

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

**OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RHINELANDER CLERK
TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RHINELANDER**

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in the School District of Rhinelanders on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at which the officers 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 in the sample ballot.

Information to Electors

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, an elector shall:

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

IF ANY POLLING PLACES ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE OR IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, CONTACT THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION.

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

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

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

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

Upon being permitted to vote, the elector 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 elector 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.

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

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

Assistance for Voting

An elector may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the elector 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 elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.

Location and Hours of Polling Places

Information as to the location of the polling places is available in the District Office at 665 Coolidge Avenue, Suite B, Rhinelanders, Wisconsin.

All polling places will be open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk:

Stacy Plamann – Town of Cassian
9110 Church Rd
Harshaw, WI 54529
715-499-0132

Kathy Voermans – Town of Harrison
N10095 County Road B
Tomahawk, WI 54487
715-453-3395

cassiantownclerk282@zohomail.com

clerk@townofharrisonwisconsin.com

Austyn Zarda – City of Rhinelander Clerk
135 S. Stevens St.
Rhinelander, WI 54501
715-365-8600
azarda@rhinelanderwi.us
Office hours 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Hannah Samsa – Town of Parrish Clerk
N10820 Cty Rd H
Gleason, WI 54435
715-921-9254
townofparrishclerk@gmail.com

Tracy Hartman – Town of Crescent
3231 Golf Course Rd
Rhinelander, WI 54501
715-499-0500
crescentclerk@townofcrescent.com

Mike Ring – Town of Pelican
4093 County Hwy P
Rhinelander, WI 54501
715-550-3373
clerk@tn.pelican.gov

Kim Gauthier – Town of Newbold Clerk
4608 Apperson Drive
Rhinelander, WI 54501
715-369-0855
kgauthier@newboldwi.gov

Stacy Schickert – Town of Stella Clerk
2496 County Hwy C
Rhinelander, WI 54501
715-369-2292
clerk@townofstella.com

Cindy Skinner – Town of Pine Lake Clerk
4197 River Rd
Rhinelander, WI 54501
715-362-6071
clerk@townofpinelake.com

Judy May – Town of Woodboro
8672 Old Hwy K Rd
Harshaw, WI 54529
715-282-5607
woodboroclerk@townofwoodboro.com

Where Paper Ballots are Used

The elector 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 elector shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

When using a *tactile ballot marking device (Vote-PAD)* to mark a paper ballot, the elector shall obtain from the inspectors the assistive device and any audio or dexterity aids if required. The elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow 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 elector shall write in the name of a person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow 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 elector 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 or connect the arrow next to the write-in line.

When using an electronic ballot marking device (“Automark,” “ExpressVote,” Clear Access, or “ImageCast Evolution-ICE”) to mark an **optical scan** ballot, the elector 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 elector shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The elector 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 elector shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

Spoiled Ballot

If the elector 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 elector. If two inspectors have not initialed the ballot or is defective in any other way, the elector shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The elector may spoil a **touchscreen** 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 elector 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 elector 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 elector shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official touchscreen ballot is cast, the elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

Mary Peterson, School District of Rhinelander Board of Education Clerk

The following is a facsimile of the official ballot:

OFFICIAL RHINELANDER SCHOOL BOARD BALLOT

NOTICE TO ELECTORS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY 2 ELECTION INSPECTORS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR THE DEPUTY CLERK.

To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, make a cross (X) in the square at the RIGHT of the name of the person for whom you desire to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, write the name in the blank space provided for that purpose.

School Board Member Vote For Not More Than Three

Mike Roberts

Doug Artus

Duane J. Frey

Bill Freudenberg

Merlin Van Buren

Write-In: _____

Write-In: _____

Write-In: _____

