

From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to enter into Agricultural Lease Agreements with individual farmers for the benefit of Milwaukee County land, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) manages 708 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 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 DPRC on the development of a Conservation Plan specific to their parcels to reduce soil loss, achieve water quality goals, and 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, all agricultural lands are subject to Milwaukee County’s Agricultural Land Lease Policy as adopted by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors on September 29, 1994, and revised in January 2010, January 2020, and again in June 2024; and

WHEREAS, rent payments vary due to the size of the parcel and were developed based on 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 Agreements are under consideration:

<u>Lessee</u>	<u>Annual Rent</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Lease Term</u>
D&S Farms	\$992.40	8.41	3 Years
James Crayton	\$10,545.60	96.8	3 Years

; and

46 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of January 22,
47 2026, recommended adoption of File No. 25-883 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,
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49 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
50 authorizes and directs the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) to
51 execute Agricultural Lease Agreements, in accordance with Milwaukee County's
52 Agricultural Land Lease Policy, with the following individuals:
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60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is authorized to prepare, execute, amend,
61 record all documents, and take all actions necessary as required to execute and
62 implement the 2026 Agricultural Land Lease Program.
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