



River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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Draft Meeting Minutes October 6, 2025

Present: Arwen Gibson, Jackie Herbster, JoAnna Kloster, Judi Lloyd, Barbara Maurer, Chris Organ, Barbara Pilcher, Ellen Serra, and Joanne Tello

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 9/2/25 meeting minutes. Ms. Lloyd made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Gibson. 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 September totaled 127.25 (YTD labor/administrative hours total 1,171.25 hours) and 338.5 pounds of vegetables and herbs were harvested in September (YTD harvest total 2,736 pounds). To date, the Garden has donated 330 pounds of vegetables to Interfaith Refugee Ministry. The Fall/Winter planting has been completed. Workdays are scheduled for October 18th, November 1st and November 15th at 8:00 a.m. Ms. Herbster reported that 1 Eastern Swallowtail and 27 Monarchs were released in September.

Old Business:

Swap-A-Plant: Ms. Gibson reported that she is in the process of obtaining supplies in order to construct shelving and shelter for the Swap-A-Plant project. Ms. Gibson will prepare guidelines for the project and will obtain the appropriate signage. This project is planned to be in place in the Spring of 2026.

National Night Out: Ms. Kloster and Ms. Maurer prepared a digital slideshow and Ms. Kloster will provide a computer. Ms. Maurer reported that the paper trifolds have been revised for distribution to the participants, and Ms. Pilcher updated the cardboard trifold with new pictures. Set-up begins at 4:00 pm on October 7th.

New Business:

Lawn Care/Maintenance: Ms. Herbster reported that our garden neighbor, Dustin, has, once again this year, cut the lawn around the garden all season. After discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Maurer to purchase a gift card as a thank you and the motion was seconded by Ms. Herbster. The motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, Ms. Pilcher 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 2:15 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2025 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary