

**Amsterdam Water District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**DIRECTORS**

Bert Crane Jr:	President
Benjamin Crane:	Secretary
Karen Crane McNab:	Director-Zoom
Craig Johnson:	Director

**OTHERS**

Alice Contreras:	Crane Cattle Company
Mike Gardner:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Art Godwin:	Robbins, Godwin, et al.
Ryan Jolley:	Bryant L. Jolley, CPA-Zoom
Brad Samuelson:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Crane called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum of the Board of Directors was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Director Ben Crane and seconded by Director McNab, the April 11, 2023, minutes were unanimously approved. The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes: Bert Crane, Ben Crane, McNab, Johnson	Nays:	None
Absent: Couchman	Abstain:	None

**BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FY2022 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT**

Upon a motion by Director Ben Crane and seconded by Director Johnson, the 2022 Financial Audit Report was unanimously approved as presented by Mr. Jolley. The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes: Bert Crane, Ben Crane, McNab, Johnson	Nays:	None
Absent: Couchman	Abstain:	None

## **BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Upon a motion by Director Ben Crane and seconded by Director Johnson, the Financial Report and payment of bills were unanimously approved as presented by Mr. Gardner. The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes: Bert Crane, Ben Crane, McNab, Johnson	Nays:	None
Absent: Couchman	Abstain:	None

## **BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVING A REVISED 2023 MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH WATER & LAND SOLUTIONS**

Upon a motion by Director Johnson and seconded by Director McNab, the revised 2023 Management Agreement with Water & Land Solutions was unanimously approved. The new monthly rate increased from \$5,663 to \$6,763. The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes: Bert Crane, Ben Crane, McNab, Johnson	Nays:	None
Absent: Couchman	Abstain:	None

## **SURFACE WATER DELIVERY REPORT**

Mr. Gardner reported AWD purchased a total of 1,390 af at \$325/af from MID.

AWD has used 238 af with a remaining balance of 1,152 af. Once the 1,390 af is used, MID will sell AWD water for \$75/af.

Mr. Samuelson reported that President Crane and Director McNab signed a temporary easement which allows President Crane to utilize an existing pipeline to convey surface water into a reservoir for use on his ranch. This is a huge benefit for AWD and will allow the use of surface water instead of groundwater.

## **PROJECTS: PROP 68 WATER PROJECTS UPDATE**

Mr. Samuelson reported that Merced Subbasin received a total of 7.6 million dollars for 10 projects. Merced Irrigation District (MID) is the applicant for the Merced Subbasin. Amsterdam Water District (AWD) received \$100,000 from the Prop 68 grant for planning purposes. Per the Governors orders, all recharge projects are exempt from CEQA. WLS is currently in the process of getting proposals from hydrogeologic firms to perform the borings.

## **PROJECTS: TEMPORARY WATER RIGHTS APPLICATION**

MID, DWR, State Board, and AWD are continuing to work on a Temporary Flood Water Right.

## **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATE**

Mr. Samuelson reported that Merced Subbasin GSA is taking applications for the Water Year 2024 Land Repurposing Program. The deadline to apply is July 31, 2023.

The GSA is continuing to work on groundwater allocations. The goal is to get the groundwater back to the 2015 levels by 2040.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Director Bert Crane Jr:

Director Crane extended his sincere appreciation to Director McNab for working together on the temporary pipeline easement.

Director Couchman:	Absent
Director Benjamin Crane:	No report
Director Johnson:	No report
Director McNab:	Director McNab extended her sincere appreciation to Director Bert Crane for working together on the temporary pipeline easement.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No Other Business to Report.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE**

July 11, 2023, at 1:00 pm.

**ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Crane adjourned the meeting at 1:53 pm.

  
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Secretary

Benjamin C. Crane