From the Interim Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to execute Agricultural Lease Agreements with Shorty Acres, LLC, doing business as Cheryl Holterman, for \$1,085 per year for 14.9 acres of land for the period effective January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2019; and Joseph Holterman in the amount of \$2,835 per year for 37.8 acres of land for the period effective January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2020; and James Crayton in the amount of \$1,720 per year for 14.2 acres of land for the period effective March 1, 2018, through December 31, 2019, by recommending adoption of the following:

## **A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) manages 881 acres of agricultural land for the purpose of growing and harvesting agricultural row-crops, vegetable crops, and hay; and

WHEREAS, the agricultural lands held by DPRC are located within designated primary environmental corridors as defined by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, keeping these agricultural lands in production deters invasive plant species from overtaking the land; and

WHEREAS, each lessee is responsible for working with the DPRC on the development of a Conservation Plan specific to their parcels to reduce soil loss, achieve water quality goals, and to protect the natural resource base; and

WHEREAS, the term of each lease is selected based on factors such as the conservation method, the crop rotation cycle, and the likelihood that the parcel may cease to be available for farming; and

WHEREAS, rent payments vary due to the size of the parcel and were developed based on the United States Department of Agriculture and State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection fair market value rates for southeastern Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the following Agricultural Lease Agreements are under consideration:

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Lessee	Annual Rent Per Year	Acreage	Lease Term
Shorty Acres, LLC doing business as Cheryl Holterman	\$1085	14.9	2 Years
Joseph Holterman	\$2,835	37.8	3 Years
James Crayton	\$1720	17.2	2 Years

; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of March 13, 2018, recommended adoption of File No. 18-188 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to execute Agricultural Lease Agreements with Shorty Acres, LLC doing business as Cheryl Holterman, James Crayton, and Joseph Holterman, and to prepare, execute, record all documents, and take all actions necessary as required to execute and implement the 2018 Agricultural Lease Program.

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