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From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting authorization to enter into an Amended and Restated Agricultural Lease Agreement with James Crayton in the amount of \$17,797.10 per year for 154.4 acres of land for the period effective January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2022, 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 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 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 Agreement) 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 (County Board) 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, Mr. James Crayton’s current Agreement was approved by the County Board on December 19, 2019, in File No. 19-888; and

WHEREAS, during this past planting season, Mr. Crayton requested to remove field 73 from his Agreement, and to change the crop on field 62 to marsh hay, and DPRC agrees with these changes; and

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WHEREAS, the amended and restated Agreement terms will be:

<u>Lessee</u>	<u>Annual Rent</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Lease Term</u>
James Crayton	\$17,797.10	154.4	3 years

; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of March 16, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-88 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), to execute an Amended and Restated Agricultural Lease Agreement (the Agreement), in accordance with Milwaukee County’s Agricultural Land Lease Policy, with Mr. James Crayton as follows:

<u>Lessee</u>	<u>Annual Rent</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Lease Term</u>
James Crayton	\$17,797.10	154.4	3 years

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is authorized to prepare, execute, record all documents, and take all actions necessary, as required to execute and implement the Agreement with Mr. Crayton.

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