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**DATE:** June 4, 2018  
**MEMO TO:** Craig Taylor, Chair  
Operations Committee  
**FROM:** James L. Anderson  
Director of Natural Resources

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Assignment of an existing Farm License Agreement at Ray Lake Forest Preserve.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED:** Conservation; Organizational Sustainability

**FINANCIAL DATA:** The existing Ray Lake - Hay Farm License Agreement with George Diebold generates annual revenue of \$ 3,456.81 (31.65 acres at \$109.22/acre). Assignment of this Farm License Agreement to another farmer will have no financial impacts, as the terms of the existing agreement will be maintained.

**BACKGROUND:** The farming program is conducted with local farmers to provide cost-effective, interim land use and management until the District is ready to convert farmland to other forest preserve purposes.

The existing Ray Lake - Hay Farm License Agreement with George Diebold was created when the District acquired the subject property. That agreement was to expire in 2015; however, according to the terms of the License Agreement, Mr. Diebold had an option to extend this Agreement by five years. Mr. Diebold exercised this option, extending the license term through October 26, 2020. In February of 2018, Mr. Diebold passed away. Mr. Diebold’s companion, Jeanne Steinbach, is the beneficiary of his trust, the assets of which include this Farm License. Ms. Steinbach has since informed the District that she is not able to continue farming this hay field, due to the labor required to perform the tasks associated with this type of work. Ms. Steinbach is requesting approval to assign the Ray Lake – Hay Farm License Agreement to Mr. Steve Olson. The trustee of Mr. Diebold’s trust has also approved this assignment. Mr. Olson has been farming various other parcels with the District since 2012 and is the current Licensee for three farm parcels. He has complied with all farm policies and procedures to date.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** Executive Director, Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Corporate Counsel

Motion to approve assignment of an existing Farm License Agreement at Ray Lake Forest Preserve with George Diebold to Steve Olson.

**APPROVED:**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nays:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 **Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays:** \_\_\_\_\_



Lake County Forest Preserves; Farm Program  
 Ray Lake - Hay Farm License  
 Acreage: 31.65  
 Farm: 1077  
 Tract: 1265  
 Field: 1,2,

Only those fields identified on this map shall be included in the farm license. All other fields shown are incidental and will NOT be included in the farm license.

