

Town of Patagonia, Arizona Flood and Flow Committee

MISSION: *The watershed is a vital component of this community's well-being. The Sonoita Creek Flood and Flow Study Committee will (i) make recommendations to the Patagonia Town Council with respect to best practices within its jurisdiction to manage erosion, to enhance water flow, to create optimal flood mitigation and to promote the long-term health of the riparian corridor, (ii) look at the entire watershed area to influence upstream conditions and to mitigate downstream consequences, and (iii) educate the public.*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Carolyn Shafer-F&F **Chairperson** &
Patagonia Area Resource Alliance: **PARA**
Dave Ellis-Patagonia Area Water Study: **PAWS**
Marty Lawrence-The Nature Conservancy: **TNC**
Robert Proctor-Friends of Sonoita Creek **FOSC**

Kate Tirion-Deep Dirt farm: **DDFI**
Kurt Vaughn-Borderlands Restoration Network:
BRN
Howard Buchanan-Tucson Audubon Paton
Center: **TAPC**

Minutes of July 9, 2020 Meeting

Members Present: Carolyn, Marty, Kate, Kurt, Howard, Bob, Dave

Members Absent: all members are present

Guests: Jennifer Varin (Coronado National Forest Watershed Manager), Ron Robinson (Patagonia Town Manager), Sarah Richman (South32), Tomas Goode (South32), Brad Sander

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Carolyn Shafer

1. Call to the Public - no one spoke
2. Approval of June 11, 2020 minutes- Motion to approve by Bob; second by Kurt; minutes unanimously approved
3. Howard reported that the grant to fund a formal watershed management group is expected to be announced shortly.
4. Jennifer Varin provided detailed information on the process of Participatory Agreements and water studies by the Forest Service. Following Jennifer's presentation, there was a motion by Carolyn, seconded by Kate to recommend that the Town of Patagonia send letters to the Forest Service requesting participatory agreements for a watershed study and for watershed restoration action plans. Motion passed unanimously.

Howard made a motion, seconded by Bob to create a Research Group to draft the letters. Volunteers to be the Research Group are Carolyn, Howard, Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.