



CITY OF MANITOWOC

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Date: July 29, 2026
To: Finance Committee
From: Adam Tegen, Director
Re: Hecker/Viebahn Agricultural Land Lease

The land the City purchased for future industrial growth at the southeast corner of Hecker Road and Viebahn Street has been farmed under a lease with Dan Buck for the last 5 years and it ends this year. Although the infrastructure is designed for this area, we have been holding off on installation until we have an interested party with the goal of pursuing some federal funds to offset the cost. As such, it is beneficial for the City to work with a farmer to keep the land cultivated to prevent it from becoming overgrown or the development of wetlands. The City has not had any major concerns with the current tenant and he has been workable with any changes or requests during the life of the lease. It is important to know that since MPU assisted the City with the purchase of this property, they are entitled to any of the revenue generated by a lease on the property. The current terms of the lease are \$200 per farmable acre per year.

Staff is requesting authorization to renew the farmland lease with Dan Buck for an additional 5 years under the same terms and conditions of the current lease. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at ategen@manitowocwi.gov or 920-686-6931.