
**River Club Homeowners Association
North Augusta, SC
Board Meeting – August 21, 2026
Meeting Minutes**



HOA Board members in attendance:

- Paula Bell, President
- Craig Newman – Vice President
- Aileen Clark, Treasurer
- Jeff Rucker, ACC Chair
- Lisa Lops, Secretary

The meeting was held at Paula Bell's house (451 E Shoreline Dr).
Paula Bell called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Recurring Business:

- Aileen Clark presented the Treasurer's report. The association's current balance is \$24,563.35. The board reviewed and discussed that HOA insurance premiums have increased by approximately 20%. Auto-Owners is currently the only insurance company carrying HOA insurance for the Association; they are not currently creating new HOA insurance policies.

General Information and Community Updates:

- A king snake has been observed several times near the community dock during July. The snake was observed entering a ground mole hole, and it appears the snake may have killed the ground mole.
- Rotted boards at the community dock were replaced, and the entire area was painted. The contractor corrected additional areas that were initially missed before payment was made.
- A decorative rock was placed over a cable box near the entrance to improve its appearance.

Police Report

- A low-speed vehicle (golf cart) struck the mailbox at 415 E. Shoreline Drive and left the scene without stopping. The Association's license plate reader camera identified the LSV, and that information was provided to NAPS. NAPS contacted the individual, who is required to pay for the mailbox repairs.

Yard Maintenance – Lot 66

- Due to no response from the homeowner at Lot 66, Diaz Landscaping has been asked to cut the grass every other week. They will submit an invoice for the work.
- Paula will try to collect the cost from the homeowner. If the funds cannot be collected, the amount will be added to the existing lien on the property. The homeowner's son was contacted by email regarding the outstanding \$290 owed to the Association for recent lawn maintenance. He was also reminded of the existing lien on the property. He did not respond.

Landscaping

- The Board considered changing landscaping companies but determined that the quoted prices were too high.

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- One company quoted \$2,300 per month. A second company provided a quote, but the amount was not available at the time of the meeting. That quote was also very high.
 - The Association currently pays \$670 per month for landscaping services.

Landing HOA

- Paula asked The Landing HOA to clean its neighborhood sign and the green AT&T box at the entrance to its neighborhood. They agreed and completed this on July 23, 2026.

City Requests and Completed Projects

- Pavement near 378 E. Shoreline Drive: Paula asked the City to repair uneven pavement that was holding water after rainfall. Task completed.
- Streetlight pole at the first entrance island: The City was asked to clean and paint the pole. Task completed August 12, 2026.
- Dead snake near the community dock: The City was asked to remove the dead snake from the roadway. Task completed.
- Culvert behind the white fence: The City was asked to inspect overgrown brush to determine whether it is affecting water drainage into the river.

Dominion Streetlights

- Paula requested Dominion Energy to clean and paint several streetlights within the neighborhood. They inspected the streetlights and advised that they only paint poles when there is structural damage.

Entrance Landscaping

- Paula asked the Association's landscaping company to evaluate the areas on the right side of the community entrance and provide ideas for improving the appearance. The board members were provided with pictures of the area. The area does not have access to water for irrigation. A jasmine hedge was discussed as one possible landscaping option, and additional ideas are being sought. (pictures attached)
- The area behind the #13 green, where the golf course recently planted and mulched, is becoming overgrown with weeds and is unsightly. Several ideas for maintaining and improving this area were discussed. Paula and Jeff will coordinate a time to meet with Chris Verdery to discuss possible solutions. (pictures attached)

Executive Session

- At 10:37 a.m., the meeting entered executive session.
- The meeting returned from executive session at 10:43 a.m.

Boats and Boat Trailers

- Paula presented a draft letter regarding the storage of boats and boat trailers on homeowners' lots. Several neighbors have had boats and/or boat trailers stored in their driveways for an extended period.
- Paula will send an email to all homeowners reminding them of the covenant requirements regarding boats and boat trailers on a homeowner's lot.
- The letter will provide affected homeowners with a 60-day grace period to make appropriate arrangements.

Treasurer Announcement

- Aileen Clark announced that she will step down from her position as Treasurer at the end of January 2027.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting will be held at Craig Newman's home, 188 E. Shoreline Drive.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

