

COUNCIL WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2014  
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE HELD ON JULY 23, 2014, in the CITY MANAGER CONFERENCE ROOM, located at CITY HALL, 201 SOUTH CORTEZ STREET, Prescott, Arizona.

A. Call to Order.

Chairman Arnold called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

B. Roll Call.

COUNCIL WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Present:

Chairman Charlie Arnold  
Member Jim Lamerson

Absent:

Member Steve Blair- excused/absent

Staff present:

Leslie Graser, Water Specialist  
Scott Tkach, Engineer, Public Works  
Henry Hash, Director of Public Works  
Steve Mancha, Lake Manager, Recreation Services  
Craig McConnell, City Manager

B. Approval of minutes of the November 26, 2013 and January 28, 2014, Committee meetings

**MEMBER LAMERSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 26, 2013 AND JANUARY 28, 2014; SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN ARNOLD; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Discussion of Floating Island West LLC products – [www.floatingislandswest.com](http://www.floatingislandswest.com)

Gary Chase, citizen, researched Floating Islands International and showed a 10 minute video.

Member Lamerson said contaminates the City of Prescott had in the lakes were discussed in the information on their web site and their products seemed affordable for small municipalities.

There was a discussion about the fish in the lakes.

Scott Tkach, Engineer, said the systems are effective for removing phosphorous and nitrogen. They needed a large surface area, circulation and oxygen. He was unsure of the amount of surface area needed.

Chairman Arnold and Member Lamerson said it looked like a viable option for cleaning the lakes.

Craig McConnell, City Manager, said the discussion was within a regulatory framework and the City was waiting for the Total Maximum Daily Load. There would have to be a discussion if the Council was going to accept what the federal government dictated. He said there was a lot of technical information to be discussed. He noted that the lack of oxygen was impairing the waterways now. He felt there would be a number of tools used to clean the waterways.

Henry Hash, Public Works Director, talked about the mixers Council approved for the treatment plants that may be a long term solution.

Mr. Tkach said he was concerned with vandalism of the islands.

Leslie Graser, Water Resource Specialist, noted that the lakes were intended for water supply purposes.

Chairman Arnold asked if staff would look to see if there was a body of water in the area that could be tested to verify the effectiveness of the islands. Mr. McConnell suggested that Amanda Richardson, Environmental Coordinator, head up the project.

E. Discussion with Citizens Water Advisory Group – water conservation

Chairman Arnold noted that the Citizens Water Advisory Group (CWAG) was interested in partnering with the City of Prescott to supply the education component for the water issues to the public. He suggested that Council develop a plan for how Council would like CWAG to be involved.

Chris Hoy, CWAG President, noted that CWAG was 12 years old and they have a Public Policy and Education Committee. He said there was a curiosity in the private sector about the water situation and discussed the education and experience of the committee and their website. He formed a group called the Water Conservation Work Group and was looking for a broader pool of citizens interested in the water issues.

Member Lamerson said there were House and Senate members in the area that may be helpful and noted that Herb Dislip was one of the more educated people concerning AZ water.

Mr. McConnell suggested that the new water employee can get together with CWAG to create a mutual program. He asked that everyone keep their politics out of it because it is about water conservation.

F. Adjournment

There being no further business to be discussed, the Prescott Water Issues Meeting of July 23, 2014, adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

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CHARLIE ARNOLD, Chairman

ATTEST:

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KIM WEBB, Deputy City Clerk