

December 19, 2019
BUFFER COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Present: President Linda Vavra, Board Manager Allen Wold. Absent: John Kapphahn. Also Present: Attorney Lukas Croaker, Administrator Jamie Beyer.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss reports received from Grant, Traverse, and Wilkin Soil and Water Conservation Districts on parcels that may have potential non-compliance with the Buffer Law (Grant: 54, Traverse: 13, Wilkin: 4).

Administrator Beyer relayed that Identifying definitive compliance varies from county-to-county. Grant County's reports are based on 2017 aerial pictometry, and were not visited by SWCD staff. There are two parcels reported by Traverse County that are not within the Bois de Sioux Watershed District. In addition, the Committee discussed the differences between the counties in application of alternative practices – this inconsistency makes enforcement by the District difficult. Board Manager Wold expressed interest in identifying additional soil loss and erosion alternative practices

Committee members decided that the best course of action would be to notify landowners of a potential non-compliance and offer a discussion of available alternative practices. Administrator Beyer will begin contacting landowners.