

From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County Parks, requesting authorization to enter into agricultural lease agreements and amendments 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 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 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 Agreement 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 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 Lease Agreements and Amendments are under consideration:

<u>Lessee</u>	<u>Annual Rent</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Lease Term</u>
John Napientek	\$1,623	14.83 Acres	3 Years
M.A. Mainus Farm LLC	\$6,969	56 Acres	3 Years
Joseph Holterman	\$7,111	60.5 Acres	2 Years

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47 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of April 8, 2025,  
48 recommended adoption of File No. 25-243 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,  
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50 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
51 authorizes and directs the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) to  
52 execute Agricultural Lease Agreements and Amendments, in accordance with  
53 Milwaukee County's Agricultural Land Lease Policy, with the following individuals:  
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62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is authorized to prepare, execute, amend,  
63 record all documents, and take all actions necessary, as required to execute and  
64 implement the 2025 Agricultural Land Lease Program.  
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