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CHAPTER 1
AUTHORITY

•01 In accordance with Chapter 84, Article 14 of Nebraska Revised Statutes, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District to provide an opportunity for public participation at all regular and special meetings of the board of directors and any other official meetings of the District or its committees.

CHAPTER 2
ATTENDANCE SHEET

•01 Any individual wishing to be heard should indicate such on the attendance sheet furnished by the District and list the item or items of the agenda on which he or she wishes to be heard.
•02 Such attendance sheet shall be circulated prior to the meeting or be set at the entrance to the meeting room.

CHAPTER 3
ADDRESSING THE BOARD

•01 The chairman shall call upon all such individuals indicating their desire to be heard in any order the chairman shall determine under each item of the agenda to which comments are indicated as desired.
•02 The chairman at his or her discretion, at the request of any other board member or under items added as “emergency items” to the agenda, may also call upon any other individual present and wishing to be heard, even though such individual had not indicated on the attendance sheet a desire to be heard.
   02.01 Such individuals shall only be called upon after all attendance sheet requests have been given the opportunity to be heard.
•03 Every individual addressing the board of directors shall begin by stating his or her name and address for the purpose of maintaining a proper record.
•04 Remarks shall be limited to five minutes unless further time is granted by the chairman.
•05 All remarks made shall be addressed to the board of directors, as a body and not to any member thereof.
•06 No individual, other than the board members and the individual having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through a member of the board, without permission of the chairman.
•07 The chairman shall have the right to call upon individuals other than board members to respond to any questions.
•08 No question shall be asked a board member, except through the presiding officer.
•09 Written copies of remarks made by individuals may be submitted to the board of directors.
The chairman shall have the right to call any individual out of order because of the nature of his or her remarks, if such remarks are being improperly addressed to other than the board of directors, or because such remarks are repetitious or cumulative in nature.

The chairman shall have the right to restrict further participation from any individual who conducts himself or herself in violation of these rules and regulations or, who after being warned by the chairman, persists in conduct which is of a disruptive nature.

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