

MEETING ETIQUETTE

(CDAC Chairs, please read this statement for agenda item "REVIEW MEETING AND DISCUSSION ETIQUETTE")

Thank you for your attendance and participation at this CDAC meeting.

Before we begin, I'd like to reiterate the ground rules by which we will run our CDAC meetings. While we may have different opinions and perspectives on these issues, councilors and members of the public alike will be expected to treat fellow participants with respect.

- **To speak at this meeting, you must first be recognized by the chair.**
- **One person will be given the floor to speak at a time.**
- **The person who has the floor (either CDAC Councilor or public) should be afforded the courtesy to share their ideas and concerns without interruption.**
- **This is a working meeting of the County Deer Advisory Council. Similar to a county board meeting or any other official business meeting of an organization, the public is not allowed to interject at will and such behavior will not be tolerated. Instead, we have set aside time specifically to hear from citizens what you have to say, and everyone will get their turn. If you wish to speak, please be sure to fill out an appearance slip/ comment card.**
- **Council members may ask clarifying questions of public speakers if necessary, but it is not appropriate to engage in debate or argue with guests or other councilors on their perspective. Everyone has a right to their opinion.**
- **Inappropriate or disrespectful behavior or comments towards fellow councilors, department staff, or visitors will not be tolerated and those conducting themselves in this manner will be asked to leave the meeting and may be removed from their seat on the council.**

Adhering to these standards of behavior will help guide this County Deer Advisory Council through potentially difficult discussions, encourage public participation with a respectful exchange of ideas, and ensure a productive meeting.

Can we all agree to follow these basic ground rules?

(It is a good idea to ask the participants to agree to these guidelines because once they have agreed to them, they have a stake in adhering to them)