



## River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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### Draft Special Meeting Minutes September 2, 2025

**Present:** Lynne Couture, Jackie Herbster, Judi Lloyd, Barbara Maurer, and Ellen Serra

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 pm by Ms. Maurer.

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** All members received and reviewed the 8/4/25 meeting minutes. Ms. Lloyd made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Serra. 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 August totaled 149 (YTD labor/administrative hours total 1,057.25 hours) and 486 pounds of vegetables and herbs were harvested (YTD harvest total 2,294 pounds). To date, the Garden has donated 226 pounds of vegetables to Interfaith Refugee Ministry. Workdays for September are scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. Ms. Herbster reported that 18 Eastern Swallowtails were released in August. She also reported that the Monarch caterpillars have arrived.

#### Old Business:

**Plant Swap:** No update.

**Fall/Winter Planting:** Fall vegetables are scheduled to be planted during the scheduled workdays in September.

#### New Business:

**National Night Out:** Ms. Herbster will sign up the Garden as a participant. P&R has offered for the Garden to utilize a pop-up for the event. Ms. Herbster will coordinate. Instead of utilizing the tri-fold boards with pictures, it was suggested that a laptop be brought to the event and run a slideshow of pictures of the Garden. Ms. Herbster will provide the Garden banner, table cloth, basket of dried herbs and basket of candy. Ms. Serra will provide a flower arrangement. Ms. Maurer, Ms. Lloyd, and Ms. Couture have volunteered to staff the event. Ms. Maurer and Ms. Kloster are updating the trifold.

There being no further business, Ms. Couture 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 2:19 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2025 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary