

Annual Meeting Voter Eligibility

The Big Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (BCLPRD) was created pursuant to Chapter 33, Wisconsin Statutes in 1975. Chapter 33 gives the BCLPRD a broad range of financial and administrative powers to undertake lake management programs. The authority to govern Big Cedar Lake is shared by the board of commissioners and the resident voters and non-resident property owners at the annual meeting. Non-resident voters are unique and require additional documentation to prove voter eligibility. Each qualified voter is entitled to cast one vote at the Annual Meeting. Ownership or interest in more than one parcel of real estate within the district does not entitle the individual to more than one vote.

A voter can qualify to vote in one of two ways:

- Resident who meets the qualifications to vote in Town elections.
- or
- Non-resident who owns property in the district.

An owner is defined in Chapter 33.01(9) as:

- A person whose name appears as an owner of real property
- The spouse of an owner
- The person is the official representative, officer, or employee who is authorized to vote on behalf of a trust, foundation, corporation, association, or organization that owns real property in the district

No absentee ballots or proxies are permitted.

Notification of the district's policy regarding proof of eligibility to vote will be posted on the website and included in the notice of the annual meeting.

- Documents required to provide proof of residency:
 - Government issued ID with current address.
- Documents required to provide proof of ownership:
 - Government issued ID along with a tax bill, a copy of the deed, a letter on the stationery of an organization owning property which clearly authorized the person to vote on behalf of that organization.
 - An LLC (limited liability company) is a cross between a partnership and a corporation. Members establish the entity to reduce liability but have the option to pass taxes to the members' Social Security numbers. An LLC receives one vote: Individual named on the LLC along with government issued ID.
 - If a trust or LLC has a generic name: Articles of organization or tax return proving an individual's interest in the trust along with government issued ID.
- Proof of spouse whose name does not appear on the tax roll:

- Government issued ID with the same address as the person named on the tax roll.
- Joint mortgage or lease documents (make sure to include the entire mortgage or lease)
- Utility or other bills showing both spouses' names
- Property deed with both spouses' names
- et al on property tax bill:
 - Government issued ID and name MUST be on deed.

A PERSON MUST BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO DEPOSIT A BALLOT. ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND PROXIES ARE NOT PERMITTED PER WISCONSIN STATUTES, SECTION 33.30(2)(b).