



River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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Draft Meeting Minutes July 7, 2025

Present: Becky DeMars, Jackie Herbster, Judi Lloyd, Barbara Maurer, Ellen Serra, and Carina Wordham

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 pm by Ms. Maurer.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: All members received and reviewed the 6/2/25 meeting minutes. Ms. Lloyd made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Wordham. The motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Report: Ms. Lloyd presented the financial report from Friends of River Bend Community Organic Garden.

Garden Update: Ms. Maurer reported labor hours for the month of June totaled 124 (YTD labor hours total 731.5 hours) and 593 pounds of vegetables were harvested (YTD harvest total 741 pounds). If gardeners are unable to work on their scheduled days, please contact your co-worker, Ms. Herbster and Ms. Maurer so other arrangements can be made. The next Garden workday is scheduled for Saturday, July 12th at 7:30 am. Ms. Herbster reported that 3 Eastern Swallowtails and 2 Monarch butterflies have been released to date.

Old Business:

Fourth of July Parade: The parade was a success. Thank you to Ms. DeMars, Ms. Gibson, Ms. Maurer and Mr. and Ms. Herbster for their participation.

Plant Swap: Since Ms. Gibson was absent from the meeting, the item will be discussed at the August meeting.

New Business:

Election – Chair Person, Vice Chair Person, Treasurer & Secretary: Ms. DeMars nominated Ms. Maurer as Chair Person, Ms. Wordham as Vice Chair Person, Ms. Lloyd as Treasurer and Ms. Herbster as Secretary. Ms. Serra seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Fall/Winter Planting: It was decided to plant collards, kale, swiss chard and bok choy. With regard to the planting of broccoli and cauliflower, Ms. Wordham will research a system to cover these vegetables from frost and snow and will report back at the August meeting.

There being no further business, Ms. Wordham made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Lloyd. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 4, 2025 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary