TUG LAKE DISTRICT

Lincoln County, Wisconsin

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YOUR GUIDE TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

For property owners and residents

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The Tug Lake District holds its Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 29, 2026. It starts at 9:00 a.m. It is in the basement community room at Incredible Bank, 3210 E Main St in Merrill. You can also join online by Zoom.

This guide explains what will happen, when it will happen, and what you get to vote on.

Who can vote

You can vote if you own property in the District. You can also vote if you live in the District and are old enough to vote.

You have to be there in person. You cannot vote by mail. You cannot send someone else with your vote. State law does not allow it.

How the morning will go

TIME	WHAT HAPPENS	WHAT YOU DO
9:00 a.m.	The Chair opens the meeting	Sign in when you arrive
	We elect one Commissioner	Vote by secret ballot
	The meeting pauses	Stay in your seat
	The Board meets on its own business	You may watch. You do not vote
	The meeting starts again	
	The audit report	Listen and ask questions
	The budget for 2027	Suggest changes, then vote
9:30 a.m.	Three short talks	Listen and ask questions
	Public comment	Speak if you want to
	The meeting ends	
1:00 p.m.	Picnic at the public park	Bring a dish to pass

What you vote on

You vote on three things.

1. One Commissioner, for a term that runs from 2026 to 2029. John Greenwood has been nominated. You may name someone else at the meeting.
2. The budget for 2027. It plans to spend $23,700. You may suggest changes before the vote.
3. The tax. The Board proposes to raise $14,950 from property taxes. That is about $64 a year for every $100,000 your property is worth.

Part of next year's cost is paid from money the District already has. That is why the tax is lower than the amount the District plans to spend.

How the secret ballot works

- You get one ballot when you check in.

- Mark your choice. Do not sign it. Nobody will know how you voted.
- Hand it in when the Chair asks for ballots.
- Once the counting starts, no more ballots go out. Come on time.
- The ballots are counted right away. The Chair reads the result out loud.
- You may watch the count if you want to.

Why there are two meetings

Two meetings happen Saturday morning in the same room.

The Annual Meeting is yours. You vote in it. You elect a Commissioner, and you vote on the budget and the tax.

The Board of Commissioners meeting belongs to the Board. Only the three Commissioners vote in that one. They choose their own officers and handle Board business. You may watch, but you do not vote.

The Annual Meeting pauses while the Board meets. It starts again when the Board is done.

IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK

You can ask a question after the audit report, after the budget, and after each talk. There is also a public comment time near the end. Give your name before you speak. If you raise something that is not on the agenda, the Board cannot act on it that day, but it can be put on a later agenda.

Questions before the meeting? Call Commission Secretary John Greenwood at 715-218-0284, or email johnedgreenwood@gmail.com.