

**Amsterdam Water District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 16, 2024**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**DIRECTORS**

Bert Crane Jr:	President
Mary Crane Couchman:	Vice President-Zoom(traveling)
Benjamin Crane:	Secretary
Karen Crane McNab:	Director-Zoom
Craig Johnson:	Director

**OTHERS**

Brad Samuelson:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Betty Hurley Lindeman:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Art Godwin:	Robbins, Godwin, et al.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Crane called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**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 Johnson and seconded by Director Ben Crane, the February 15, 2024 minutes were unanimously approved. The vote on the matter was as follows:

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

**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. The vote on the matter was as follows:

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

Ms. Lindeman reviewed with the Board the opening of an Interest-Bearing Money Market Account with Mechanics Bank with an APY of 4%. Upon a motion by Director Ben Crane and seconded by Director McNab, the opening of the Money Market Account was unanimously approved. The vote on the matter was as follows:

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

### **SURFACE WATER**

Ms. Lindeman shared with the Board that Director Couchman diverted 9 af of 10-year transfer water for 2024. Mr. Samuelson stated that he has not received a good sense that there would be any additional water available this year for Out-of-District contract holders. Director Ben Crane requested that Mr. Samuelson investigate the possibility of purchasing an additional 100 af to add to his Water Supply Agreement for the remainder of the contract. Both Directors McNab and Couchman stated that they would check with Mark as to their need for additional water.

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

Mr. Samuelson reported to the Board that See's Consulting should have their Preliminary Soil Investigation Report completed within 2-3 weeks.

### **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATE**

Mr. Samuelson explained to the Board that the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MSGSA) should have their Draft Allocation Policy available for review in June. Director Bert Crane communicated to the Board that MSGSA was holding a Workshop on May 22, 2024, and encouraged all Directors to attend.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Director Ben Crane reiterated that he would like to purchase 100 af of MID surface water if available.

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE**

June 20, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Crane adjourned the meeting at 1:27 pm.

  
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Secretary

Benjamin C. Crane