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(ITEM ) From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture, seeking authorization to execute Agricultural Lease Agreements with Growing Power, Inc., Mr. Vincent Schmit, Mr. Robert Petzold, and Mr. Fred Wobick, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC) manages 898 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 the 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 terms of these Agreements are for one (1) year each; 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 (2009 rates); and

WHEREAS, the following Agreements are under consideration:

Lessee	Annual Rent	Acreage
Growing Power	\$1,720	17.2
Vincent Schmit	\$1,530	17.0
Robert Petzold	\$4,157	52.8
Fred Wobick	\$613	8.6

; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment, at its meeting of December 10, 2013, recommended adoption of the Department’s request (vote 7-0); and

44           WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel and Audit, at its meeting of  
45 December 16, 2013, also recommended adoption of the Department's request (vote 9-0);  
46 now, therefore,

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48           BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
49 authorizes and directs the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture to execute  
50 Agricultural Lease Agreements with Growing Power, Inc., Mr. Vincent Schmit, Mr. Robert  
51 Petzold, and Mr. Fred Wobick.

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