah Kerr

write-in

SAMPLE

Sample Optical Scan Ballot Layout



Ballot ID: SAMPLE ONLY

Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office and Referendum April 6, 2021

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	School District
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: ●	Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Kerry Bryan <input type="radio"/> write-in:	School District of Amery School Board Member Vote for not more than 2 <input type="radio"/> Char Glenna <input type="radio"/> Keith H. Anderson <input type="radio"/> write-in:
	Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2 <input type="radio"/> Justin Duncan <input type="radio"/> Ansel Johnson <input type="radio"/> Chad King <input type="radio"/> 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: ●
	State Superintendent of Public Instruction Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Jill Underly <input type="radio"/> Deborah Kerr <input type="radio"/> write-in:	Town Treasurer Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Janice Carlson <input type="radio"/> write-in:
	Judicial Court of Appeals District 3 Vote for 1 <input type="radio"/> Rick Cvejkus <input type="radio"/> Gregory B. Gill, Jr. <input type="radio"/> write-in:	County Question: Should the Wisconsin legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional district plans and maps? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Continue voting at top of next column.		

SAMPLE

SAMPLE Paper Ballot Layout

Official Ballot
Polk County
Nonpartisan Office
April 6, 2021

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Instructions to Voters

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, make an "X" or other mark in the square 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."

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

State Superintendent
Vote for 1

Jill Underly

Deborah Kerr

Write-in: _____

Judicial

Court of Appeals Judge
District 3
Vote for 1

Rick Cvejkus

Gregory B. Gill Jr.

Write-in: _____

SAMPLE

Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office and Referendum April 6, 2021 for Town of Apple River, Ward 1,2 - Amery Polk County Ballot ID: ##	Ballot issued by _____ 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. §8.82 to receive assistance. _____ Signature of assistant	For Official Use Only Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade: <input type="checkbox"/> Overvoted <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Other If this is the Original Ballot, write the serial number here: _____ If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write the serial number here: _____ _____ Initials of inspectors who remade ballot
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Office and Candidate Listings. April 6, 2021, Spring General Election

All offices are "Vote for 1" unless otherwise noted

State Contests and Candidates

The following State Offices appear on ALL Ballots

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Jill Underly
Deborah Kerr

Court of Appeals Judge District 3

Rick Cveykus
Gregory B. Gill, Jr.

Municipal Contests and Candidates

The following State Offices appear on the respective Municipality Ballots.

TOWNS:

