



River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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Draft Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2026

Present: Becky DeMars, Jackie Herbster, JoAnna Kloster, Judi Lloyd, Barbara Maurer, Chris Organ, and Ellen Serra

Guest: Delane Jackson

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 12/1/25 meeting minutes. Ms. Lloyd made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. DeMars. 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/administrative hours for the month of December totaled 23.75 (YTD labor/administrative hours total 1,431 hours). Year-to-date harvest totaled 2,976 pounds with 18.2% donated to Interfaith Refugee Ministry. Since the inception of the garden, the volunteers have logged approximately 34,616 hours. Ms. Herbster reported that 27 Eastern Swallowtail and 35 Monarch butterflies were released in 2025. Ms. Herbster reported that the broccoli and bok choy have been pulled up, and the rows weeded and hay applied. The asparagus rows have been cut back, weeded and hay applied. The lettuce patch has been weeded and the radishes were thinned. Four rows remain to be tilled with supplements and hay to be applied. In Ms. Gibson's absence, Ms. Herbster reported that Ms. Gibson has started to clear the Swap a Plant area.

Old Business:

2026 Plant Sale: After discussion, Ms. Serra made a motion to have the plant sale in 2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kloster and the motion was approved. The 2026 Plant Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. Ms. Serra agreed to be the chairman to coordinate the sale.

New Business: No new business.

There being no further business, Ms. Kloster 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 2:07 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2026 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary