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(ITEM NO. ) From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to enter into Agricultural Lease Agreements with D&S Farms in the amount of $1,168.50 per year for 9.5 acres of land for the period effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025; and Joseph Holterman in the amount of $5,451.60 per year for 46.2 acres of land for the period effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023; and Darrell Schaefer in the amount of $3,271.60 per year for 25.2 acres of land for the period effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023, by recommending adoption of the following:

# **A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County Parks 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 Parks 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 Parks 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 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 December 2019; 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**

D&S Farms $1,168.50 9.5 5 Years

Joseph Holterman $5,451.60 46.2 3 Years

Darrell Schaefer $3,271.60 25.2 3 Years

;now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs Milwaukee County Parks to execute Agricultural Lease Agreements, in accordance with Milwaukee County’s Agricultural Land Lease Policy, with the following individuals as follows:

**Lessee Annual Rent Acreage Lease Term**

D&S Farms $1,168.50 9.5 5 Years

Joseph Holterman $5,451.60 46.2 3 Years

Darrell Schaefer $3,271.60 25.2 3 Years

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County Parks is authorized to prepare, execute, record all documents, and take all actions necessary as required to execute and implement the 2021 Agricultural Lease Program.