

# Greater Ramsey Water District



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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

**Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025 • 7 pm at GRWD office**

The annual meeting for Greater Ramsey Water District's members will be Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 7 pm at the Greater Ramsey Water District office located at 113 Shamrock Ln SE, Devils Lake. Refreshments will be served and members will be eligible for door prizes, which include 1st prize - \$150 credit on account, 2nd prize - \$100 credit and 3rd prize - \$50 account credit. The annual meeting is held to conduct business, elect directors, and inform the members of the District's operations from the previous year as well as current activities and long-term planning.

### Election of Directors

Two directors will be elected at the annual meeting as follows:

**Ward 1** – Director must be a member residing from the area south of the water treatment plant and the south shore of Devils Lake. This seat is currently held by Gilbert Black and he is seeking re-election for another 3-year term.

**Ward 2** – Director must reside in the area south of US Highway 2 to the north shore of Devils Lake and will be elected to a 3-year term. Doug Mohr currently holds this position and does not plan at this time to seek another term.

If interested in serving as one of GRWD's directors, please contact Lonnie Lacina, manager at 701-662-5781 for a nomination form and he will forward your name to the nominating committee. Deadline for nomination is 3 pm, January 15, 2025. The nominating committee will review the nominations for placement on the ballot.

### VOTE on By-Laws Change

The board of directors have approved a proposed amendment to the by-laws for members to vote on at the annual membership meeting. The proposed amendment will update the election process to allow for in-person voting one week prior to the annual meeting, voting at large, business proxy voting, tie-breaking procedure, meeting notification timeline, along with some updated verbiage. The full proposal is available upon request or on the District's website, [www.grwdnd.com](http://www.grwdnd.com). If approved, changes will take effect for the 2026 annual meeting.

### 2025 Water and Sewer Rates

The 2025 budget for GRWD operations proposed by the budget committee was presented to the board at the November meeting. The following rate adjustments were approved. Customers with a \$35 monthly water base rate will see a \$5 monthly increase. This rate adjustment is in line with the rate realignment study completed several years ago to project and plan for current and future needs of the water system. The charge for water used will remain the same in 2025. The monthly sewer fee will remain the same. A tank/line replacement fee of \$5 per month for sewer customers will be added as a separate fee. This fee will be used to offset cost of replacement as these appurtenances fail. The budget is set for approval at the December board meeting.

Fee schedule for other services was approved. These include a change in the disconnect fee. The first disconnect in the year will be \$50 with subsequent occurrences at \$100. Return check fee will change to \$30. GRWD requests a 24-hour notice to schedule non-emergency on-site requests, such as turning water on/off, meter checks, etc. For efficiency of operations in serving the District's 9-county service area, staff are dispatched daily throughout the system to meet operational needs. Scheduled requests will be worked into daily schedules. Non-emergency requests within 24 hours will be considered a service call and billed accordingly. These fees go into effect January 1, 2025.

*Plan to join us at the annual meeting to learn more about your system, to cast your vote for director and to vote on by-laws amendment.*