

## **VOTING RULES**

At any annual meeting or special meeting of the Lake District where voting will take place, registration is required. The voter registration list is acquired from the Polk County Treasurer and the county real estate tax rolls.

Voting rules are specified by Wis. Stat. §33.01(9)(ar) and §33.30(3).

To vote at annual meetings of a lake district, a voter must be a U.S. citizen over 18 years of age who is either:

- An elector (a qualified voter who resides in the District);
- A person who owns title to real property even if that person's name does not appear on the tax roll (i.e. spouse);
- A person who is the official representative, officer or employee authorized to vote on behalf of a trust, foundation, corporation, association or other organization owning real property in the District.\*

If a person is not named on the tax roll it is up to that person to provide evidence to the District that he/she is owner of property or a designated representative of an organizational property owner. Evidence may be in the form of :

- A copy of a deed indicating ownership, or
- A letter on the stationery of an organization owning property which clearly authorizes the person to vote on behalf of that organization.

**Each qualified voter is entitled to cast one vote at the annual meeting.** Ownership of more than one parcel of real estate within the District does not entitle the owner to more than one vote.

Commissioners appointed by the county or town/village/city are eligible to vote at the annual meeting only if they qualify as lake district property owners or electors.

No absentee ballots or proxies are permitted.

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\*Corporations, governmental bodies, trusts and other organizational owners are treated as single owners with one vote. When a property is recorded in a trust, corporation, association or other organization, then the members of that organization must designate an official representative to vote on their behalf. Trust members who reside in the District maintain their voting eligibility by virtue of being an elector at an annual meeting. Trust members who reside outside the District are not electors and so must designate their representative.