

APPROVAL OF 2023 CROP LEASES ON COUNTY LAND

Dane County leases land for cropping as an interim management tool.

Following is a 2 year lease, January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

CamRock County Park

Section 13, Town of Christiana, 43.9 acres;

- Lease with existing Lessee to continue cropping for the next 2 years with options to renew at the same rate, terms and conditions for two successive one-year terms. Lease includes mowing of wet areas and grassed waterway;
- Rent is \$5,487.50 per year for 2 years
- Lessee: Gary R. Rattmann

Following are leases for 4 years, January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2026

Anderson Farm County Park

Section 14, Town of Oregon, 35 acres

- Lease with existing Lessee to continue cropping landlocked parcel for the next 4 years;
- Rent is \$4,970.00 per year for 4 years;
- Lessee: Helmut Jeschke

Badger Mill Creek Natural Resource Area and Sugar River Natural Resource Area

Section 28, Town of Verona, 137 acres

- New lease with former owner of the property that was purchased in 2020 who has continued to farm the property as part of the purchase agreement. Lease includes mowing of grasslands and mowing of perimeter trails and assistance in establishing public access to the stream;
- Rent is \$21,312.00 per year for 4 years (cropland acres);
- Lessee: Craig Rhiner

Black Earth Creek Wildlife Area – Sunnyside Unit

Section 7, Town of Middleton, 69.8 acres

- Lease with existing Lessee to crop corn in 2023 and then hay for the remaining 3 years of the Lease;
- Rent is \$12,215.00 per year for 4 years;
- Lessee: Wagner Dairy Operations, LLC.

CamRock County Park

Section 13, Town of Christiana, 23.8 acres

- Lease with existing Lessee to continue organic farming for the next 4 years;
- \$4,100 per year for 4 years;
- Lessee: Doudlah Farms, LLC

Cherokee Marsh Natural Resource Area

Section 13, Town of Westport, 19 acres

- Lease with existing Lessee to continue cropping grassland;
- Rent is \$1,292.00 per year for 4 years;
- Lessee: Jay Williamson

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Donald County Park

Section 29, Town of Springdale, 54.8 acres

- Lease with existing Lessee to continue cropping hay;
- Rent is \$6,466.40 per year for 4 years;
- Lessee: David Powell

Falk Wells Sugar River Wildlife Area

Section 3, Town of Montrose, 8.9 acres

- Lease with existing Lessee to continue cropping landlocked parcel;
- Rent is \$1,401.75 per year for 4 years;
- Lessee: Tom Sarbacker

Lewis Nine Springs E-Way

Section 1, City of Fitchburg, 15.7 acres

- Lease with existing Lessee to continue cropping for 4 more years; planned prairie conversion after this term;
- Rent is \$2,512.00 per year for 4 years;
- Lessee: UHB Family Farms, LLC

Section 31, Town of Blooming Grove, 37.2 acres

- Lease with existing Lessee to continue cropping for 4 more years; planned prairie conversion after this term;
- Rent is \$6,324 per year for 4 years;
- Lessee: UHB Family Farms, LLC

Lower Mud Lake Natural Resource Area

Section 14, Town of Dunn, 62.9 acres

- Lease with existing Lessee to continue organic farming;
- Rent is \$4,088.50 per year for 4 years;
- Lessee: Doudlah Farms, LLC

Lussier County Park and Crystal Lake Wildlife Area

Sections 2 and 3, Town of Roxbury, 73.5 acres

- Lease with existing Lessee that includes additional lands that were previously owned by the county but encumbered by a life estate. Lease includes mowing at Lussier County Park for weed management, mowing hiking trails and snow plowing at the Park;
- Rent is \$7,280.60 per year for 4 years (cropland acres);
- Lessee: Neal Schoepp

Springfield Hill Natural Resource Area

Section 26, Town of Roxbury, 38 acres

- Lease with existing Lessee which includes maintenance of three grade stabilization structures.
- Rent is \$4,560 per year for 4 years;
- Lessee: Allan G. Breunig

Following are leases for 5 years, January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2027

Donald County Park

Section 28, Town of Springdale, 6.2 acres

- New lease with new Lessee to crop hay on landlocked field. Adjoining neighbor had the previous lease and will allow this new tenant to cross their land for cropping purposes.

- 105 - Rent is \$637.98 per year for 5 years.
106 - Lessee: Doug Syvrud

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108 **Ice Age Reserve**

109 Section 13, Town of Cross Plains, 92.5 acres

- 110 - New lease with existing tenant to continue cropping for five years with a renewal
111 option for another 5 years at the same rate, terms and conditions to work on prairie
112 conversion. Lease includes mowing of grasslands and maintaining a grass buffer
113 along the southern border of the property.
114 - Rent is \$14,800 per year for 5 years;
115 - Lessee: Michael G. Coyle

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117 **Donald County Park**

118 Section 28 & 29, Town of Springdale, 90 acres

- 119 - Lease with existing Lessee to continue cropping with a prairie conversion plan on 2
120 fields that includes specific crop rotations and a mowing schedule. Lease includes
121 maintaining grassed waterways, a vegetative buffer along Door Creek, mowing of
122 trail buffers and snow removal for public access to the Park.
123 - Rental schedule per year at \$140 per acre for years 2023-2025 and \$130 per acre
124 in years 2026-2027:
125 o 2023: \$12,754
126 o 2024: \$7,874
127 o 2025: \$7,874
128 o 2026: \$5,838
129 o 2027: \$5,838

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131 **North Mendota Wildlife Area – Hyer Road Unit**

132 Sections 3, Town of Springfield and Section 34, Town of Dane, 128.8 acres

- 133 - Lease with existing Lessee that will phase out corn and require hay and grass in
134 order to provide wetland protection and wildlife habitat;
135 - Rent is \$9,763.60 per year;
136 - Lessee: Endres Berryridge Farms, LLC

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138 **Walking Iron Wildlife Area**

139 Sections 5 and 8, Town of Mazomanie, 141.4 acres

- 140 - New lease with existing farmer that was leasing the property when it was purchased
141 in 2020;
142 - Rent is \$16,261 per year for 5 years
143 - Lessee: Devin Rettenmund

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145 Revenue from the above described leases is included in the 2022 Budget.

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147 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the
148 Dane County Executive and County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the lease contracts
149 set forth above;

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151 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Dane County Land & Water Resources Department
152 Director and the Real Estate Coordinator are authorized to act as the County's representative
153 in administering the leases.