# NOTICE OF REFERENDUM SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MENOMONIE AREA FEBRUARY 20, 2024

### **Referendum Election Details**

At an election to be held in the School District of the Menomonie Area on February 20, 2024, the following proposed Revenue Limit Resolution of the School Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT BY \$4,200,000 FOR RECURRING PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of the Menomonie Area, Dunn and St. Croix Counties, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,200,000 beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses.

### **Ballot Text**

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Shall the School District of the Menomonie Area, Dunn and St. Croix Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,200,000 beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses?"

# **Explanation**

The referendum election ballot will ask District electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the referendum election question as set forth above.

A "yes" vote on the question is a vote to authorize the School District of the Menomonie Area budget to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,200,000 beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses.

A "no" vote on the question is a vote to deny the School District of the Menomonie Area the authority to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by

\$4,200,000 beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on the question vote "yes", the District will be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,200,000 beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses; if a majority vote "no" on the question set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

# **Location and Hours of Polling Places**

Information as to the location of the polling places is available in the District Office at 215 Pine Avenue E, Menomonie, 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:

City of Menomonie	Town of Menomonie
Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11	Charisse Sutliff, Clerk
Kate Martin, Clerk (contact clerk for polling location)	Town Hall- E4055 550 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
800 Wilson Avenue	715-523-3428
715-232-2221, ext. 1006	
Town of Cady	Town of Red Cedar
Shelly Ninneman, Clerk	Cheryl Miller, Clerk
Town Hall- 398 Highway 128, Wilson	Town Hall- E6591 627 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
715-772-3474	715-556-5034
Town of Dunn	Town of Sherman
Sally Rassmussen, Clerk	Ashley Score, Clerk
Town Hall- N2713 State Highway 25	Town Hall- N8425 County Road F
715-664-8577	715-702-1413
Town of Eau Galle	Town of Spring Brook
Martha Hartung, Clerk	Mary L. Strand, Clerk
St. Henrys Parish Hall- N460 Cty Rd D, Eau Galle	Town Hall- N3519 810 <sup>th</sup> Street, Elk Mound
715-283-4910	715-664-8545
Town of Elk Mound	Town of Springfield
Carolyn Loechler, Clerk	Sheri Erickson, Clerk
Town Hall- N6299 906 <sup>th</sup> Street	Town Shop- 856 310 <sup>th</sup> Street, Glenwood City
715-879-4790	651-300-4930
Town of Lucas	Town of Stanton
Tracy Glenz, Clerk	Valerie Windsor, Clerk
Town Hall- E2301 Highway 29	Stanton Town Shop- E1940 890 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Knapp
715-235-3853	715-665-2568

### **Town of Tainter**

Doris Meyer, Clerk

Town Hall- N8150 County Road D

715-235-3165

### **Town of Weston**

Pat Pickerign, Clerk

Town Hall- E3359 State Road 72

715-664-8767

### Village of Knapp

Melissa Schultz, Clerk

Knapp Community Hall- 111 Oak Street, Knapp

715-665-2495

# Notice of Meeting of the School District Board of Canvassers

By no later than 9 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election, the school district board of canvassers shall convene, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, for the purpose of conducting the school district canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.53(3). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

### **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 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 to 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.

### Where Paper Ballots are Used

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

### Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector 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," "Express Vote," Clear Access or "Image Cast Evolution-ICE") to mark an **optical scan ballot** on referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

# Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector 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 elector 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 elector 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 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 **touch screen ballot** is cast, the elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

# **Spoiling Ballots**

If an elector 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 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.

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

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

# Official Referendum Ballot

February 20, 2024

<u>Notice to Voters</u>: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two 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).

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 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:	
School District	
Question: Shall the School District of the Menomonie Area, Dunn and St. Croix Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,200,000 beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses?	
Yes	
No No	

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Joseph Zydowsky, District Administrator.

Done in the School District of the Menomonie Area on February 14, 2024 Dominique Stewart District Clerk