

EZvote Q&A

6/17/2025 CBMHC

Q. Why are we using an electronic voting system?

A. Due to our community's transient nature, especially after the hurricane, electronic voting ensures everyone's voice is heard and counted. Electronic voting is the one of the most secure, easiest and least expensive options to set up ballots and take votes. It is permitted under Florida statute 719.

Q. What if I don't have access to cast my vote electronically or prefer not to cast my vote electronically?

A. If you choose not to sign up for electronic voting or do not have the means to do so, you will be mailed a paper ballot. This will be a hybrid voting platform

Q. I'm concerned with the integrity of electronic voting. Is it safe and secure?

A. All ballots are private. The election manager (Ameritech) can only view the results at the end of the voting tally. Ameritech can see "who" voted and "when" they voted, but they CANNOT view the individual voter ballots, even after the election. Paper ballots will be handled as in the past. Paper ballots will be opened and counted during the Shareholder meeting by Ameritech. Shareholders are welcome and encouraged to observe the process during the meeting.

Q. Can Ameritech or the board change any votes?

A. NO. This is against the law. The board will not see any of the votes and will not have access to the electronic or mailed ballots. EZVote system will be doing all the online vote tallying. The paper ballots will be opened by Ameritech and counted in front of everyone and then hand entered into the EZVote system for final tally.

Q. I have read that some people said they did not consent to the link but received immediate confirmation they agreed to electronic voting. How is this possible?

A. It is unlikely to happen. However, it may be due to certain email service providers and anti-virus software applications that scan all links and attachments in incoming emails to safeguard against viruses. In some cases, EZvote software interprets this activity as link-clicking and sends an email to confirm your consent. Or the button may have been clicked unintentionally or unknowingly. Please contact Michael Diorio at Ameritech, 727.726.8000 x102, for immediate correction if any of this was the case.

Q. How many do you expect to use electronic voting.

A. We currently have 100 residents with email addresses capable of voting electronically. We expect over 80 shareholders to participate in the electronic voting process at our July shareholder meeting. As people become more familiar and comfortable with electronic voting we feel these numbers will only increase.