

NORTH BOONE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 3

PUBLIC MEETING SPEAKING RULES

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pursuant to the North Boone Fire Protection District #3 Board of Trustees's rule-making authority set forth in the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the rules governing public comment at all board meetings of the Board of Trustees of this District shall be as follows:

1. There shall be a public comment period listed as a "Public Comment" item near the beginning of the meeting agenda for all board meetings of the Board of Trustees of the District, the board reserves the right to move the comment period in the agenda;
2. There will be public comment time scheduled to allow for 3 (three) minutes per speaker;
3. All persons wishing to address the board and comment are requested to send an email to president@northboonefire.com by 4:30 p.m. the day of the scheduled meeting;
4. Public speakers will be scheduled in the order the requests are received and if guidelines are adhered to;
5. All speakers called to address the board shall first identify themselves, and if they choose, give their residential address by street, town, village, or city, before they offer any comment to the board;
6. Speakers shall limit their commentary to three (3) minutes. Should any speaker wish to offer further comments to the board beyond the time allotted, they may tender such further comments in written form to the board secretary;
7. Speakers shall limit their commentary to matters of District #3 business;
8. Speakers shall offer their commentary from the front of the meeting room;
9. Speakers shall not use their commentary in an attempt to interrogate board members nor in an attempt to force the body to engage in debate;
10. Speakers shall refrain from unduly repetitious commentary;
11. Speakers shall not employ profane or threatening language, nor shall they engage in any personal attacks;
12. Speakers shall respect both the decorum of the public meeting and the authority of the President as the board's presiding officer; and,
13. Speakers whose behavior disrupt the conduct of the public meeting or threaten the public safety are subject to removal from the meeting by the Sergeant at Arms upon a finding by President that the speaker's behavior has violated this rule.