



River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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Draft Special Meeting Minutes February 5, 2026

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm by Ms. Maurer.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: All members received and reviewed the 1/5/26 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 January were minimal due to the weather. January harvest was also minimal. Ms. Maurer reported that the onion sets have arrived and are ready for planting when the weather allows. Ms. Maurer also reported that the seeds for the upcoming Spring planting have been ordered. Ms. Herbster reported that the coverings on the swiss chard, lettuces and radishes collapsed during the recent snow storm. Mr. Organ will start getting the sweet potato slips started, and gardeners were encouraged to purchase Yukon gold and red potatoes to prepare them for planting. Ms. Gibson reported that three-quarters of the Swap a Plant area has been cleared out. Once this area has been cleared out completely, she would like to apply cardboard and mulch to the area. Ms. Gibson will also start looking for materials to build the shelving.

Old Business:

2026 Plant Sale: After discussion, it was decided to include a bake sale and craft sale component to the Plant Sale. Ms. Kloster and Ms. Herbster reported that they have started various herb and vegetable seeds. Ms. Lloyd will contact Ms. Pilcher regarding the preparation of a flyer for the event. All gardeners indicated a willingness to bake. Ms. Serra will contact Parks & Recreation Advisory Board as to the availability of pop-ups. The Plant Sale is scheduled for April 25, 2026 with a rain date of May 2, 2026.

New Business:

March Meeting: Since the primary election is scheduled for March 3, 2026, the municipal building is not available for RBCOG to conduct its meeting on March 2, 2026. Therefore, the March meeting will be held on March 9, 2026 at 1:30 pm.

There being no further business, Ms. Gibson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Serra. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2026 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary