**MINUTES FOR MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**10 a.m., Thursday, March 9, 2023**

1. Call to Order—Bill called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.
2. Roll Call—Bill O’Brien present, Carolyn Shafer present, Ron Robinson present, Bob Proctor present, Aaron Mrotek present, Howard Buchanan present, Kate Tirion present, Tess Wagner present.

Public Present: Ashley Hullinger (Univ of AZ WRRC), Alex Johnson, Tomas Goode (South32), Samantha Hewitt (NextGen Engineering)

1. Pledge of Allegiance—Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Correction and/or Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2023, Regular Monthly Meeting.

**MOTION:** Ron Robinson moved to approve the minutes as submitted

**SECOND:** Bob Proctor

**VOTE:** Passed by unanimous consent

1. Call to Public A. R. S. §38-431-01(H):  AT THIS TIME, ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IS ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE TOWN COMMITTEE, SUBJECT TO REASONABLE TIME AND MANNER RESTRICTIONS.  THE PUBLIC WILL ONLY BE RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS LISTED FOR PUBLIC INPUT PURSUANT TO TOWN CODE SECTION 2-5-6.  PURSUANT TO THE ARIZONA OPEN MEETING LAW, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CALL TO THE PUBLIC, INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL MAY RESPOND TO CRITICISM MADE BY THOSE WHO HAVE ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL, MAY ASK STAFF TO REVIEW THE MATTER, OR MAY ASK THE MATTER BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA.  HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BODY SHALL NOT DISCUSS OR TAKE LEGAL ACTION ON MATTERS RAISED DURING AN OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS THE MATTERS ARE PROPERLY NOTICED FOR DISCUSSION AND LEGAL ACTION

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update on the Patagonia Regional Flood Control Project Feasibility Study. (Bill O’Brien) Discussion about funding and who would fund the study took place. Tomas said he would have Melanie call Ron to verify South32’s commitment to fund. Bill said the team would get together and discuss the progress of Phase 1.

1. Update on the process for the flood control permit for South32 relative to the Cross Creek Connector road. (Carolyn Shafer and Bob Proctor) Carolyn said Melanie confirmed there were still title issues holding up closing. Melanie confirmed a contractor had been selected for construction. Once all title issues have been cleared and the transfer legal, South32 would send the Permit Application to the County and Town.
2. Update on the University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center on the Town of Patagonia’s “Drought Response Planning for Water Resilient Communities.” (Howard Buchanan and Bob Proctor) Ashley updated on the March 22nd Drought Preparedness Stakeholders Meeting at Cady Hall. She also mentioned the March 24th field trip to TNC and her group was excited to visit. Bill suggested we be thinking of ways to get more stakeholders involved with the plan.
3. Update on WRAP Team adding Tess Wagner and requesting a meeting with the Forest Service. (Carolyn Shafer, Bob Proctor, Howard Buchanan). The team met on 3-8-2023 to meet new member Tess Wagner from Borderlands. They agree to move ahead on the Town’s watershed plan and engage the USFS in a zoom meeting. This is a 3–5-year process.
4. Next Regular Monthly Meeting: April 13, 2023, at 10 a.m. Bob suggested we move parking lot items to next month’s agenda. Bill agreed and felt we need to establish a research team for parking lot items.

1. Future Agenda Items—move parking lot items to agenda items for next month.
2. Adjourn

**MOTION:** Ron Robinson moved to adjourn

**SECOND:** Carolyn Shafer

**VOTE:** Passed by unanimous consent

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 am.

PARKING LOT: RADAR SCREEN: Hudbay Property Ownership

* Comprehensive Groundwater Study
* Town of Patagonia Municipal Watershed Plan
* Sonoita Creek Watershed Stakeholders Group
* Community Database of Water Studies