



River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2022

Present: Robin Beilby, Melissa Dinsmore, Wendy Fleming, Jackie Herbster, Denise Kelly, Judi Lloyd, Barbara Maurer, Chris Organ and Dee Smith

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Maurer.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: All members received and reviewed the February 7, 2022 meeting minutes. Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Fleming. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Report: Ms. Maurer gave a brief overview of Town Council actions and activities.

Financial Report: Ms. Maurer presented the financial report.

Garden Update: With regard to the bees, Ms. Kelly reported that she will be combatting against mites and applying the appropriate treatment to eradicate the mites. She will be installing new bees on March 25, 2022. Mr. Johnson from the bee keeper's association will be assisting Ms. Kelly with getting the new hive up and functional. Ms. Smith reported that lettuce, sweet potatoes, radishes, herbs and asclepias have been planted. The Green Team has re-planted asclepias in the jugs and are scheduled to plant potatoes on their next visit. The field trip to the horse farm was successful and the volunteers loaded and unloaded three truck loads of manure. The horse farm also had hay for sale, and 33 bales were purchased. Ms. Smith sent thank you notes for the manure, and to Public Works, along with cookies, for their assistance in getting the hay to the garden. Mr. Organ reported that most of the water has been hooked up and the fittings checked. Ms. Maurer suggested that cover crops be planted in the beds that will remain fallow. Spring planting will include beans, kale, herbs, cukes and squash. Ms. Beilby reported that the seedlings from Mr. Garner should be ready in approximately 3 weeks, except for the tomatoes. A workday is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2022 after 8:00 am.

Old Business: With regard to the greenhouse project, Mr. Organ reported that the ends of the roof have been repaired and sealed. He has also purchased two windows.

New Business: Ms. Smith reported that the River Bend Garden Club has requested representatives from the RBCOB speak at their April meeting. Ms. Maurer and Ms. Smith will be handling.

There being no further business, Ms. Beilby made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Fleming. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster
Jackie Herbster, Secretary