



Announcement:

Meeting of the Willow Bend Environmental Education Center Board of Directors and Guests

May 16th, 2025

Spring Valley Cabin and Bunkhouse, Williams, AZ

3:00-4:30 pm

All supporting documents:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1FQQ4gaNOA4LS2fdRnUFzVE60nPYE4CjH?usp=drive_link

3:00-3:20

Welcomes, check in's

Melissa Eckstrom, Jillian Worssam, Grant Mohn, Ariel Leonard, Andi Rogers, Alex Babinski, Eric Souders, Tabi Bolton, Melanie Colavito, Jana Sterling, Michele James,

Guest

Guest – Gina Graziano, Peter Frederichi, multiple cattle

3:20 PM:

Call Meeting to Order

- Agenda review and refine (if needed)

3:25 PM:

Public Comments

3:30 PM:

Review and approve April minutes

[04 14 15 Willow Bend Board Meeting Agenda and meeting notes.docx](#)

Motion to approve minutes put on hold until next month's board meeting

3:35 PM:

Reports Overview

Brief summary only; we won't review each report individually due to the outdoor setting. Please review ahead of time and bring any questions. Director Report/Financials

[May Directors report](#)

Bryce great addition to staff, has jumped in and so far a super fit.

Building update – Still finishing up repairs from flooding event

Received beautification grant from city of Flagstaff BBB

-Before making a Willow Bend sign, currently working on design ideas (Melissa to send out logo designs)

-Mary McKell has contacted Melissa per her resignation from the board. The board voted to remove Ashley Shields and Mary McKell from the bank account, and add on Alex Babinski, Bryce Thayer, and Melanie Colivato. Melissa Eckstrom would be the control on the account.

Ariel nominated - Tabi seconded all in favor. Melanie Colivato Approved as new treasurer.

Andi and Ariel to follow-up on gift for Mary

Monthly Financial Reports

[StatementofActivity \(21\).pdf](#)

[StatementofFinancialPosition \(19\).pdf](#)

Bryce to go full time September 2025

Melissa very proactive on new grants including a new APS grant and Kahtoola grant

Suggestion from Andi to possibly look at a part time grant writing person – think about option?

Program Report/Updates

- 3:45 PM:** **Budget FY26**
[Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Proposed Budget.xlsx](#)
Printed copies will be provided
- 4:05 PM:** **Additional agenda items**
- **June Board Meeting @ Wildflower Meet at Wildflower at 4:00 for board meeting**
July meeting needs to move to a different location due to bug camp - library?
Jillian to be on call for event rental on Monday the 19th event
More discussion needed on fundraising
Changing the date for June fundraiser to possibly first week of August. Before school started
- 4:30 PM:** **Next steps, Vote to Adjourn**
Ariel to motion to adjourn, Tabi Seconded, Passed

Melissa thoughts on future possible projects

-Cover more of Coconino county residents, Fredonia as an example, with Willow Bend services

-Spanish speaking options for programs

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