

**Amsterdam Water District
Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2022
ZOOM MEETING**

ATTENDANCE:

DIRECTORS

Bert Crane Jr:	President
Mary Crane Couchman:	Vice President
Benjamin Crane:	Secretary
Karen Crane McNab:	Director
Craig Johnson:	Director

OTHERS

Brad Samuelson:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Mike Gardner:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Art Godwin:	Robbins, Godwin, et al.
Alan Doud:	Young Wooldridge, LLP
Mark Couchman	The Silverado Group

CALL TO ORDER

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

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-1 RELATING TO COVID RESTRICTIONS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Upon a motion by Director Benjamin Crane and seconded by Director Johnson, Resolution 22-1 was unanimously approved.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Gardner stated that all Directors were on the Zoom call.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Director Benjamin Crane and seconded by Director McNab, the October 12, 2021, minutes were unanimously approved.

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

Upon a motion by Director Couchman and seconded by Director Benjamin Crane, the financial report and payment of bills were unanimously approved as presented.

REVIEW OF WATER USE AND GROUNDWATER ELEVATIONS:

Mr. Gardner presented 4 hydrographs that showed the groundwater levels have dropped 23 feet since 2012.

Mr. Gardner also reported yearly groundwater pumping and surface water deliveries from 2019 through 2021.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATE

Mr. Samuelson reported that Amsterdam Water District isn't near the historical subsidence areas or the cone of depression areas near Legrand and Chowchilla or El Nido. The GSA has indicated that everyone will not be treated the same based on the sustainability zones, so that is in Amsterdam's benefit. DWR responded to our GSP with a 15-page comment letter. The focus of the comments were that the GSP did not address subsidence and disadvantaged communities thoroughly. The Merced GSP will have until April to address DWR's concerns and at that point DWR will either accept or deny the GSP. The GSA will be having a meeting on January 13, 2021, and one of the topics is the phase 1 land repurposing program. They are proposing that all irrigated acres will pay to raise money to pay willing sellers to fallow their land starting in 2025. It will likely be an assessment on the tax role. Phase 2 is groundwater allocations starting in 2026.

PROP 68 ROUND 2 GRANT FUNDING UPDATE

Mr. Samuelson reported that the District submitted 4 projects for the Prop 68 round 2 grant funding for a total of \$2,015,175
The projects include 3 recharge ponds and 1, one-mile 21" pipeline.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Director Bert Crane Jr:	No report
Director Couchman:	No report
Director Benjamin Crane:	No report
Director Johnson:	No report
Director McNab:	No report

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No items to report.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE


February 8, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

Add "discuss district projects" on next board meeting agenda
Also, prepare a budget that shows phase 1, phase 2 and phase 3 project priority
Present Ceres imaging graphs that show overdraft flows-depressions

ADJOURNMENT

President Crane adjourned the meeting at 1:44 pm.


Secretary
Benjamin C. Crane