

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: **TN**
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 January 13, 202 Meeting

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

Members Absent: Carolyn

Guests: Sarah Richman (South32)

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

1. Call to the Public - no one spoke
2. Kurt moves to approve the October, 2021 and November, 2021 Minutes; Kate seconds; unanimously approved.
3. John Hays was not present to provide an update on the Santa Cruz County RFQ for Patagonia Regional Flood Control Project Feasibility Study and Alternative. Neither Kurt nor Kate had an update.
4. Bob provided an update on the draft of this Committee's Powers & Duties. On item 7 Powers & duties Marty asked for a clarification on the dismissal of a Committee member if required or requested. Is dismissal determined by chair, chair designer or town council? Will be discussed with Town Manager Ron.
5. Howard reported no changes with respect to the Town's communications with the Forest Service for a comprehensive water study. We are waiting for presentation by USGS Floyd Gray. Howard mentioned that the Research Team had sought to accompany USFS and Dr Gray on his recent visit but the request was denied due to concerns over permissions to access private property

6. Howard gave an update on this Committee's review of the Town's General Plan reporting on opinion of town attorney vis a vis matters that may be subject to treatment as "major" amendments, which included proposals to change the size of the plan area.
7. Kate moves to adjourn; Marty seconds; all in favor. The meeting adjourns at 10:28 a.m.