## BUCKHORN VALLEY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 RESOLUTION NO. 12.30.2021

# A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BUCKHORN VALLEY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 ADOPTING A POLICY FOR BOARD MEETINGS INCLUDING PUBLIC COMMENTS

WHEREAS, the Buckhorn Valley Metropolitan District No. 1 ("District") is a Colorado special district formed and functioning by authority of C.R.S. § 32-1-101, *et seq.*, and has the authority to enact its own rules regarding meetings of its governing body; and

WHEREAS, it is the general practice of the Board of Directors of the Buckhorn Valley Metropolitan District No. 1 ("Board") to include an agenda item at regular Board meetings allowing members of the public to address the Board on topics not related to specific items on the agenda; and

WHEREAS, the Board also accepts comments from members of the public at public hearings and other situations where comments may be invited for specific agenda items; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes and encourages the right of members of the public to address the Board pursuant to the First Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, a Board meeting is a limited public forum in which the Board has the authority to impose reasonable, content-neutral regulations regarding the time, place, and manner of public speech; and

WHEREAS, the Board has the authority to place reasonable restrictions on comments and presentations by members of the public in order to provide for the efficient management of public meetings and to allow sufficient time and attention to address specific agenda items and to conduct the business of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt a uniform policy for its meetings including comments by members of the public.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Buckhorn Valley Metropolitan District No. 1, as follows:

- 1. <u>Recitals</u>. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings and determinations of the Board.
- 2. <u>Policy</u>. The Board hereby approves and adopts the following Policy for Board Meetings, attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, which shall be posted or made available to members of the public at any meeting where members of the public may be permitted to address the Board.
  - 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption hereof.

INTRODUCED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021, at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Buckhorn Valley Metropolitan District No. 1.

BUCKHORN VALLEY METROPOLITAN

DISTRICT NO. 1

Nick Richards, President

ATTEST:

Maxine Hepfer, Secretary and Treasurer

### **EXHIBIT A**

### BUCKHORN VALLEY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 POLICY FOR BOARD MEETINGS

#### 1. BOARD MEETING ETIQUETTE

Board members, guest speakers, and members of the public shall respectfully address one another by title, if applicable, and surname, e.g., "President Smith" or "Mr. Smith."

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments regarding any matter not on the agenda will be allowed during the designated time on the agenda and may be disallowed at other times during the meeting.

Those wishing to address the Board will be allowed a three-minute presentation per speaker. Members of the public may delegate their time to another speaker to comment on their behalf.

The presiding officer of the Board, or his/her designee, may limit the total time for public comments based on the length of the agenda. In such case, comments will be received on a first-come, first-served basis during the available time.

Large posters or signs, sound effects, audio/visual presentation equipment, or other disruptive or distracting materials may be prohibited. Handouts are encouraged to be in 8.5" x 11" format.

If a topic that you wish to address has been scheduled as an agenda item for a regular Board meeting, we ask that you reserve your remarks for that specific date and time.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS GENERALLY, INCLUDING MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Please state your name and address for the record.

Comments should be statements, not questions. The Board may or may not respond.

Comments should be directed to the Board and not to individual members of the public.

Speakers are urged to: (1) state your concern/issue; (2) list possible solutions; and (3) if you have a hand-out, provide copies for all members of the Board, District Manager, and District Attorney.

Respect the need for civility for effective public discussion of issues.

Focus your comments on relevant facts and your point of view.

Defamatory or abusive remarks, shouting, threats of violence, or profanity will not be tolerated.

The presiding officer, or his/her designee, has authority to apply the "three-minute" rule stated above at public hearings if a large number of speakers wish to present comments.

Persons violating these policies may be asked to terminate their comments. In the event of repeated violations or refusal to abide by these policies or directives, the presiding officer, or his/her designee, has authority to ask the individual to leave.