



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Resolution authorizing a two-year lease with Michael Henningfield, McHenry, Illinois, in the amount of \$4,500 for lease of County property for farming.

- The County desires to enter into a two-year agreement for the sole intention of farming on the County farm property of approximately 45 tillable acres in Libertyville, Illinois.
- The opportunity to farm the property was posted by the County through the Illinois Farm Bureau.
- Pursuant to Illinois Statutes (55 ILCS 5/5-1005), the County Board has authority to make all contracts and do all other acts in relation to property to exercise its corporate power, including to sell and convey or lease any real or personal property owned by the county.
- Since 2013, the County has leased the land for farming alfalfa on the site based on the minimal short-term disturbance of soils, from an ecological and land management perspective, and the overall reduction in application of chemicals and fertilizers once the crop is established.
- The leasing of the property for farming will reduce blowing soil, provide a natural barrier for blowing and drifting snow, and supports natural area management practices on the Central Permit Facilities grounds.
- The lease will provide annual revenue in the amount of \$4,500 for a two-year lease.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lake County desires to enter into a two-year lease agreement for the sole intention of farming alfalfa on the County farm property of approximately 45 tillable acres in Libertyville, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Illinois Statutes (55 ILCS 5/5-1005) the County Board has authority to make all contracts and do all other acts in relation to property to exercise its corporate power, including to sell and convey or lease any real or personal property owned by the county; and

WHEREAS, Alfalfa has a minimal short-term disturbance of soils from an ecological and land management perspective, and the overall reduction in application of chemicals and fertilizers; and

WHEREAS, the farmland has a “green” look year-round, there is a reduction in blowing soils, provides a natural barrier for blowing and drifting snow in winter months, and is in accordance with the natural area management practices on the Central Permit Facilities grounds.; and

WHEREAS, Lake County has determined that this two-year lease to Michael Henningfield, McHenry, Illinois, is the best interest of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the Chairman of the Board is authorized to enter into a lease agreement with Michael Henningfield, McHenry, Illinois, in the amount of \$4,500, at a rate of \$100 per acre for a two-year period for the Lease of County Property for Farming of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

DATED at **Waukegan, Illinois**, on April 10, 2018.