



River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center
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Draft Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2024

Present: Nancy Donahue, Jackie Herbster, Denise Kelly, Judi Lloyd, John Marshbanks, Linda Marshbanks, Barbara Maurer, Carol Mabe, Chris Organ, Barbara Pilcher, Karen Rowlands, and Ellen Serra

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm by Ms. Maurer.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: All members received and reviewed the 4/1/24 meeting minutes. Ms. Lloyd made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Kelly. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Report: All gardeners received Ms. Maurer's April Council Report circulated to CAC.

Financial Report: Ms. Lloyd presented the financial report. Ms. Pilcher made a motion to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Organ and the motion was approved unanimously.

Garden Update: Ms. Herbster reported that all vegetables have been planted except for the sweet potatoes. The pole beans have been replanted, and the bitter melon will need to be replanted. We currently have a vole problem. Ms. Herbster purchase vole repellent spikes and have installed them in various places in the garden. The cardboard/wood chipping project is ongoing. Ms. Kelly reported that one hive was a "hot hive" and the other hive is Queenless. She has purchased another Queen. Current population is weak. If necessary, we can borrow some bees to increase the population. Ms. Herbster reported that six Eastern Swallowtail caterpillars have been placed in the habitat.

Old Business:

Plant Sale: Ms. Maurer reported that the Plant Sale was very successful. Please submit ideas/suggestions to Ms. Maurer as to how this event can be improved in the future.

Monarch Garden: Renovation of the Monarch Garden has been completed.

New Business:

Garden Workshops: The "Get to Know Your Garden" Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, 5/18/24 at 8:00 am.

Workday: The next Workday is scheduled for Saturday, 5/11/24 at 8:00 am.

Craven County Master Gardeners Volunteer Assn.: RBCOG is a selection under the Program tab to allow RBCOG master gardeners to enter their time. Ms. Herbster and Ms. Maurer will be preparing a narrative to be included on the CCMGVA website.

Daily Work Schedule: Ms. Maurer will be circulating monthly calendars for volunteers to sign up to perform the Daily Duties at the garden. Gardeners should advise Ms. Maurer regarding their availability.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon: Please RSVP to Ms. Maurer if you will be attending the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Saturday, 6/1/24 at 11:00 am.

Volunteer Waiver, Release & Indemnity Forms: All gardeners will be required to complete a Volunteer Waiver, Release & Indemnity Form.

There being no further business, Ms. Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Mr. Marshbanks. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2024 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary