# Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District

#### **Voting Procedures**

# Voting Eligibility

According to Wisconsin State Law, every resident of the District who is registered or eligible to vote in general elections shall be an eligible elector of the District.

Non-resident property owners are also eligible to vote. Those whose names appear on the current District assessment roll prepared for purposes of real property taxation, or those who have provided proof of title to real property in the District, and who are U.S. citizens 18 years of age or older, are eligible electors in the District and may vote.

A non-resident spouse of a property owner may also vote as an owner of property under Wisconsin's Community Marital Property Laws.

Any trust, foundation, corporation, partnership, or association that owns real property in the District may authorize an official representative, officer, or employee to vote.

### Casting Ballots – One Person, One Vote

Under Wisconsin law, every elector may only cast one vote on any question called to a vote. Even those who own multiple parcels are only entitled to one vote per owner, not one vote per parcel.

### Absentee Ballots

In 2004, the WI State legislature passed Act 274, making some legislative changes to Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the chapter that specifically pertains to lake districts. Chapter 33 was updated to say that <u>no absentee ballots or proxies are permitted</u> at an annual meeting or a special meeting of the district. Wis. Stat. 33.30(2)(b) and 33.305(4).

### Notice of Meetings

Written notice of the annual meeting and budget hearing – "The District Dialogue" - is mailed at least ten days in advance of the meeting to all property owners whose names appear on the tax roll. Notice is also published in the Elkhorn Independent newspaper and is posted at Lauderdale Lakes Country Club.

Notice of the annual meeting and regular board meetings are also available on lauderdalelakedistrict.com.