TOWN OF ALDEN Wards 1-4

Town Board Chairperson

Keith Karpenski

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Ted J. Johnson

Greg Frost

Mike Riley

*School Districts: Amery, Osceola

TOWN OF APPLE RIVER Wards 1-2

Town Board Chairperson

Kerry Bryan

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Justin Duncan

Ansel Johnson

Chad King

Town Treasurer

Janice Carlson

*School Districts: Amery, Unity

TOWN OF BALSAM LAKE Wards 1-2

Town Board Chairperson

Paul Gydesen

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Donald L. Ellefson

Michael D. Patterson

*School Districts: Amery, St. Croix Falls, Unity

TOWN OF BEAVER Ward 1

Town Board Chairperson

Ethan Yeske

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Jeremiah Mewes

Sabrina Evenson

Town Clerk

Wendy Coleman

Town Treasurer

Roxy King

*School Districts: Amery, Turtle Lake

TOWN OF BLACK BROOK Wards 1-2

Town Board Chairperson

Erik Henningsgard

Town Board Supervisor 1

George Fowler

Town Board Supervisor 2

Dale Wood

Town Clerk

Sally Pickard

Town Treasurer

Cindy Nelson

*School Districts: Amery, Clear Lake

TOWN OF BONE LAKE Ward 1

Town Board Chairperson

Andy Brown

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Roger R. Neumann

Nany Beduhn

*School Districts: Frederic, Luck

TOWN OF CLAM FALLS Ward 1

Town Board Chairperson

Gregory S. Anderson

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Brad Olson

Robert Carlson

*School District: Frederic

TOWN OF CLAYTON Ward 1

Town Board Chairperson

William Vanda

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Arling Ole Olson

Roger Olson

Town Clerk

Tracy LaBlanc

Town Treasurer

Deborah Elmer

*School Districts: Clayton Clear Lake, Turtle Lake

TOWN OF CLEAR LAKE Ward 1

Town Board Chairperson

Arthur Bergmann

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Richard Buhr

Larry O. Reindahl

Town Clerk

Janelle M. Johnson

Town Treasurer

Jenifer Cockroft

*School District: Clear Lake

TOWN OF EUREKA Wards 1-2

Town Board Chairperson

Don Anderson

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Paul Schneider

Bill Maassen

Rick Wester

Town Treasurer

Shailla L. Johnson

*School Districts: Luck, St. Croix Falls, Unity

TOWN OF GARFIELD Wards 1-3

Town Board Chairperson

Ed Gullickson

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

George Stroebel

Don Mork

Town Clerk

Sue Knutson

Town Treasurer

JoAnn Erickson

*School Districts: Amery, Osceola, St. Croix Falls

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN Wards 1-2

Town Board Chairperson

Jeff Traynor

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

John Molamphy

Marc Ince

Mike Kelby

Town Treasurer

Renee Marek

Jill Kelby

*School Districts: Luck, Unity

TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN Wards 1

Town Board Chairperson

Mike L. Anderson

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Josef R. Zaspel

Dan Lowe

Town Clerk

Deanne Moravitz

Town Treasurer

Susan Rouzer

*School Districts: Cumberland,

Luck, Unity, Turtle Lake

TOWN OF FARMINGTON Wards 1-2

Town Board Chairperson

Dennis Cottor

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Dennis Neumann

Rick McGuiggan

Town Clerk/Treasurer

Debbie Swanson

*School Districts: Osceola

TOWN OF LAKETOWN Ward 1

Town Board Chairperson

Daniel King

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Bruce Paulsen

Mark D. Johnson

Jared Olson

Merle E. Larson

Town Clerk

Debra Tretsven

Town Treasurer

Jill Cook

*School Districts: Frederic,

Luck, St. Croix Falls, Unity

TOWN OF LINCOLN Wards 1-4

Town Board Chairperson

Jay Luke

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Ace Carlson

Richard Waterman

Town Treasurer

Richard Timm

*School Districts: Amery,

Clayton

TOWN OF LORAIN Ward 1

Town Board Chairperson

Roger W. Owens

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Daniel J. Beecroft

Steven C. Larson

Town Treasurer

Laurie L. Sommerfeld

*School District: Frederic

TOWN OF LUCK Wards 1-2

Town Board Chairperson

Dean K. Johansen

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Larry Wright

Greg Marsten

*School Districts: Frederic, Luck

TOWN OF MCKINLEY Ward 1

Town Board Chairperson

Mark P. Renstrom

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Kevin Wickstrom

Robert J. Wurm

Town Treasurer

Mandy Rouzer

*School Districts: Cumberland,

Frederic, Luck

TOWN OF MILLTOWN Wards 1-2

Town Board Chairperson

Michael Dau

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

John Eckel

Christopher E. Nelson

Town Treasurer

Mark S. Engelhardt

*School Districts: Luck, Unity

TOWN OF OSCEOLA Wards 1-5

Town Board Chairperson

Brandon Whittaker

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 4

Dale Lindh

B.J. Greene

Mike Wallis

Peter Wolf

Neil Gustafson

Jo Everson

*School Districts: Osceola, St.

Croix Falls

TOWN OF ST. CROIX FALLS Wards 1-2

Town Board Chairperson

Michael Dorsey

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Rick Katzmark

Jeremy J. Hall

Sharon Kelly

*School Districts: St. Croix

Falls, Unity

TOWN OF STERLING Ward 1

Town Board Chairperson

Steven R. Wilson

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Keith D. Ward

Danny M. Hinkel

*School Districts: Grantsburg,

St. Croix Falls

TOWN OF WEST SWEDEN Ward 1

Town Board Chairperson

Glenn J. Meier

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

Jerry Tischer

Terry Taylor

Town Clerk

Phyllis Wilder

Town Treasurer

Brenda M. Tesch

*School District: Frederic

VILLAGES

& CITIES:

VILLAGE OF BALSAM LAKE Wards 1-2

Village President

Kathy Poirier

Village Trustee

Vote for not more than 3

James Duncan Jr.

