SPOONER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION AND SAMPLE BALLOT

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

To the voters of the Spooner Area School District:

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in the Spooner Area School District on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at which the officers named below shall be nominated. The names of the candidates for each office, 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.

The order in which the names will appear on the spring ballot will be as follows:

Ashlee Rightman
Michelle Jepson
Meagan Benson-Moreau
Nathaniel Melton

District boundary information can be obtained at
http://www.greatschools.org/school-district-boundaries-map/

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 Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall make a mark **(X)** in the square 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. 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 or connect the arrow 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 or connect the arrow 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 ("Automark," "ExpressVote," Clear Access or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE")* 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 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 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.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

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 at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

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 deposit the voted 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. The voter may 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.

Spoiled Ballots

If a voter spoils a paper or 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.

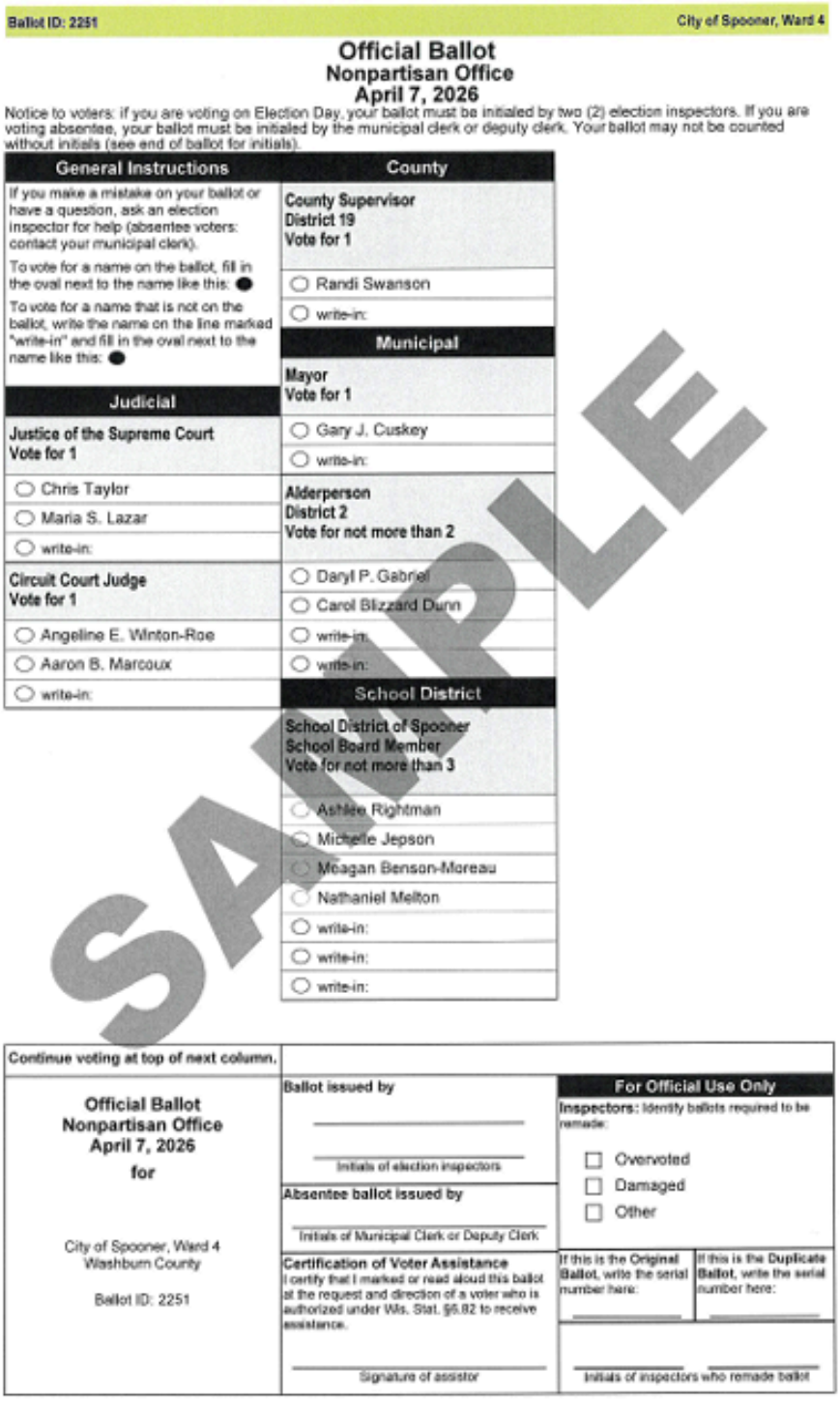
The voter may spoil a touch screen ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

Location and Hours of Polling Places

The spring election, to be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 for the Spooner Area School District, will use the following municipalities and/or wards indicated below for polling activity.

School District Electors Residing in	Vote at	Hours
City of Spooner	515 N. Summit Street, Spooner, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Dewey	2443 Town Hall Rd., Shell Lake, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Rusk	25195 County Hwy. H, Spooner, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Scott	28390 County Hwy. H, Spooner, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Bashaw	N3410 Sawyer Creek Rd., Shell Lake, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Bass Lake	W2103 Town Hall Rd., Springbrook, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Beaver Brook	W7110 Harrington Rd., Shell Lake, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Birchwood	N1549 Co. Hwy T, Birchwood, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Brooklyn	N9689 Birchwood Dr., Trego, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Casey	N7894 Lower McKenzie Lk. Rd., Spooner, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Chicog	W8499 Hwy. 77, Trego, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Crystal	W3911 County Hwy. A, Spooner, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Evergreen	W8896 Carlton Rd., Spooner, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Gull Lake	W3494 Haddick Rd., Springbrook, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Long Lake	N1584 County Hwy. M/D, Sarona, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Madge	N3481 County Hwy. M, Sarona, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Sarona	W5308 Ripley Rd., Sarona, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Spooner	N6124 Blooming Valley Rd., Spooner, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Springbrook	W4446 Friday St., Springbrook, WI (Earl)	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Stone Lake	N6071 Stone Lake Rd., Stone Lake, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Trego	W5690 Trego River St., Trego, WI	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

The following is a sample of an official ballot:



Ballot ID: 2251 — City of Spooner, Ward 4

Official Ballot
Nonpartisan Office
April 7, 2026

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

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

- ○ Chris Taylor
- ○ Maria S. Lazar
- ○ write-in:

Circuit Court Judge
Vote for 1

- ○ Angeline E. Winton-Roe
- ○ Aaron B. Marcoux
- ○ write-in:

County

County Supervisor
District 19
Vote for 1

- ○ Randi Swanson
- ○ write-in:

Municipal

Mayor
Vote for 1

- ○ Gary J. Cuskey
- ○ write-in:

Alderperson
District 2
Vote for not more than 2

- ○ Daryl P. Gabriel
- ○ Carol Blizzard Dunn
- ○ write-in:
- ○ write-in:

School District

School District of Spooner
School Board Member
Vote for not more than 3

- ○ Ashlee Rightman
- ○ Michelle Jepson
- ○ Meagan Benson-Moreau
- ○ Nathaniel Melton
- ○ write-in:
- ○ write-in:
- ○ write-in:

SAMPLE

Continue voting at top of next column.

Official Ballot
Nonpartisan Office
April 7, 2026
for

City of Spooner, Ward 4
Washburn County

Ballot ID: 2251

Ballot issued by

Initials of election inspectors

Absentee ballot issued by

Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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:

Initials of inspectors who remade ballot

Michelle Jepson, Clerk
Board of Education
Spooner Area School District