

(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to execute Agricultural Lease Agreements for 881 acres of land with the following individuals and community organizations: D&S Farms, Ronald Fratrack, Jeff Gassenhuber, Robert Grove, James Lange, Joseph Maninus, Eugene Mills, John Napientek, James Roszina, Michael Roszina, Raymond Holterman, Growing Power, Robert Petzold, and Vincent Schmit, 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 protect the natural resource base; and

WHEREAS, the term of each lease is selected based on the following factors: conservation methods, crop rotation cycles, 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 Agricultural Lease Agreements are under consideration:

<u>Lessee</u>	<u>Annual Rent</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Lease Term</u>
D&S Farms	\$712.50	9.5	5 Years
Ronald Fratrack	\$100.00	8.8	3 Years
Jeff Gassenhuber	\$2,792.00	38.0	3 Years
Robert Grove	\$3,576.00	47.6	3 Years
James Lange	\$84.00	1.2	3 Years

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48	Joseph Maninus	\$9,690.00	116.4	3 Years
49	Eugene Mills	\$1,809.00	43.2	3 Years
50	John Napientek	\$13,990.00	171.1	3 Years
51	James Roszina	\$4,083.00	50.3	3 Years
52	Michael Roszina	\$210.00	3.0	3 Years
53	Raymond Holterman	\$1,660.00	16.4	2 Years
54	Growing Power	\$1,720.00	17.2	1 Year
55	Robert Petzold	\$4,157.00	52.8	1 Year
56	Vincent Schmit	\$1,530.00	17.0	1 Year;

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60 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
61 December 8, 2015, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 6-0); now,
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64 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
65 authorizes the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, to execute
66 Agricultural Lease Agreements with: D&S Farms, Ronald Fratrack, Jeff Gassenhuber,
67 Robert Grove, James Lange, Joseph Maninus, Eugene Mills, John Napientek, James
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