

Public Comment Rules of Order and Guidelines

Rules of Order for Regular Board Meeting

Citizens who wish to have a subject discussed at a Board Meeting are encouraged to notify the District Administrator in advance.

The Public Comment period is an opportunity for members of the public to inform the Board of Managers of their views. The Board of Managers then considers input from the public to make decisions. The public does not participate in the decision-making.

During the Citizens to be Heard portion of a Board Meeting:

- Citizens may share their comments or concerns on any issue that is the responsibility or function of the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District, whether or not the issue is on the agenda.
- When the Board President asks interested parties to come forward, you must come to the podium, state your name, and present your comments.
- Comments must be addressed exclusively to the Board President and the full Board of Managers. Comments addressed to individual Board members will not be allowed.
- You are encouraged to limit your presentation to no more than three minutes.
- Any Board Member may limit an individual's presentation if it exceeds the allowable time limit, becomes redundant, repetitive, disrespectful, overly argumentative, or if it is not relevant to an issue that is part of the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District's responsibilities.

Rules of Order for Hearings & Informational Meetings

Citizens are encouraged to contact BRRWD staff prior to a Hearing with questions. With reasonable notice, staff will make every effort to answer questions prior to the Hearing. Answers to questions brought to staff prior to the Hearing, will be included in presentation at Hearing.

The Public Comment period is an opportunity for members of the public to inform the Board of Managers of their views. During the Public Comment period at a Hearing, the Board of Managers will not engage in dialogue with the public. The Board of Managers will consider input from the public to make decisions. The public does not participate in the decision-making.

During the Public Comment period of a Hearing or Informational Meeting:

- Citizens may share their comments or concerns only on the topic included on the Public Notice.
- When the Board President asks interested parties to come forward, you must come to the podium, state your name, and present your comments.
- Comments must be addressed exclusively to the Board President and the full Board of Managers. Comments addressed to individual Board members will not be allowed.
- Any Board Member may limit an individual's presentation if it exceeds the allowable time limit, becomes redundant, repetitive, disrespectful, overly argumentative, or if it is not relevant to the issue included in the Public Notice.