

Indiana County Conservation District

Public Comment & Media Coverage Policy During District Meetings

The Indiana County Conservation District encourages and values input from the community on all subject areas that are under the guidance of the Indiana County Conservation District Board of Directors and Staff.

Act 93 - The Sunshine Law - requires public comment be allowed before official action is taken at a public meeting. The District Board reserves the right to limit the time allotted for public comment. The Board has set aside a period of time at the beginning of each meeting to allow for comments on issues that relate to the planned business of the meeting.

The Indiana County Conservation District Board of Directors and Staff adhere to the following policy when accepting public comment.

Public Comment

1. All individuals in attendance who wish to provide comment must register by writing their name and comment topic on a form provided by the Conservation District prior to the beginning of the meeting.
2. Only two representatives will be permitted to address the Board of Directors on the same topic. In the case of more than two representatives for the same topic being present, the two that may address the Board of Directors will be selected based on the order in which they registered.
3. Comments will be limited to five minutes for each individual.
4. Inappropriate behavior such as disorderly, disrespectful, or boisterous conduct or outbursts will not be tolerated during the meeting. The Chairman will issue one warning to the individual(s) responsible for the inappropriate behavior. Any additional incidents by the individual(s) during the meeting will result in the Chairman dismissing the responsible person(s) from the meeting.
5. Opportunities will be provided for public comment on agenda items that were added after the printed meeting agenda was distributed in advance of the meeting, providing that the other items in this public comment policy are followed.

Media Coverage

1. No media coverage is permitted to become obtrusive to the official action taking place during the meeting.

Adopted on November 21, 2000 by the Indiana County Conservation District Board of Directors.