



River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center
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Special Meeting Minutes – September 7, 2021

Present: Robin Beilby, Wendy Fleming, Christy Geer, Jackie Herbster, JoAnna Kloster, Judi Lloyd, Barbara Maurer and Dee Smith

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Maurer at 1:32 p.m.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: All members received and reviewed the August 2, 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Lloyd made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Beilby. 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: In the month of August, the garden harvested 226 pounds of vegetables and herbs. To date, the garden has harvested 488 pounds of vegetables and herbs. Labor hours for the month of August totaled 213. Donations are continuing to the Interfaith Refugee Ministries. Ms. Smith was successful in locating a horse stable willing to donate horse manure to the garden. Garden volunteers will be picking up the manure on Friday, September 10th at 1:30 pm. The manure, along with mushroom compost, will be used to amend Rows 1 and 2 for fall/winter planting. Ms. Smith reported that the production of Monarch and Swallowtails have increased. She also reported that the bees are doing well and are producing honey but not enough yet to harvest. A decision needs to be made by January whether to purchase a queen and drones to start the second hive. The cost is approximately \$60.00. Ms. Smith reported that the Green Team will be back for the 2021/2022 school year. The Green Team's first work day is scheduled for September 15, 2021 at 3:00 pm.

Old Business: There are no old business matters.

New Business: It was decided that fall planting will be scaled back this year due to RKN issues. Planting in Rows 1 and 2 will include lettuces, radishes, rutabagas, turnips, kale and brussel sprouts. We have seeds for all of these items except for the brussel sprouts which will need to be purchased. Ms. Smith reported that Ms. Benson, a supporter and donor of the garden, commissioned a local artist to produce a drawing which has been made into note cards. The note cards are being sold for \$10.00 for 5 note cards. All proceeds will be donated to the garden. If anyone would like to purchase note cards, please contact Ms. Smith.

There being no further business, Ms. Beilby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kloster seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 4, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by,



Jackie Herbster, Secretary