

## 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**  
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 8, 2021 Meeting

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

**Members Absent:** none

**Guests:** Greg Olsen (USFS Hydrologist), Peter Leiterman (TNC), Sarah Richman (South32), A. Rissa (NextGen Engineering), Ruth Ann LeFevre (Advisory Committee Member), Shelley White (public health professor), Mary Tolena (citizen)

Meeting called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Carolyn Shafer

1. Call to the Public - no one spoke
2. June 10, 2021 Minutes: Howard moves to approve Minutes. Marty seconds. Minutes are unanimously approved.
3. Howard advises there is no new updates on the FEMA BRIC grants.
4. Howard advises that the Bureau of Reclamation did not select the Town's grant application, but did offer to meet in August or September to discuss why the application was not successful. Bob advises that most organizations do not receive this grant award on the first attempt. Carolyn makes a motion that the Committee is interested in pursuing a meeting with the Bureau in order to submit a future grant application; Bob seconds. The Motion is approved unanimously.
5. Carolyn advises that the Research Team (Howard, Bob, Carolyn) met to review the drafting of a Town of Patagonia Municipal Watershed Plan and will be creating a study group to work on drafting that plan.
6. Carolyn and Bob reported that the Research Team had looked at the Town's General Plan and had not started that review as the Town is in compliance with State Statutes so there is time to do that over the coming year.
7. USFS Hydrologist Greg Olsen provides an update on the monitoring program being implemented by the Forest Service in Harshaw Creek.

8. Bob requested several changes to the items listed in the Agenda's "Parking Lot."
9. Kate moves to adjourn; Marty seconds; all in favor. The meeting adjourns at 11:30 a.m.