

**NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION  
AND SAMPLE BALLOT**

**April 7, 2015**

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in the Town of Rice Lake on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015, 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 ELECTORS**

Upon entering the polling place, an elector shall state his or her name and address and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If an elector is not registered to vote, an elector may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence, if the elector presents proof of residence in a form specified by law. Where ballots are distributed to electors, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the elector shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that 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 in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

**Where Hand-Count Paper Ballots are Used**

The elector shall make a cross (**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. On referendum questions, the elector shall make a cross (**X**) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall make a cross (**X**) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

**Where Touch Screen Voting Systems are Used**

The elector shall touch the screen 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 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 elector shall touch the screen next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen next to "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 or machine. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the elector 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.

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 the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors 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. After casting his or her vote, the elector shall leave the voting booth, properly deposit the ballot and promptly leave the polling place.

The elector 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 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 **touch screen** ballot is cast, the elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

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

The following is a sample of the official ballots: Janet Tomesh, Town of Rice Lake Clerk/Treasurer

# Official Ballot for Nonpartisan Office and Referendum

## April 7, 2015

**Notice to voters:** 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 deputy clerk.

Instructions to Voters	Municipal	Referendum
<p>If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, see an election inspector. (Absentee voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)</p> <p>To vote for a name on the ballot, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to the name.</p> <p>To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in."</p>	<p><b>Town Board Chairperson</b> Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Thomas L. Fankhauser</p> <p>write-in: _____</p>	<p>To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes".</p> <p>To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No".</p>
	<p><b>Town Board Supervisor #1</b> Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Robert Slagstad</p> <p>write-in: _____</p>	<p><b>State</b></p>
<p><b>Judicial</b></p>	<p><b>Town Board Supervisor #2</b> Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mark Kucko</p> <p>write-in: _____</p>	<p><b>QUESTION 1: "Election of chief justice. Shall section 4(2) of article VII of the constitution be amended to direct that a chief justice of the supreme court shall be elected for a two-year term by a majority of the justices then serving on the court?"</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p><b>Justice of the Supreme Court</b> Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ann W. Bradley</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> James P. Daley</p> <p>write-in: _____</p>	<p><b>Rice Lake Area School District</b> <b>School Board Members From City Candidates</b> Vote for not more than 2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Steve Bowman</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Don Cuskey</p> <p>write-in: _____</p> <p>write-in: _____</p>	<p><b>Official Ballot</b> for <b>Nonpartisan Office and Referendum</b></p> <p><b>April 7, 2015</b> for Town of Rice Lake</p>
<p><b>Court of Appeals Judge, District 3</b> Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mark A. Seidl</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kristina M. Bourget</p> <p>write-in: _____</p>	<p><b>School Board Member From Out of the City Candidates</b> Vote for not more than 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Keven Jensen</p> <p>write-in: _____</p>	<p>Ballot issued by _____</p> <p>Initials of election inspectors _____</p> <p>Absentee ballot issued by _____</p> <p>Initials of municipal clerk or deputy clerk (If issued by SVDs, both SVDs must initial.) _____</p>
<p>Continue voting at top of next column.</p>	<p>Continue voting at top of next column.</p>	<p><b>Certification of Voter Assistance</b></p> <p>I certify that I marked this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under the law to receive assistance.</p> <p>_____ Signature of assistor</p>