

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 April 14, 2022 Meeting

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

Members Absent:

Guests: Ron Robinson (Patagonia Town Manager), Ben Lomeli, Dave Christiana, Glenn Ingram, Tomas Goode, Francis Glad

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Carolyn.

1. Call to the Public - no one spoke
2. Kate moves to approve the March 10, 2022 Minutes; Kurt seconds; unanimously approved.
3. Committee members Kate Tirion and Kurt Vaughn and retired hydrologists, Ben Lomeli and Dave Christiana provided an update on their South32 site visit.
4. Ben Lomeli (retired hydrologist) presents information about this watershed.
5. Kate moves to adjourn; Bob seconds; all in favor. The meeting adjourns at 11:43 a.m.

Old Business Updates were part of the written Agenda as follows:

- Update from Santa Cruz County Consultant Rob Lane on the RFQ for Patagonia Regional Flood Control Project Feasibility Study and Alternative Analysis: The evaluations are complete. The summary of the scoring will be shared/discussed with

the evaluators, and a final candidate will result. This will happen in the next 7-10 days, depending on availability of the evaluators.

- Update from Howard Buchanan on the Cooperative Watershed Management Program Fund Opportunity Announcement by USBR (a/k/a funding the Sonoita Creek Watershed Stakeholders Group): On the advice of USBR, and after consultation with our peers, we chose to delay the submission of our application to the CWMP until the next funding cycle in order to assure full opportunity for stakeholder involvement in the development process.