



River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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Draft Special Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2026

Present: Becky DeMars, Lori Gaskins, Arwen Gibson, Jackie Herbster, JoAnna Kloster, Barbara Maurer, Chris Organ, and Ellen Serra. **Guest:** Jessica Skinner

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 pm by Ms. Maurer.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: All members received and reviewed the 2/5/26 meeting minutes. Ms. DeMars made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Gibson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Report: In Ms. Lloyd's absence, Ms. Herbster presented the financial report from Friends of River Bend Community Organic Garden.

Garden Update: Ms. Maurer reported labor/administrative hours YTD total 79. Ms. Maurer reported that the well pump handle was replaced by Public Works due to it bursting during the frigid temperatures. Ms. Maurer reported that the workday on March 7th was very productive. The four remaining RKN beds were tilled, supplemented and hay applied, the Monarch Garden was weeded, the roses in the Rose Garden were trimmed, weeded and mulch applied and the front entrance flower box was weeded. A workday is scheduled for Saturday, March 14th to plant potatoes. Ms. Gibson reported that she has prepared draft signage for the Swap a Plant publicity. She plans to open this initiative after the Plant Sale. Ms. Gibson will coordinate with Ms. Lloyd regarding a QR code to be posted in the Swap a Plant area to solicit donations by either Venmo or PayPal. Mr. Organ will assist Ms. Gibson in constructing shelving for the area.

Old Business:

2026 Plant Sale: Ms. Serra circulated sign-up sheets for the various task list items. Flyers have been prepared and will be posted in various businesses throughout town. Ms. Pilcher will post on social media. The various task list items were discussed along with the assignments.

New Business: None.

There being no further business, Ms. Gibson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. DeMars. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2026 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary