



River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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Draft Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2026

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

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 4/6/26 meeting minutes. Ms. Lloyd made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Kloster. 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 April totaled 306 and administrative hours totaled 35. The Spring/Summer planting is in full swing. All seeds have been planted and tomatoes were planted on May 1st. Peppers and eggplant will be planted once we received them from Mr. Minch. Mr. Organ reported that the sweet potatoes are almost ready for planting. Ms. Herbster reported that 22 Monarch caterpillars have been placed in the habitat with 15 in chrysalis. Two Eastern Swallowtail caterpillars have been placed in the habitat and both are in chrysalis. Seven Eastern Swallowtails have been released from being over-wintered. In Ms. Gibson's absence, Ms. Herbster reported that the Swap A Plant program is open for business. Ms. Gibson has posted signs at the gate, along with posting on social media. Some of the plants left over from the Plant Sale were placed in the Swap A Plant area, and have already been taken to be planted at a new home. The 2026 Plant Sale was a success. Ms. Herbster reported that workdays are scheduled for May 9th and May 23rd.

Old Business:

Board Secretary Position: Ms. Kloster has volunteered to be the Board Secretary beginning fiscal year 2026-2027.

New Business: None.

There being no further business, Ms. DeMars made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Kloster. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 pm.

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

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary