

FIRST COMMUNITY CORP /SC/  
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UNITED STATES  
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Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**First Community Corporation**

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August 5, 2004

Dear First Community Corporation Shareholder:

We recently mailed you proxy materials in connection with our upcoming Special Meeting of Shareholders to be held on August 31, 2004. According to our records, we have not yet received your proxy.

*It is very important* that your shares be voted, regardless of the number of shares you own.

Please take a moment to **VOTE** your shares by returning your proxy in the envelope provided. If your shares are held with a broker or bank, you can also vote by telephone or the internet by following the enclosed instructions. **Our board of directors unanimously recommends a "FOR" vote on each proposal.**

Please disregard this letter if you already voted your shares. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

/s/ JAMES C. LEVENTIS  
James C. Leventis  
Chairman of the Board

/s/ MICHAEL C. CRAPPS  
Michael C. Crapps  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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PLEASE MARK VOTES AS IN THIS EXAMPLE

REVOCABLE PROXY FIRST COMMUNITY CORPORATION

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY SOLICITED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The undersigned hereby appoints Michael C. Crapps and Joseph G. Sawyer, or any of them, as attorneys and proxies, with full power of substitution, to vote all shares of the common stock of First Community Corporation held of record by the undersigned on July 6, 2004, at the Special Meeting of Shareholders of First Community Corporation to be held at Saluda Shoals Park, River Center - F.B. Johnston Room, 5605 Bush River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212 at 11:00 a.m. on August 31, 2004, and at any adjournments thereof. The undersigned hereby directs that the shares represented by this appointment of proxy be voted as follows on the proposal described below:

1. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER:

Proposal to approve the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated April 12, 2004 between First Community Corporation and DutchFork Bancshares, Inc.

For o Against o Abstain o

2. AUTHORITY TO VOTE ON ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING:

In the event there are insufficient votes present at the special meeting, in person or by proxy, to approve the Agreement and Plan of Merger, the Board of Directors may propose one or more adjournments of the Special Meeting to allow time for further solicitation of proxies. If you do not make a selection below, the proxy will be voted to grant authority to adjourn. The undersigned hereby:

For o Against o Abstain o

3. OTHER BUSINESS:

Except as may be otherwise provided below, on such other matters as may properly come before the Special Meeting, the proxies are authorized to vote the shares represented by this appointment of proxy in accordance with their best judgement.

THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THIS APPOINTMENT OF PROXY WILL BE VOTED AS DIRECTED ABOVE. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY DIRECTION, SUCH SHARES WILL BE VOTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER AND BE VOTED TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO ADJOURN. THIS APPOINTMENT OF PROXY MAY BE REVOKED BY THE HOLDER OF THE SHARES TO WHICH IT RELATES AT ANY TIME BEFORE IT IS EXERCISED BY FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF FIRST COMMUNITY CORPORATION A WRITTEN INSTRUMENT REVOKING IT OR A DULY EXECUTED APPOINTMENT OF PROXY BEARING A LATER DATE OR BY ATTENDING THE SPECIAL MEETING AND ANNOUNCING HIS OR HER INTENTION TO VOTE IN PERSON.

Please be sure to sign and date this Proxy in the box below.

Date

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Shareholder sign above

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Co-holder (if any) sign above

^ Detach above card, sign, date and mail in postage paid envelope provided. ^

FIRST COMMUNITY CORPORATION 5455 Sunset Boulevard Lexington, South Carolina 29072

Instruction: Please sign above exactly as your name appears on this appointment of proxy. Joint owners of shares should both sign. Fiduciaries or other persons signing in a representative capacity should indicate the capacity in which they are signing.

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**PLEASE ACT PROMPTLY  
SIGN, DATE & MAIL YOUR PROXY CARD TODAY**

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