# Berry Lake Community District

P.O. Box 296, Cecil, WI 54111

## NOTICE - ANNUAL MEETING OF OWNERS AND ELECTORS

Date: July 16, 2025

**Dear Berry Lake Community District Owner/Elector:**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Section 33.30 of the Wisconsin Statutes, that the Berry Lake Community District will hold its 2025 Annual Meeting on August 23, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Town of Underhill Community Center located at 5597 Cardinal Road, Gillett, Wisconsin 54124. (Voter registration begins at 8:30am)**

Owners of property within the Berry Lake Community District; and residents within the Berry Lake Community District, have voting rights as electors. Three primary matters will be voted on at the Annual Meeting: 1) Election of Commissioners by secret ballot; 2) 2026 Operating Budget by show of voter number; and 3) Assessment Method by secret ballot. Voting rights are explained below. ***Note, you must be present at the Annual Meeting to vote.***

You are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting and to help in the decision-making processes of the District. The meeting Agenda and proposed 2026 Operating Budget is enclosed with this letter for your review. Additional information on a specific agenda item may be obtained by sending an e-mail to commissionsecretary@berrylakedistrict.org or by viewing the District website at http://www.berrylakecommunitydistrict.org

Candidates for Commissioner will be determined by nominations from the floor. A valid nomination requires a second, and the nominee must accept the nomination by indicating that, if elected, they will faithfully serve. Once nominations are closed, secret ballots will be voted, collected, and tallied/counted. Candidates may observe the counting process.

Each election ballot will have three (3) slots, each voter can vote for up to three (3) different candidates. At the end of voting, the candidate with the most votes will receive a three (3) year term, the second most will receive a two (2) year term, and the third most will receive a (1) year term.

District Officers (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) will be determined at a Commissioners meeting after the Annual Meeting.

You may vote for Commissioners, on the Budget, on Assessment Method and on other motions at the Berry Lake Community District Meeting if you qualify as a voter. You are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting if you meet the following conditions:

1) You are a US Citizen. [Wisconsin §6.02 and §33.01(9)(ar)] **AND**
2) You are at least 18 years of age. [Wisconsin §6.02 and §33.01(9)(ar)] **AND**
3) At least one or more of the following describes your situation.
    a. You have been a resident within the District regardless of whether you own property within the District for at least the last 28 consecutive days before the Annual Meeting. [Wisconsin §6.02]; **OR**
    b. You are named as the owner of property within the District, and your name appears on the tax roll or the property deed/title. Owners do not need to be residents within the District to be eligible to vote. [Wisconsin §33.01(9)(ar)] and §33.01(9)(ar)(2)]; **OR**
    c. You are the legal representative authorized to vote on behalf of a trust, foundation, corporation, association, or organization which owns property in the District as reflected on the tax roll or the property deed/title. As a legal representative, you do not need to be a resident or owner within the District to vote. [Wisconsin §33.01(9)(ar)(3)]. Note, each entity qualified to vote via this provision possesses only one vote.

**Note:** A person may not vote multiple times in the same election regardless of how many ways you may qualify to vote.

To comply with recent changes to Wisconsin Chapter 33 (statutes governing Lake Districts), the Lake District now requires that all meeting attendees sign a Voter Certification Form when they arrive at the Annual Meeting. Please be prepared to show a valid photo ID, if one is requested. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Andre Krainik
Berry Lake Community District Chairperson