River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center
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Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2026
Municipal Building – 51 Shoreline Drive

Present: Becky DeMars, Lori Gaskins, Arwen Gibson, Jackie Herbster, JoAnna Kloster, Judi Lloyd, Barbara Maurer, and Chris Organ.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Ms. Maurer.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: All members received and reviewed the 9/8/26 meeting minutes. Ms. Herbster made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Gaskins. 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 work and admin hours for the month of September totaled 156 hours. The year-to-date hours total is 1,250. Ms. Maurer reported that the September harvest total was 490 pounds including 19 pounds of herbs. Year-to-date total is 1,896 pounds. October workdays are scheduled for 10/17 and 10/31 beginning at 7:30 A.M. Interfaith Religious Ministry September harvest was 205 pounds Y-T-D which is 11%. Butterfly Update: Ms. Gibson reported that 30-31 butterflies were recently released. Ms. Gaskins noted she had completed the required paperwork on this butterfly virus project and will send it soon. Save-a-Plant: Ms. Gibson reports there has been less action and anticipates more in spring. She will continue to clean up this area. Compost Report: Ms. Herbster reported bed 3 is now closed and now we are filling bed #1.

Old Business: Workdays: Repair of perimeter fence is needed. Weeding the areas we don't replace is challenging due to double fencing where weeds grow through and cannot be reached. Mr. Organ opened discussion on which natural weed killers might help: a high salt solution, or a vinegar mix. Monthly Sign-Up Calendar discussion: Ms. Maurer wondered if we still needed this calendar. Ms. Herbster thought it might help during cold weather when 2 people are needed to unroll and roll out the plant cover fabric appropriately. It was decided to keep using calendar till end of November.

New Business: Next meeting is a special meeting on Tuesday, 11/9/26, due to conflict because of voting.

There being no further business, Ms. Herbster made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Ms. DeMars. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned 2:15 pm.

The next meeting is a special meeting scheduled for Monday, 11/9/26 at 1:30 PM

Submitted by Jo Anna Kloster, Secretary Jo Anna Kloster