

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:
TNR 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 September 9, 2021 Meeting

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

Members Absent: none

Guests: Ron Robinson (Patagonia Town Manager), John Hays (Santa Cruz County Flood Plain Coordinator), Bill O'Brien (NextGen Engineering), Chris Thiel (USFS Natural Resources), Peter Leiterman (TNC), Ruth Ann LeFevre (Citizen)

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

1. Call to the Public - no one spoke
2. Marty moves to approve the Minutes for the August 12, 2021 Regular Meeting and August 18, 2021 Special Meeting with a second by Kate. Closing time of the August 12 meeting is corrected to 10:30 a.m. Minutes as corrected are approved unanimously.
3. Carolyn provides an update on the September 8, 2021 Study Session with the Town Council on creating a Town Ordinance setting forth this Committee's powers and duties. A draft document will be reviewed and discussed at the October 14, 2021 Committee meeting.
4. John Hays presented a revised document for the Santa Cruz County RFQ for Patagonia Regional Flood Control Project Feasibility Study and Alternative Analysis. This document reflects the discussions of the August 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
5. An extensive discussion about the alternative solutions occurred.
6. Kurt moves to adjourn; Marty seconds; all in favor. The meeting adjourns at 11:05 a.m.