

1 **2016 RES-033**

2 **APPROVE CROP LEASE AT THE SUGAR RIVER WILDLIFE AREA - BASCO UNIT**

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4 In 2015 Dane County acquired land along the Sugar River in the Sugar River Wildlife Area –  
5 Basco Unit.

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7 Dane County Land & Water Resources recommends continuing an agricultural lease with  
8 Douglas Brown, the farmer that was renting the agricultural fields at the time of the County  
9 acquisition. Mr. Brown has assisted Dane County Parks in property stabilization, including  
10 razing buildings, removing invasive species, manure removal, and complete area cleanup and  
11 mowing.

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13 The proposed term of the lease is January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. Rental rate for  
14 the forty-four acres is \$150.00 per acre for an annual total of \$6,600.

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16 The revenue from this lease is included in the 2016 Land and Water Resources budget in  
17 Account LWRPKOP 84911.

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19 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the  
20 Dane County Executive and County Clerk be authorized to execute the described lease contract  
21 with Douglas Brown.

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the payments of the lease contracts be accepted as revenue  
24 in the 2016 Land and Water Resources budget and general revenue account as set forth above.

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26 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Land & Water Resources Department Director (or  
27 designee) be authorized to act as the County’s representative in administering the lease.  
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