

Benton Soil and Water Conservation District Policy for Taking Public Comments at District Public Meetings

Benton SWCD welcomes public comment from members of our community. Board of Directors meetings are held the second Monday of the month. In-person board meetings are held quarterly. All meetings have a virtual option through Zoom. Public comment will not be taken through the Zoom Chat feature after the meeting's public comment period has ended, as determined by the Board Chair.

If a member of the public wishes to address the Benton SWCD Board during a board meeting, they are encouraged to contact the District's Operations Coordinator (visit our website at <u>www.bentonswcd.org</u>) no later than 3pm on the day of the board meeting to request the Zoom link to enable meeting attendance. The public is also encouraged to check our website for the meeting schedule, as occasionally meeting dates change, and the location of in-person meetings varies.

Members of the public are welcome to speak for a maximum of three minutes, at a time on the agenda designated by the Board Chair. Before addressing the Board, the speaker must state their full name as well as whether they live in Benton County, for the record. Public comments may appear in meeting minutes.