



Milwaukee County

Legislation Text

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From the Director, Parks, Recreation and Culture, an informational report regarding renegotiation of the Farm and Fish Hatchery Lease between Milwaukee County and Hunger Task Force. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

ISSUE

The 2011 Adopted Operating Budget provided that the Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC), Corporation Counsel and County Board staff will renegotiate the Farm and Fish Hatchery (FFH) lease with Hunger Task Force (HTF).

BACKGROUND

The 2010 Adopted Budget transferred FFH Operations from the Office of the Sheriff to DPRC as of July 1, 2010. The transfer of FFH did take place and is complete. Since the transition, DPRC has worked closely with HTF and the Office of the Sheriff to ensure that FFH operates effectively.

The 2011 Adopted Operating Budget provided that DPRC, Corporation Counsel and County Board staff are to renegotiate the FFH lease with HTF, and include, as part of the renegotiations, moving away from the use of inmate labor at FFH to the hiring of job training program participants (e.g. New Hope and the Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership). DPRC, Corporation Counsel and County Board staff have met with HTF to begin renegotiating the lease. Also, the Office of the Sheriff has been informed that lease negotiations with HTF are taking place and that any concerns the Sheriff's Office might have with the negotiations will be included in the discussions. HTF has informed DPRC that as of 2011 HTF will no longer use inmate labor at FFH, instead HTF will employ transitional workers, in line with the County's request it move away from the use of inmate labor at FFH in favor of job training participants.

This effort continues to be a work in progress and we will report to the committee again after an agreement is reached.

RECOMMENDATION

No action requested. Informational item unless further action required.

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