

Policy on Public Comment  
Before the Clark County Drainage Board

The following Policy was duly adopted by the Clark County Drainage Board on December 17, 2019, by unanimous vote of the members of the Clark County Drainage Board.

There shall be an open public comment period to be held at each regularly scheduled meeting of the Clark County Drainage Board.

The comment period shall be held as the last agenda item at each regular meeting and shall extend for a period of 15 minutes, provided there is someone present who desires to make public comment.

Any person desiring to make a public comment shall, prior to the commencement of the meeting, place their name on a sheet of paper designated for such purpose and placed near the entrance to the meeting site.

Each person who signs the aforementioned sign-in sheet, shall be called by the Chairman of the Drainage Board in the order in which their name appears on said sheet, until such time as the public comment period has ended or there are no more people wishing to make public comment.

Each person shall have 3 minutes to make comment and a person may make comment only once during a public comment period.

Each speaker should have knowledge of the responsibilities of the Drainage Board and the limits of its jurisdiction. Information regarding such responsibility and jurisdiction is available at the office of the Drainage Board and on the web-site for the Drainage Board – [co.clark.in.us/index.php/clark-county-indiana-government/clark-county-indiana-drainage-board](http://co.clark.in.us/index.php/clark-county-indiana-government/clark-county-indiana-drainage-board).

Public comment is not in lieu of and shall not be handled as if a filed complaint. That is, no official action can be taken by the Drainage Board related to a drainage issue or the blockage of a mutual drain or natural surface water course based solely upon comments made during a public comment period.

If a speaker knows or is made aware that more than one person is to speak on a matter during the public comment period, the speaker is asked not to repeat what another speaker has already stated on a particular matter.

All comments made by a speaker during a public comment period shall be directed to the Chairman of the Drainage Board and not to any other particular member, ex-officio member or the staff or other representative of the Drainage Board.


While a speaker is making public comment, others in attendance shall refrain from making audible sounds or visual gestures toward the speaker, whether for or against the comments of the speaker.

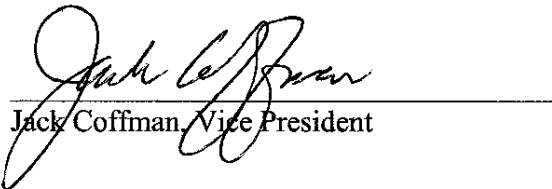
While the Drainage Board wants to be receptive to hear the voice of the public, the Chairman of the Drainage Board shall have authority to ask a speaker to refrain from or stop making comments that the Chairman, in the Chairman's sole discretion, believes are not appropriate to be heard before a meeting of the Drainage Board or is not within the responsibilities or jurisdiction of the Drainage Board.


The public is advised, should they desire to make comment during the public comment period of a meeting, to check with the Clark County Drainage Board office at 812-285-6381 the day of the meeting to be certain that a meeting will be held.

Duly adopted on December 17, 2019.

Clark County Drainage Board

  
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