**MINUTES for ZOOM Meeting**

**10 a.m., Thursday, June 8, 2023**

**Meeting I.D. 869-7644-8617 Passcode 625039**

1. Call to Order—Ron called the meeting to order at 10:01
2. Roll Call: Bill O’Brien present, Ron Robinson present, Carolyn Shafer present, Aaron Mrotek present, Howard Buchanan present, Rodrigo Sierra-Corona present. Absent, Bob Proctor, Kate Tirion & Tess Wagner.

Public Present: Tomas Goode, (South32), Alex Johnson, (FOSC), Mary Tolena, (TerraSol).

1. Pledge of Allegiance—Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Correction and/or Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2023, regular monthly meeting. Carolyn requested that all absent members be listed in Item 2. Roll Call.

**MOTION:** Ron moved to accept the minutes from May 11, 2023, as corrected.

**SECOND:** Aaron

**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. No one spoke.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update on the Patagonia Regional Flood Control Project Feasibility Study. Bill reviewed the purpose and process of the study and what is to be expected from it and said there should be a report out by the end of June.
2. Update on the process for the flood control permit for South32 relative to the Cross Creek Connector road. Carolyn said she requested an update in an email to South32 but has yet to get a response.
3. Update on the University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center on the Town of Patagonia’s “Drought Response Planning for Water Resilient Communities.” Howard said no change but still compiling information.
4. Update on working with the Coronado Forest Service to begin drafting Watershed Restoration Action Plans. Carolyn has two updates. 1. Chris Thiel with the Sierra Vista District of the USFS is reviewing the documents and asked that the team meet after June 19, 2023. Update 2. Since Tess Wagner has been appointed to the Committee, there can’t be a quorum on the research team so she is moving off the team.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discuss status of Parking Lot items:
   1. Comprehensive Groundwater Study. (Look at South32’s groundwater management video)

Bill showed South32’s video and PARA’s response video. Carolyn feels strongly that we must monitor the quality and quantity of our water.

* 1. Town of Patagonia Municipal Watershed Plan. No update.
  2. “Application to USBR for the Cooperative Watershed Management Program” (CWMP) for the Sonoita Creek Watershed. Howard had no updates.
  3. Community Database of Water Studies. Howard had no updates but said Ashley sent an email request to be on the next meeting agenda for a 20–30-minute presentation.

1. School Canyon Failure of CCC Structures update. Bill defined a diversion structure as a mound to slow or redirect water. He said this was on his watch list because of its importance to the Town and where the water would flow if a flood was to occur would be the Fire Department. Tomas mentioned a site visit for June 9th to the former Tree of Life Property now owned by South32. Contact Bob Proctor or Kara and Denise with South32 to join.
2. Next Regular Monthly Meeting: July 13, 2023, at 10 a.m. This meeting will be held in person and via zoom at 310 McKeown Avenue, Town Council Chambers.

1. Future Agenda Items: Carolyn asked that a 1-hour presentation by Dr Christopher Kuzdas, Senior Water Program Manager, Environmental Defense Fund be on the July 13th agenda, Ashley Hullinger asked that she be on the July 13th agenda for a 20–30-minute presentation. Also, on the next agenda we will add “STAFF OR MEMBER REPORTS: AT THIS TIME THE TOWN STAFF OR A COMMITTEE MEMBER MAY REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE. SUCH ITEMS MAY NOT BE ACTED UPON BY THE COMMITTEE AT THIS TIME, BUT MAY BE SCHEDULED AS A FUTURE AGENDA ITEM”. Items 2, 3, & 4 will be moved to the Parking Lot.

14. Adjourn

**MOTION:** Ron moved to adjourn.

**SECOND:** Carolyn

**VOTE:** Passed by unanimous consent.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:40 AM.

PARKING LOT: TBD

RADAR SCREEN

Hudbay property ownership