

From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to enter into Agricultural Lease Agreements with: James Crayton and James Lange for a three-year term effective January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2019; and with Robert Petzold, Growing Power, Inc., and Vincent Schmit, for a one-year term effective January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, 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 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 term of each lease is selected based on the following factors: 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 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:

Lessee	Annual Rent	Acreage	Lease Term
James Crayton	\$11,114.00	149.8	3 Years
James Lange	\$655.00	8.6	3 Years
Growing Power, Inc.	\$1720.00	17.2	1 Year
Robert Petzold	\$2739.50	33.9	1 Year
Vincent Schmit	\$1530.00	17.0	1 Year

; and

40 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
41 October 25, 2016, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 5-0); now,
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44 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
45 authorizes the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture to execute Agricultural
46 Lease Agreements with James Crayton, James Lange, Growing Power, Inc.,
47 Robert Petzold, and Vincent Schmit for the terms and amounts indicated.

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