



River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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Draft Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2026

Present: Becky DeMars, Lori Gaskins, Arwen Gibson, Jackie Herbster, JoAnna Kloster, Judi Lloyd, Barbara Maurer and Ellen Serra

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 pm by Ms. Maurer.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: All members received and reviewed the 5/4/26 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 hours for the month of May totaled 115.5 and administrative hours totaled 13. Ms. Maurer reported that 7.5 pounds of asparagus was harvested. The Spring/Summer planting has been completed. Ms. Herbster reported that the garlic has been harvested and being cured. It will be available for distribution to the gardeners at the July meeting. The Fertilizing Schedule has been revised and is posted on the bulletin board above the work desk. Ms. Herbster revised the Daily Duties List and it is posted on the work shed door. Ms. Herbster reported that 2 Monarch caterpillars were placed in the habitat and 11 Monarchs were released in the month of May. Ms. Gaskins reported that the Monarch population is suffering from a debilitating protozoan parasite called *Ophryocystis elektroscirrha* ("OE"). She suggested that the garden cease placing caterpillars in the habitat until testing can be conducted. Ms. Gibson reported that the Swap A Plant program is being utilized and has received positive feedback. She requests that the gardeners check during their shifts whether the plants need watering. Ms. Herbster reported that workdays are scheduled for June 6th and 20th beginning at 8:00 am.

Old Business:

New Business: The River Bend Fourth of July Parade will be held on Saturday, July 4th beginning at the River Bend Country Club. All gardeners were in favor of participating. Ms. Herbster will register RBCOG with the Town.

There being no further business, Ms. Lloyd 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 2:35 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 6, 2026 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary