

Residents,

On Wednesday January 17, 2024, a special meeting was held at River North Country Club to vote on the 2024 Budget and reinstating Jones County Sheriff's Office into River North subdivision. All of the votes were counted and placed back into the ballot box and locked. The only person with the passcode to unlock the box is a Captain with the Jones County Sheriff's Office. For those of you who were present, you witnessed the Jones County Sheriff's Office Captain holding the lock to the ballot box in his hand.

As it pertains to the 2024 budget, for River Communities Association, 144 votes were cast. 42 of these votes were in person and 102 of the votes were by proxy. 62 of the votes cast were to approve the budget and 82 were to disapprove the budget. The budget is automatically approved unless disapproved of by a majority of all residents of River Communities Association. 208 votes were needed to disapprove the budget, thus there was not sufficient votes to disapprove the 2024 budget, so it was **approved**.

As it pertains to the 2024 budget, for River North Association, 68 votes were cast. 12 of these votes were in person and 56 of the votes were by proxy. 31 of the votes cast were to approve the budget and 37 were to disapprove the budget. The budget is automatically approved upon presentment and determination by the President of the Board. There were not sufficient votes to disapprove the 2024 budget, so it was **approved**.

As it pertains to the Jones County Sheriff's Office Reinstatement to River North subdivision, 205 votes were cast. 54 of these votes were in person and 151 of the votes were by proxy. 111 of the votes cast were for reinstatement and 94 were against reinstatement. This needed to be passed by a majority of voters, thus reinstatement was approved. Due to the confusion of adding a vote to remove a board member, there was miscommunication between the Board of Directors, the ballot counter, and Sheriff's Deputy which led us to initially announce that the reinstatement was disapproved. This was incorrect and the Jones County Sheriff's reinstatement to the neighborhood has been **approved**.

During the meeting, a motion was presented to remove Rita Trapaga-Bazail as a member of the Board of Directors of River Communities Association, Inc. According to Article II, Section 3 of the Bylaws of River Communities Association, unless 75% of the members present or by proxy consent to adding business, only the business stated in the notice may be transacted at a special meeting. 138 votes were cast on the issue of adding new business to the agenda of the special meeting. 36 of these votes were in person and 102 of the votes were by proxy. 28 of the votes cast were for adding new business to the agenda of the special meeting and 110 were against adding new business. 75% of the members present or by proxy did not consent to adding new business so the motion to remove Rita Trapaga-Bazail was not added to the agenda of the special meeting. Please note: The proxy form presented allows the President of River Communities Association to vote on behalf of all proxies on any new business presented at the special meeting, and Mr. Robles voted to not deviate from the agenda as noticed.

All votes cast were counted and tallied by a third-party not associated with the Board of Directors and overseen by a Captain with the Jones County Sheriff's Office.

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