Kellie Flaherty

Rod Preble

Mark Gudim

*School District: Unity

VILLAGE OF CENTURIA Ward 1

Village President

Stan Swiontek

Village Trustee

Vote for not more than 3

Chuck Ellsworth

Mike Koch

Tom Boettcher

*School District: Unity

VILLAGE OF CLAYTON Ward 1

Village President

Jennifer Bergmann

Joe Berghammer

Village Trustee

Vote for not more than 3

Jason D. Anderson

Cassie Robinson

Cris Casarez

Karrie Drinkman

*School District: Clayton

VILLAGE OF CLEAR LAKE Wards 1-2

Village President

Roger A. LaBlanc

Village Trustee

Vote for not more than 3

Michael Flaherty

James H. Pete Cogbill

*School District: Clear Lake

VILLAGE OF DRESSER Ward 1

Village President

Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz

Village Trustee

Vote for not more than 3

Joe Peterson

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

Polk County, Wisconsin

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of Polk County, on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, the following question proposed by Resolution No. 06-21 of the Polk County Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

POLK COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 06-21:
Resolution to Conduct a Countywide Advisory Referendum on the Creation of a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans and Maps

WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of Supervisors on 1/19/2021 passed a resolution calling for non-partisan legislative and congressional redistricting maps; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Legislature is directed to redistrict state legislative districts "according to the number of inhabitants" at its next session following the decennial federal census. The legislature also reapportions congressional districts at the same interval pursuant to federal law; and

WHEREAS, the practice of redistricting by the majority party stifles political participation and competition, discourages collaboration and compromise, ensures continued control by the party in power, and lacks the fairness necessary to our democratic process, by undermining the principle of one-person-one vote, and

WHEREAS, the current procedure allows the legislature of the majority party to prepare redistricting plans and maps that may result in unfair partisan plans and maps, allowing the legislature to choose its voters rather than the voters choosing their representatives, which is commonly called gerrymandering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Polk County Board of Supervisors hereby approves that the following question be placed on the April 6, 2021 Spring General Election ballot as an advisory referendum question:

Question: Should the Wisconsin legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional district plans and maps?

YES _____ NO _____

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Corporation Counsel prepare a Notice of Referendum to be published by the Polk County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the referendum shall be filed with the Polk County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the 4/6/2021 election at which the question will appear on the ballot.

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Should the Wisconsin legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional district plans and maps?"

YES _____ NO _____

EXPLANATION AND EFFECT OF VOTE

A "yes" vote advises the County that you are in favor of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of Legislative and Congressional district plans and maps.

A "no" vote advises the County that you are opposed to a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of Legislative and Congressional district plans and maps.

The advisory referendum question is being submitted to the electors of Polk County as a means of providing information regarding whether the electors favor the actions and policies proposed in the question. The referendum is advisory only. The results of the advisory referendum are not binding on

the County or State of Wisconsin. However, the Polk County Clerk will send the results of the referendum to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the County's State Representatives.

A copy of the entire text of Polk County Board Resolution No. 06-21, directing the submission of the question to the electors, can be obtained from the office of the Polk County Clerk, 100 Polk County Plaza, Suite 110, Balsam Lake, WI 54810. It can also be found on the internet at: Res_06-21_Resolution_for_Fair_Maps_Referendum-FINAL_signed.pdf (polk.wi.us)

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Done in the Village of Balsam Lake, WI on March 9, 2021.



Lisa R. Ross, Polk County Clerk
SAMPLE Polk County Referendum Ballot
WNAXLP

Polk County Official Referendum Ballot

April 6, 2021

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To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this:

To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this:

Polk County Fair Maps Referendum

Question: Should the Wisconsin legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional district plans and maps?

Yes

No

SAMPLE