

Notice of Partisan Primary and Sample Ballots

August 11, 2026

Office of the Town Clerk

To the voters of the Town of Cottage Grove:

Notice is hereby given of a partisan primary to be held in in the Town of Cottage Grove on August 11, 2026, at which the nominees for the offices named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office under the appropriate party, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, if any, in the sample ballot below.

Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."**

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter. If a voter is unable to state their name and address, an assistant may also do so for the voter.

At the partisan primary, the voter shall select the party of their choice. Voting for candidates of more than one party may invalidate the ballot. The voter must cast a vote for individual candidates.

Where Optical Scan Voting is used

- If a party preference *is designated*, and votes are cast for ballot candidates of another party or write-in votes are cast in another party, only votes cast in the designated party will count.
- If a party preference *is not designated*, and votes are cast for candidates (or write-in votes are cast) in more than one party, no votes will be counted

Within the party of their choice, the voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* ("*Express Vote*") to mark an **optical scan** ballot, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the party of their choice. The voter shall then touch the screen at the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

Spoiled Ballots

If a voter spoils an **optical scan** ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official **optical scan** ballot is marked, it may be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter shall then insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Kim Banigan
Town of Cottage Grove Clerk-Treasurer

Official Primary Ballot
Partisan Office
August 11, 2026

Notice to voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by 2 election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials.)

21 General Instructions If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask a poll worker for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk.) To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: . To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: . Special Instructions for Voting in a Partisan Primary In the Partisan Primary: - You may vote in only ONE party's primary. - If you choose a party, votes cast in that party will be counted. Votes cast in any other party will not be counted. - If you do not choose a party and you vote in more than one party, no votes will be counted. You must vote for individual candidates. Party Preference Section Choose a party in which to vote. Fill in the oval next to your party choice, like this: . Choose only ONE. ☐ Republican ☐ Democratic ☐ Constitution ☐ Libertarian ☐ Wisconsin Green

Constitution Party Primary (cont.)

County (cont.)

Clerk of Circuit Court
Vote for 1

write-in:

STOP

End Constitution Party Primary

Libertarian Party Primary

If you vote in this party's primary, you may not vote in any other party's primary.

Statewide

Governor
Vote for 1

write-in:

Lieutenant Governor
Vote for 1

write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

write-in:

Secretary of State
Vote for 1

write-in:

State Treasurer
Vote for 1

write-in:

Congressional

Representative in Congress
District 2
Vote for One

write-in:

Legislative

Representative to the Assembly
District 46
Vote for 1

write-in:

County

Sheriff
Vote for 1

write-in:

Clerk of Circuit Court
Vote for 1

write-in:

STOP

End Libertarian Party Primary

Wisconsin Green Party Primary

If you vote in this party's primary, you may not vote in any other party's primary.

Statewide

Governor
Vote for 1

write-in:

Lieutenant Governor
Vote for 1

write-in:

Attorney General
Vote for 1

write-in:

Secretary of State
Vote for 1

Pete Karas

write-in:

Wisconsin Green Party Primary continues at top of next column.

Wisconsin Green Party Primary (cont.)

Statewide (cont.)

State Treasurer
Vote for 1

write-in:

Congressional

Representative in Congress
District 2
Vote for 1

write-in:

Legislative

Representative to the Assembly
District 46
Vote for 1

write-in:

County

Sheriff
Vote for 1

write-in:

Clerk of Circuit Court
Vote for 1

write-in:

STOP

End Wisconsin Green Party Primary

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Official Primary Ballot
Partisan Office
August 11, 2026
for
T Albion Wds 2-3
T Christiana Wds 1-2
T Cottage Grove Wds 1-6
T Deerfield Wds 1-2
T Medina Wds 1-2
V Cambridge Wds 2-3
V Cottage Grove Wds 1-3, 5, 7
V Cottage Grove Wds 4, 6, 8-9
V Deerfield Wds 1-3
V Marshall Wds 1-5
V McFarland Wd 13
V Rockdale Wd 1
C Madison Wd 125

Ballot Issued by

Initials of election inspectors

Absentee ballot issued by

Initials of municipal clerk or deputy clerk

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

Signature of assistor

For Official Use Only

Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade.

Overvoted

Damaged

Other

If this is the Original Ballot, write the serial number here:

If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write the serial number here:

Initials of inspectors who remade ballot

Page 2 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot begins on other side.