



Village of Poplar Grove – Board Meeting Memo

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****Subject:****

Farm & Sludge Lease - UPDATE

1. Background:

The farm land around the public works building at 111 W. Park Street, has been leased to farm. The whole parcel owned by the Village is 14.36 acres.

2. Current Status:

Original contract was dated from April 17, 2020 to January 31, 2021. No additional contracts in writing have been executed (per the contract) however the land is still being farmed. Original lease was executed with a no rent payment charge.

This contract also had a provision for the Village to spread waste-water plant sludge at the expense of the lessee.

UPDATE: A termination letter was mailed certified to past lessee, along with an email and a text. No response has been received.

3. Fiscal Impact:

Any legal services to execute contract, any rent collected on the lease of the land

4. Legal Review (if applicable):

No legal review has been done at this time.

5. Recommendation:

Recommendation is to discuss the collection of rent for this land. Information I was provided by a staff member who farms other local lands, indicated fair market rent for the season of tillable acres is between \$225 and \$250. Estimated tillable acres is 10-12 acres. An updated contract should be executed, based on the consensus of rent from the board.

UPDATE: Spoke to the Boone County who provided their farm rental rate, which is \$275 per acre.

6. Supporting Documents (if applicable):

Attached – Original Contract

Not Applicable

****Signature:****

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Village President