

VOTING AT THE LRPD ANNUAL MEETING

Introduction: The rules regarding who is eligible to vote in a protection district annual meeting are specified by State of Wisconsin Statutes. Although we have some leeway in the process for implementing the voting process, we have no discretion regarding who can vote.

Who can vote? A complete answer is complex. The following list covers the situations for most qualified voters. If your situation is different or you still have questions, please submit your inquiry in writing at least one week in advance of the annual meeting. Inquiries should be directed to Ken Keegstra, the secretary of the Lake Redstone Protection District, at ken.keegstra@gmail.com.

1. Real property owners within the Lake District whose name appears on the tax roll received in December 2017. However, those who own more than one property are entitled to only a single vote.
2. Persons who hold title to real property within the Lake District and whose name does **not** appear on the tax roll received in December 2017, but who can otherwise provide evidence of title to real property in the Lake District.
3. Legal residents of the Lake District who are eligible to vote in local elections, regardless of whether or not they own property in the Lake District, i.e., "electors".
4. A person who is the official representative of a trust, foundation, corporation, association or organization that owns real property in the Lake District.

Note: The situation where a property is owned by a trust, foundation, corporation, association or organization is more complicated. The trust corporation, etc gets one, and only one, representative.

State law prohibits voting by absentee ballot or by proxy at the annual meeting. (Wis. Stat. § 33.30(2)(b)).

The process for confirming eligibility. During routine annual meetings, the LRPD board has depended upon meeting attendees to know their status and only vote if they are eligible. Because of the importance of the votes at the 2018 annual meeting, our attorney has suggested that we should have a method to confirm the eligibility of each person who wishes to vote. The information below explains the processes that we intend to use.

1. For those in category 1, property owners in the Lake District, we will have copies of the tax rolls provided by Sauk County in December 2017. Please proceed to the registration station that covers the portion of the tax roll that covers your last name, i.e. A to E or F to K, etc. Present a photo ID that verifies your identity. Once the station attendants have verified that you are on the tax roll, you will be given a paper ballot for each of the issues where a secret ballot is planned or a card to indicate that you are an eligible voter.
2. For those in category 2, persons who hold title to real property within the Lake District and whose name does **not** appear on the tax roll received in December 2017, you must provide evidence of title to real property in the Lake District, such as bringing a copy of a deed with your name on it.
3. For those in category 3, who are residents of the district but whose name does not appear on the Sauk County tax roll or who do not hold title to real property or cannot present evidence of holding title to real property in the Lake District, please bring a photo ID and a recent utility bill that confirms your residency in the district (e.g., drivers license and electric bill) to show you are a qualified elector.
4. For those in category 4 who are representatives of a trust, foundation, corporation, association or organization please bring a letter with appropriate stationary or other official authorization from the trust, foundation, corporation, association or organization indicating that you are the authorized representative, along with a photo ID to confirm your identity. We have a list of properties owned by trusts, LLCs, etc. Those representing these entities should register at the appropriate station. Please ensure that your letter indicates the full name of the trust, LLC, corporation, or other organization or association.