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From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to enter into Agricultural Lease Agreements with D&S Farms, Joseph Holterman and Darrell Schaefer, 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, vegetable crops, and hay; and

WHEREAS, the agricultural lands held by the 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 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 Agricultural Lease Agreements are under consideration:

<u>Lessee</u>	<u>Annual Rent</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Lease Term</u>
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

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47 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of  
48 December 8, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-864 (vote 4-0); now,  
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51 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
52 authorizes and directs the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), to  
53 execute Agricultural Lease Agreements, in accordance with Milwaukee County's  
54 Agricultural Land Lease Policy, with the following individuals:  
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63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPRC is authorized to prepare, execute,  
64 record all documents, and take all actions necessary, as required to execute and  
65 implement the 2021 Agricultural Lease Program.  
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