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2023 RES-221

APPROVAL OF 2024 CROP LEASES ON COUNTY LAND

Dane County leases land for cropping as an interim management tool. These new leases require Lessees to cease use of neonicotinoid treated seed or other neonicotinoid pesticides by 2025.

Following is a lease for 2 years, January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Blooming Grove Drumlins Natural Resource Area

Sections 1 and 12, City of Madison, 27 acres

- Lease with existing Lessee to continue cropping land off CTH BB
- Rent is \$4,171.50 per year for 2 years
- Lessee: Keaton Uphoff

Following are leases for 4 years, January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2027

CamRock County Park

Section 12, Village of Cambridge, 30.8 acres

- Lease with existing Lessee to continue cropping northern portion of park until planned prairie conversion after 2027 harvest.
- Rent is \$3,911.60 per year for 4 years;
- Lessee: Scott Income Trust

Indian Lake County Park

Section 11, Town of Berry, 38.5 acres

- New lease with existing Lessee that was cropping the land when it was purchased in 2021.
- Rent is \$5,652.00 per year for 4 years;
- Lessee: Kevin Statz

Phil's Woods Natural Resource Area

Section 30, Town of Roxbury, 11.7 acres

- Lease with existing Lessee to continue cropping field with limited access.
- Rent is \$936.00 per year for 4 years.
- Lessee: Robert Ziegler

Walking Iron County Park

Section 8, Town of Mazomanie, 74.7 acres

- Lease with existing Lessee to continue cropping as Black Earth Creek stream restoration takes place. Several fields will be used for spoils storage during the restoration project and will not be cropped in 2024 but shall return to production in 2025.
- Rent shall be adjusted to \$5,511.80 for 2024 and increased to \$9,486.90 per year for years 2025, 2026 and 2027.
- Lessee: DMK Farms, LLC

Following is a Lease for 5 years, January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2028

Sugar River Wildlife Area

Sections 32 and 33, Town of Verona and Section 5, Town of Montrose, 465.4 acres

- New Lease with new Lessee to crop land recently acquired in September 2023. Lessee shall maintain grassed waterways and assist with maintenance of field road.
- Rent shall be \$81,445 per year for 5 years.

53 - Lessee: Tyler Duerst

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55 Yahara Heights County Park

56 Section 23, Town of Westport, 40 acres

57 - Lease with existing Lessee to continue cropping with a transition from row crops to
58 continuous hay. Lessee shall maintain grassed waterways.

59 - Rent shall be \$13,100 per year for 5 years.

60 - Lessee: White Gold Dairy, LLC

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62 Following is a lease for 6 years, January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2029

63 Indian Lake County Park

64 Section 12, Town of Berry, 62.8 acres

65 - New lease with existing Lessee that was cropping the land when it was purchased
66 in 2021. Lease includes introduction of prairie strips which shall be maintained by

67 Lessee. This is a new practice on county owned croplands.

68 - Rent is \$11,869.20 per year for 6 years.

69 - Lessee: Jeffrey Maier

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71 Revenue from the above described leases is included in the 2024 Budget.

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

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