RVACG Board of Directors Meeting
Monday May 11th, 2026

Opening: Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm at the RVACG in Spring Green, WI.

Establish Quorum to Conduct Business:
Board Members Present: Sarah Alt, Chris Everett, Melissa Hildebrandt, Kelly Miller, Douglas Rouse, Rose Ellen Schneider, Mary Stellick and Marlon Tafs
Members Absent: Emily Martorano and Chariann Mitchell
Guests: None.

Approval of minutes from previous board meeting:
Motion to approve minutes from 4/13/26: Alt
Second: Everett
Motion carries.

Reports.

President's Report: Submitted by Schneider. See Appendix A. St. Vincent's opted to put their surveillance camera on their property.
Vice President /Superintendent's Report: Rouse reports alpaca manure has been delivered. He plans to get horse manure also and Sprecher's farm might bring some additionally.
Rouse plans to host brat frys at Prem Meats on July 18th and August 22nd.
Motion to purchase $100 Chamber of Commerce gift card for Jerome Sprecher: Hildebrandt
Second: Rouse
Motion carries.

Secretary/Registrar's Report: Submitted by Miller. See Appendix B.
Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Hildebrandt. See Appendix C.
Motion to transfer $2000 from savings account into the CD: Miller
Second: Dick
Discussion: Currently, there is almost $3,600 in checking and over $4,400 in savings. The CD has over $5,400. She recommends a transfer of $1,000-2,000.
Motion carries.
Social Media Committee Report: Submitted by Schneider. See Appendix A.
Youth Gardening Committee Report: Stellick reports her taskforce met last week to finalized programming. Robin D'Elene is new addition to the taskforce. She is willing to host a field trip at their farm. There are currently 23 kids in the Busy Bees program.
Meet-and-greet with initial planting is this Sunday. Four new beds are postponed until there is a need. Schneider the after-school program has been planting.
Powered Equipment Committee Report: Tafs reports everything is working well. Norm Miller volunteered to change oil for us in the tiller.
Food Share Committee Report: Rabbits ate the initial broccoli planting. There is $450 in budget for Food Share. They will plan to purchase stakes and chicken wire to protect this plot.

Old Business:

Hay Shed: No updates at this time.

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Logo & New Sign: No updates at this time.
Pre-season meeting: Attendance was low. One new gardener attended. A suggestion is made to schedule on Sunday versus Saturday. Stellick recommends the first Sunday in May.
Garden Basics: Two two new gardeners came and asked questions. This lasted ~two hours.
Donation Box: The QR code is attached and this is ready to be mounted.
Garage Door: Dick is prepared to fix the door today.
Labels for the Compost: Miller offers to label the compost area. No diseased plants or large stocks should be included.

Planning 2026:

Garden Swap: The potluck event is scheduled for 4:00 on Sunday. Decorating signs can happen prior. There are two tables in the shed. Schneider can get a couple more from the church. Napkins and plates are already in supplies. Miller can bring a water cooler. Not having access to email, Dennis Tobias, Joan Bompkamp and Virginia Mundt will need a calendar mailed to them Miller will follow up on this.

Hosting Parties at the Garden: See Appendix D. The RVACG is a semi-private park and is not listed as a gathering place at the village offices. Stellick recommends guidelines regarding expectations. Debates included offering to gardeners only versus the general public. Recommend any group larger than 12 people should notify the board with date/time/reason. Rouse plans to host 10 people on August 2nd. Schneider will revise the policy and follow up.

Open Forum:

- Tafs has two more baffles to attach for water
- Busy Bees water need to be fixed. Tafs will follow up.
- Bird boxes need to be checked. Rick Stellick may be able to help with this.Cardboard and PFAs??? Debunked?
- Signage plans will wait until there is an update from either Ana Vascan or Martorano. Current signage may last until next year.

Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn: Dick
Second: Rouse
Motion carries.

The meeting is closed at 7:45 pm. The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday June 8th, 2026 at the River Valley Area Community Gardens in Spring Green, WI (weather permitting).

Minutes submitted by Miller

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APPENDIX A:

Presidents Report for May 2026

Pre=Season Meeting: Approximately 11 people attended the meeting including one volunteer and 1 new gardener**.** Guidelines were reviewed and a number of questions answered. Recommend looking at a Sunday afternoon. The Saturday of Earth Day is Savor the Valley Farm and Food Tour but not sure that had anything to do with the low attendance. There were soccer games and summer rec meetings scheduled that day also.

April 25 Work Day: 9 people showed up. The Bees boxes were filled with compost and are ready for planting.

Kiosk: It has been busy. Plants are being donated and taken.

