

AGENDA REPORT

To: Mayor Pat Humphrey and the Clare City Commission
From: Jeremy Howard, City Manager
Date: April 30, 2026
Regarding: Renewal of Lease Agreement – Kreamsreiter Farms – Airport

For the Agenda of May 4, 2026

Background. The City of Clare currently enjoys a lease agreement (*see att'd copies of proposed agreement*) with Kreamsreiter Farms to allow them to farm approximately 130 acres at the Clare Municipal Airport owned by the City of Clare. The City Commission is asked to renew the lease for another year.

NOTE: The City Commission asked for there to be further discussion on the renewal of this lease due to the ongoing discussion related to the deer population at the airport and the potential installation of perimeter fencing if/when grant/donation funding is found to complete the project.

Issues & Questions Specified. Should the City Commission renew the farm lease?

Alternatives.

1. Renew the farm lease.
2. Renew the farm lease with amendments or changes.
3. Do not renew the farm lease.
4. Set aside decision regarding this matter to a later date.

Financial Impact. Leasing of the property garners \$14,040.00 in revenues annually.

Recommendation. I recommend that the City Commission renew the farming lease for property at the Clare Municipal Airport and authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary and related documents by adoption of Resolution 2026-025 (*att'd*).

Attachments.

1. Lease Agreement.
2. Resolution 2026-025.

FARM LEASE-CLARE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

THIS LEASE made this 4th day of May, 2026 by and between, the City of Clare, hereinafter referred to as "**LESSOR**"; and Kreamsreiter Farms 1592 West Beal City Road, Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County, Michigan 48858 hereinafter referred to as "**LESSEE**".

This lease is made upon the following terms and conditions, all and every one of which the parties hereto agree to perform:

1. Description of Leased Premises

LESSOR hereby rents and leases to **LESSEE** the premises legally described on Schedule "A" attached hereto (the "Premises").

2. Term and Termination

The term of this lease shall be for a period of one (1) Year(s) commencing on May 4, 2026 and terminating on December 31, 2026. However, this Lease may be renewed on the same terms and conditions set forth herein by mutual consent of the parties. The parties hereto may renegotiate the rental price and the number of years of renewal.

Notwithstanding any provision of this contract to the contrary, Lessor reserves the right to terminate this contract in whole or for a portion of the leased property at any time up and until the planting of spring crops, each year, without creating any claim by Lessee of any sort for breach of this lease or other damages. Lessee shall notify Lessor of its expected planting schedule, at least 30 days prior to planting. Once Lessee plants crops for the spring season, the Lease may not be terminated by Lessor absent either permitting Lessee to remove its harvest at the proper time, or payment for the crop Lessee loses.

3. Rental

LESSEE shall pay **LESSOR** rents for the Premises leased in the manner outlined on the attached schedule "B".

4. Taxes

The **LESSOR** agrees to pay the real estate taxes.

5. Use of Premises

Due to the location of the farmland's proximity to the runway and flight paths at the City's Municipal Airport, crops may not exceed 4 feet in height. The **LESSEE** covenants and agrees to farm the land according to reasonable agricultural methods, and being that part of this involves soil testing, fall tillage, liming and fertilization, that **LESSEE** shall be reimbursed in full for such soil testing, tillage, fertilization and liming done, by or for **LESSEE**, prior to planting of spring crop if the farm is no longer farmed the for reason of Death or Disability of **LESSEE** or Development by **LESSOR**, any other reason will be negotiable. **LESSOR** also agrees that **LESSEE** is entitled to all Agricultural, Insurance, and Disaster Payments earned as operator of this farm during the duration of this lease. Lessee agrees to install waterways and maintain them for the term of the lease. Lessee will also maintain road ditches for the duration of the lease.

6. Insurance

LESSEE shall carry adequate public liability insurance in an amount not less than \$500,000.00.

7. Holding Over By Lessee

If the **LESSEE** holds over after the expiration of the term specified in this lease, thereafter the tenancy shall be from month to month in the absence of a written agreement to the contrary, subject, however, in all other respect, to all of the other terms and conditions of this lease.

8. Lessee's Right to Crops in Cycle

In the event of the termination of this Lease, or in the event of default by the **LESSEE**, **LESSEE** may continue to cultivate and harvest the crops then growing on the leased Premises, but **LESSOR** shall have a security interest in the crops and the proceeds of the sale of the crops to secure payment of the rental due and to become due during the balance of the then-current lease term.

9. Assignment

This Lease cannot be assigned except with written consent of the parties and, at the expiration of said term, or upon any sooner termination of this Lease as herein provided, the **LESSEE** agrees to deliver up the said Premises in as good a condition and order as the same or now in, reasonable wear and damage by the elements excepted.

10. Effect of Agreement

It is mutually agreed that the covenants and agreements herein contained shall extend to and be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, representatives, and assigns.

LESSOR:

City of Clare

Jeremy Howard, City Manager
FEIN: 38-6004529
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Clare, Michigan 48617

LESSEE:

Kremsreiter Farms
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1592 West Beal City Road
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SCHEDULE-A
CLARE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT PROPERTY

Legal Description of Leased Premises

Approximately 130 Acres located in Section 25 of Grant Township, Clare County, Michigan, of tillable acreage located within Property ID 051-025-300-01, 051-025-200-05, 051-025-200-03, identified on the attached Exhibit 1, GIS map. The true amount of tillable acreage is to be calculated in coordination between the lessee and lessor.

Lessor Acknowledgement (Initials) _____

Lessee Acknowledgement (Initials) _____

Date of Schedule A (airport property lease) Agreement: May 4, 2026

SCHEDULE-B

Airport Farmland Rental

The **LESSEE** shall pay to the **LESSOR**, as rent for said Premises, \$108.00 per acre, per year for all land subject to this lease agreement. Said rental shall be paid annually on or before December 31 within the contract year. Provided, however, that it may be mutually agreed upon by the parties that said rental payment may be paid at a later date to be determined by the parties.

This lease shall automatically terminate on March 20 of any year if the rent for the previous year has not been paid in full, or other satisfactory arrangements have been made between the **LESSOR** and the **LESSEE**.

Lessor Acknowledgement (Initials) _____

Lessee Acknowledgement (Initials) _____

Date of Schedule B (airport property lease) Agreement: May 4, 2026

RESOLUTION 2026-025

A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF A FARMING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH KREMSREITER FARMS FOR THE CLARE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

WHEREAS, the City of Clare enjoys a lease agreement with Kreamsreiter Farms wherein Kreamsreiter Farms leases approximately 130 acres of property at \$108 per acre at the Clare Municipal Airport for agricultural purposes (raising crops); and

WHERAS, said lease agreement has expired; and

WHEREAS, Kreamsreiter Farms desire to renew said lease for the same price per acre (\$108 per acre) as the previous lease; and

WHEREAS, the City Staff has recommended renewal of said lease; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has considered said recommendation and deems it prudent and sound.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Clare City Commission hereby approves the renewal of a lease agreement with Kreamsreiter Farms for the lease of property at the Clare Municipal Airport, the terms and conditions of said lease agreement as outlined therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Clare hereby formally authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary and related documents.

ALL PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION ARE HEREBY RESCINDED.

**The Resolution was introduced by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____.
The Resolution declared adopted by the following roll call vote:**

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Resolution approved for adoption on the 4th day of May 2026.

Diane M. Lyon, Clare City Clerk