



River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center
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Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2026 - 1:30 PM

Present: Becky DeMars, Lori Gaskins, Arwen Gibson, Jackie Herbster, Jo Anna Kloster, Barbara Maurer, and Ellen Serra

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

Review and approval of previous meeting minutes: All members received and reviewed the 7/6/26 meeting minutes. Ms. Gibson made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Gaskins. The motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Report: Ms. Herbster gave the report in Ms. Lloyds' absence.

Garden update: Ms. Maurer reported labor hours for the month of July totaled 150 with 20 hours being administrative with all hours totaling 951 YTD. Ms. Maurer reported that the harvest for July totaled 298 pounds with an additional 11 pounds of herbs to total 310 pounds of produce harvested. Percentage wise IRM got 28% of produce. Regarding the butterfly habitat, after further research OE doesn't affect Eastern Swallowtails (EST); therefore, the Garden will commence placing EST caterpillars in the habitat. Ms. Gibson reported there was no update for Swap-a-plant. Ms. Herbster reported that Fall planting possibilities include kale, collards, broccoli, chard, and bok choy. Ms. Gibson suggested trying mustard greens as a cover crop on the beds that had root knot this summer. Ms. Herbster reported that workdays are scheduled for August 8 and the 22nd.

Old Business: The September meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept 8, at 2:30 PM because our regularly scheduled meeting falls on Labor Day.

There being no further business, Ms. Herbster made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Gibson.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 is a special meeting due to Labor Day at 2:30 PM at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted, Jo Anna Kloster