St, Vincent Request for Temporary Security Camera: Dennis Olson contacted us about mounting a temporary security camera on the Garden Shed or putting a stake with one on our property. After a text message, the Board agreed to allow it. Dennis also shared that they will be planting the southern area of their property with native plants to encourage pollinators into the area.

Social Media (Web site and Facebook) Statistic as of March 30

Web site stats

Month	Unique visits	Pages viewed	Ave Pages viewed/visit
Apr 26	225	270	1.0
Mar 26	304	464	1.5
Feb 26	232	453	1.9
Jan 26	427	805	1,6
Dec 25	161	223	1,3
Nov 25	220	313	1.1

Top pages: Home 122; Youth 24; Plots 21; Policies 16; Garden notes 15; Events 9;

Search engines: Google 18; FB 10; Savor the Valley 1.

Largest day was April 5 with 49 unique visits and 59 page views.

Facebook Stats

Month	Followers	Views	Engagement
Apr 26	928	12,758	525
Mar 26	915	21,314	884
Feb 26	902	19,372	720
Dec 25	882	28,619	1,607
Nov 25	868	43,389	971
Oct 25	829	67,702	249

Top pages: (Views) Apr 18 Farmers Market announcement 737; May 8 Brat Fry for Pantry announcement 676 ; Strawberry plants April 14 571; Busy Bees highlight video 476 ; Culvers Share Night for Pantry 406 ; April Kids Gardening Month 343

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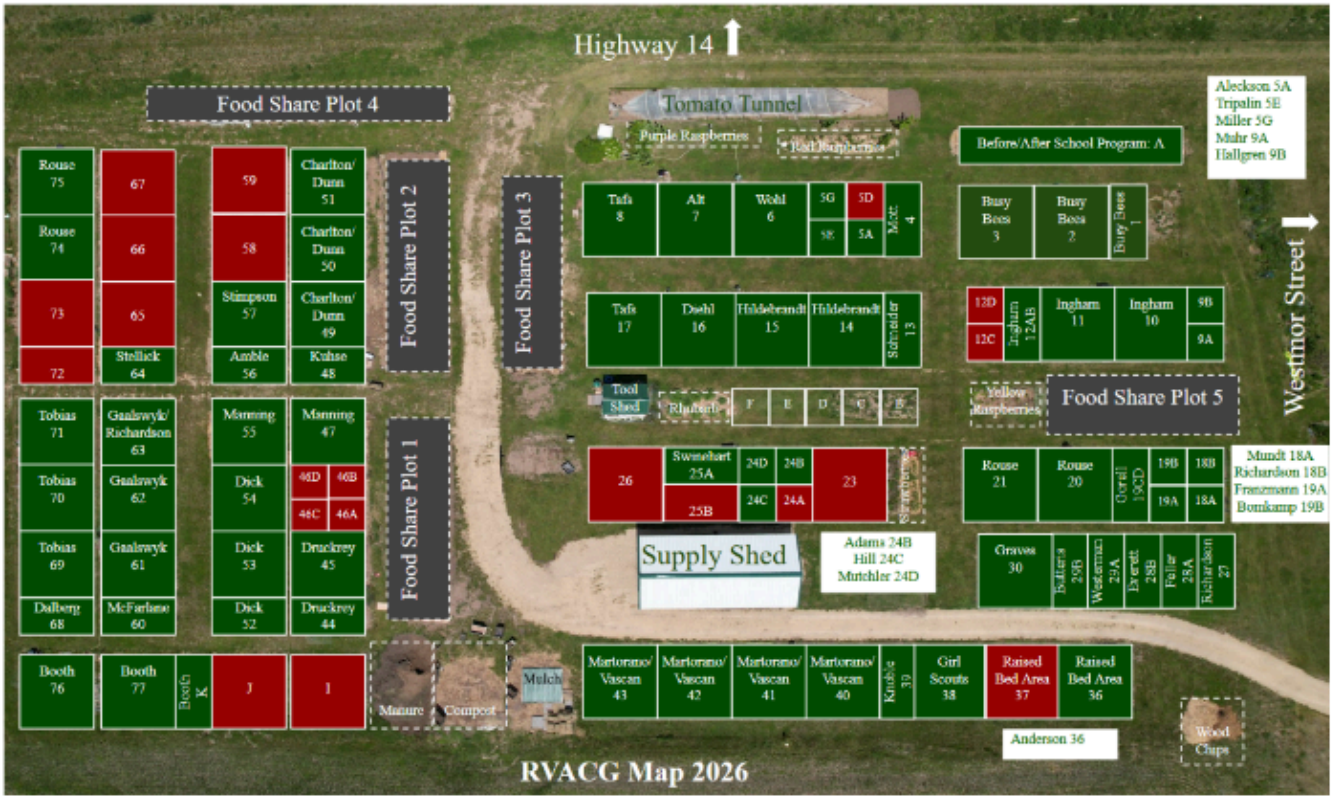
APPENDIX B: 1 of 2

