**Town of Patagonia, Arizona Flood and Flow Committee Meeting Minutes**

**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**:

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| 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 December 10, 2020 Meeting were approved

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

## Members Absent: Kate

**Guests:** Ron Robinson (Patagonia Town Manager), Jennifer Varin (FS Watershed Manager), Shelley White

Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Carolyn Shafer

1. Call to the Public - no one spoke
2. November 12 and 23, 2020 Minutes: Marty moves to approve November 12 Minutes, Bob seconds, November 12 Minutes are unanimously approved; Marty moves to approve November 23 Minutes; Kurt seconds; November 23 Minutes are unanimously approved.
3. Howard reported that the grant to fund a formal watershed management group is in process and has a deadline of January 19.
4. Howard updated the Committee regarding the status of the funding opportunities for

FMA and BRIC Notice of Intent which now involves working through ADEMA

(Arizona Dept of Emergency and Military Affairs).

1. Bob Proctor advised that he and Coronado Forest Service Watershed Manager Jennifer Varin are bringing together various FS Sierra Vista and Nogales District staff working in the watershed to understand ongoing and future projects. Following those discussions, we will be able to begin drafting Watershed Restoration Action Plans for priority sub-watersheds.
2. Dave Ellis updated the Committee on his well monitoring proposal for the Sonoita Creek Watershed. Members of the Committee provided feedback on Dave’s proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.