



River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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Draft Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2025

Present: Peggy Bennett, Lynne Couture, Arwen Gibson, Jackie Herbster, Denise Kelly, JoAnne Kloster, Judi Lloyd, Barbara Maurer, Chris Organ, Barbara Pilcher, and Ellen Serra

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 pm by Ms. Maurer.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: All members received and reviewed the 1/6/25 meeting minutes. Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Lloyd. The motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Report: Ms. Lloyd presented the financial report from Friends of River Bend Community Organic Garden. Ms. Gibson made a motion to approve the financial report and the motion was seconded by Ms. Kloster. The motion was approved unanimously.

Garden Update: Ms. Maurer reported the following – January Garden Hours: Labor – 5.75, Administrative – 15. Garden Harvest: January vegetables – 9 pounds. The onion order has been shipped and should receive them soon. A workday will be scheduled soon, depending on the weather, to plant the onions. Potatoes will be planted in March and sweet potatoes will be planted in April. Ms. Maurer is in the process of preparing the 2024 annual report and will circulate for review and comment. Ms. Herbster reported that most of the vegetables survived the cold snap and snow, but some did not. Ms. Kelly reported that the last bee hive did not survive due to the cold winter. She reported that 50% of all hives in the State of North Carolina were lost.

Old Business:

2025 Plant Sale: Ms. Serra reported that the Plant Sale Committee has met and will be circulating a sign-up sheet at the next meeting for gardeners to volunteer for the various jobs that will need to be filled for the Plant Sale. The Committee will work with Ms. Pilcher in preparing a flyer for circulation.

New Business:

Mr. Organ suggested that the garden plant more vegetables this year considering the increase of the price of vegetables. Ms. Maurer will look at the current planting and crop rotation to ascertain whether this is feasible.

There being no further business, Ms. Lloyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Kelly. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2025 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary