

## **Frequently Asked Questions about eVoting**

### **Why is Hammock Dunes Owners' Association (HDOA) adding electronic voting (ezVoteOnLine) as an alternative to the paper ballots used in the past?**

HDOA has become aware of the many benefits of electronic voting and wants to make them available to our community:

- Electronic voting is fast and easy:
  - You can vote in minutes,
  - Vote tabulation takes place in real time with reliable accuracy,
  - It combines the quorum and voting steps, necessary with paper ballots, into a single quick & easy step, and
  - Your ballot is delivered directly into your authorized email account.
- HDOA saves money on:
  - Paper, printing & envelopes, and
  - Postage & mail preparation.
- It reduces our impact on the environment by:
  - Decreasing the use and waste of paper,
  - Eliminating fuel-intensive delivery of mailing, and by
  - Reducing the space necessary for storage of ballots.

### **Will paper ballots still be available?**

Yes. If you choose not to register for electronic voting, you will receive a paper ballot in the mail as you have in the past.

### **What do I need to do in 2021 to register for electronic voting?**

You received an email with a link to the eVoting registration form.

- 1) It asks if you consent to electronic voting and, if you consent, you will receive an electronic ballot at the time of the 2022 annual meeting.
- 2) It asks if you consent to electronic communications, which means it will convert paper communications you currently receive to electronic versions.

If you want to proceed with either or both, check the box(es) and the Submit button.

**If I have multiple email addresses on file, will each one receive the registration email? How will duplication be avoided?**

The October eVoting email was sent to all addresses on file. Once an owner has used the link to give consent and register to vote, that account will be complete, and no other registrations will be accepted. This will avoid duplication.

**If I own multiple properties, how will registration work?**

When you register, include the addresses of every property you own. You will need to register only once, but when you vote in 2022, your ballot will count multiple times, once for each property you own.

**Must every Owner of the property complete the consent form?**

No, only a single voter from any given property needs to provide consent in order for the household to be considered 'consented'.

**If ownership is in different legal names on different properties within Hammock Dunes, will that Owner still need to complete only a single consent form to cover all properties?**

Yes. The 'Email Address' is used as the unique identifier for a Voter, not for a property. If 2 or more properties are listed under the same email address (regardless of the property 'name'), all of those properties roll up under that email address.

**How can I submit my email address to Southern States Management?**

Simply call the help line (last question below), and Rosie will be pleased to update your profile so that you can receive electronic communications.

**In 2022, when the voting related to the annual HDOA meeting takes place, what will I need to do?**

At voting time, all registered voters will receive an electronic ballot. Simply watch your email and complete the ballot when it arrives.

**When it comes to voting, will my vote be confidential/anonymous?**

Yes, the Board of Directors has notified ezVote to implement the highest level of security. No one will be able to see your vote or access your email addresses.

**Help Line: Is there someone I can call to get help?**

If you have additional questions about electronic voting or want to update your email address(es), please call or email Rosie Maisonet-Garvey, Community Association Manager, with Southern States at 386-446-6333 (ext 337), [Rosie@ssmgfl.com](mailto:Rosie@ssmgfl.com).