

Yellow Medicine Soil and Water Conservation District

Resolution No. 2021-04-5

A resolution to adopt policy regarding the **MONITORING PLAN FOR BUFFER COMPLIANCE TRACKING**

Supervisor Darwyn Bach moved the adoption of the following resolution no. 2021-04-5

YELLOW MEDICINE SOIL AND WATER MONITORING PLAN FOR BUFFER COMPLIANCE TRACKING

§103F.48 RIPARIAN PROTECTION AND WATER QUALITY PRACTICES

1. COMPLIANCE TRACKING OF ALL PARCELS SUBJECT TO THE BUFFER LAW

As of 2021, there are about 2,385 parcels requiring compliance checks on a three-year cycle. All affected parcels in the county are to be reviewed within a 3-year timeframe. The SWCD will review all parcels based on townships once every three years. To determine the townships selected, staff will consider townships already completed in the latest three-year cycle, consider geography of workload of other SWCD inspections (i.e. RIM and cost share practices). The total number of parcels reviewed every year will be at a minimum 800. In addition, random spot checks will be added periodically by the SWCD Director. Parcels using alternative practices to maintain compliance will be inspected annually.

PROCESS TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS

The SWCD will review complaints received from the public within 10 business days of receiving the complaint. Complaints may be submitted to the SWCD by using mailing the form located on page two. Only the landowner will receive a copy of the site compliance report following a complaint. The landowner will not receive a copy of the complaint. Verbal or call in complaints are acceptable. SWCD Staff receiving the complaint will document using the attached form for record keeping. Upon receiving the complaint, staff will review compliance of the parcel and confer with the SWCD Director on next steps.

3. THIS POLICY SUPERSEDES EXISTING POLICY RELATED TO BUFFER COMPLIANCE MONITORING.

4. VALIDATION OF COMPLIANCE

A landowner may request a validation of compliance at any time. This document using the standard form for Validation of Compliance from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources provides a written documentation of a landowner request and SWCD determination of compliance with M.S. 103F.48.

Supervisor Elmo Volstad seconds the adoption of the resolution and it is declared adopted upon the following votes:

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0

Names: EV, JN, DC, TR, DB

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Witness:  Chairman Date: 6-24-21

Attest: , Director Date: 6-24-21

This resolution was adopted by the Yellow Medicine Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors at the June 24, 2021 meeting.