Secretary & Registration Reports



NEW GARDENERS 2026:	TOTALS:
• Pat Hill 24D • Elaine Graves 30 • Kate Franzmann 18A • Kaela Wohl 6 • Catherine Mutchler 24D • Emily Muhr 9A • Laura/Ben Stimpson 57 • Meg Hallgren 9B • Vern Dalberg 68	• 42 applications for general gardeners • 2 applications for youth groups: Before/After School (A) and Girl Scouts (38) • 3 junior gardeners • 20x20 plots - rented = 34, available = 10 • 10x20 plots - rented = 17, available = 2 • 10x10 plots - rented = 12, available = 5 • 10x10 junior/youth - rented = 13, available = 3

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RVACG Task Force & Committee Volunteers 2026

Food Share

CO-CHAIRS: Chris Everett, Doug Rouse and Marlon Tafs

Chloe Gaalswyk
Joy Richardson
Amber Westerman
Hannah Feller
Kelly Miller
Jennifer Kerr-Moore
Rebecca Claeys
Connor Dunn
Elaine Graves
Pat Hill
Linda Kyser
Kate Franzmann
Bazile Booth
Brad Dick
Catherine Mutchler
Emily Muhr
Meg Hallgren
Jennifer McFarlane

Fundraising

CHAIR: Melissa Hildebrandt

Kelly Miller
Forest Anderson
Sarah Alt
Barb Mott
Doug Rouse
Marlon Tafs
Jess Knoble
Virginia Mundt
Elaine Graves
Tom Swinehart
Pat Hill
Laura Druckrey
Emily Muhr

Youth Gardening

CHAIR: Mary Stellick

Rose Ellen Schneider
Melissa Hildebrandt
Tom Hildebrandt
Doug Rouse
Amanda Diehl
Jess Knoble
Stacy Amble
Kate Franzmann
Laura Stimpson

Fruit & Flowers

CHAIR: Rose Ellen Schneider

Kelly Miller
Joy Richardson
Melissa Hildebrandt
Jennifer Kerr-Moore
Pat Hill
Sarah Alt

Grounds

CHAIR: Marlon Tafs

Don Koller
Doug Rouse
Dennis Tobias
Randy Manning

Other

Julie Kuhse
Dawn Ingham
Kaela Wohl
Kelly Gorell
Vern Dalberg

Repairs

Marlon Tafs
Cal Butteris
Doug Rouse
Brad Dick

Composting

Doug Rouse
Emily Martorano
Chloe Gaalswyk
Marlon Tafs
Emily Muhr

Social Events

CHAIR: Melissa Hildebrandt
Kate Franzmann

Mentorship

Doug Rouse

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APPENDIX C:

TREASURER REPORT

MAY 2026

Beginning balance April 7 $3914.63

April 7-May 4

Expenses

34.00 Gas-reimburse Marlon

200.00 Kwik Trip gas card

32.77 Ray's Do It Best (utility knives, spark plugs, oil, tool sharpening)

76.42 Menard's (orange tape, marker pens, mailbox)

8.40 Workspace-April

52.83 State Farm-April

404.42 TOTAL

Deposits

63.79 Plot fees (PayPal fees were subtracted)

19.45 donations (PayPal fees were subtracted)

83.24 TOTAL

BALANCE AS OF MAY 4 $3,593.45

Savings account balance $4,463.85 (deposited Culver's Share Night proceeds 407.26 plus 1 cent interest)

CD $5,423.41

Petty Cash balance $2.35

GRAND TOTAL FUNDS $ 13,483.06

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APPENDIX D:

Garden Uage by Individuals Policy

Request for Garden usage by an existing Gardener shall be automatically granted if there is no existing event scheduled. The Board should be notified of the event to be sure the event does not interfere with an existing Gardens event and so the Board knows who is responsible for participants. The Gardener shall be responsible for keeping participants out of the buildings and plots. The Gardener shall be responsible for cleanup of the grounds after the event.

Requests for Garden usage by public individuals, not Gardeners, or groups, of which there are no Gardeners who are members, must be approved by the Board. Size and type of the event shall be considered prior to approval. Events shall be considered on individual basis. Requesting individual or organization is responsible for cleaning up the grounds after the event.. No participant should be in any plot or pick any produce or flowers.