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From the Executive Director of Milwaukee of County 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, vegetables 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 Agricultural Lease Agreement (the Agreements) 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, revised in January 2010, and again in January 2020; 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
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41	Jeff Gassenhuber	\$4,426.00	38	3 Years
42	Robert Grove	\$5,385.30	45.1	3 Years
43	M A Mainus Farm LLC	\$14,695.20	116.4	3 Years
44	John Napientek	\$18,656.40	149.8	3 Years
45	James Roszina	\$6,245.40	50.3	3 Years
46	Robert Petzold	\$4,068.00	33.9	1 Year
47				(with two one-year
48				renewals)
49	Vincent Schmit	\$2,125.00	17	1 Year
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55 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
56 December 7, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-1038 (vote 3-1); now,
57 therefore,

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59 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
60 authorizes and directs the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)
61 to execute Agricultural Lease Agreements, in accordance with Milwaukee County's
62 Agricultural Land Lease Policy, with the following individuals as follows:

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80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is authorized to prepare, execute, record
81 all documents, and take all actions necessary, as required to execute and implement
82 the 2022 Agricultural Lease Program.

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