

AMSTERDAM WATER DISTRICT

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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMSTERDAM WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 10, 2022, at 1:00 PM

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - a. Interested persons in the audience are welcome to introduce any topic within the Agency's jurisdiction. No action may be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that the Board may briefly respond to the comments, refer the matter to staff, or request it to be placed on a future agenda.
4. **DIRECTOR KAREN CRANE MCNAB TELECONFERENCE LOCATION**
 - a. Lot 13 Lumber Yard Street, Ocho Rios, Jamaica
5. **DIRECTOR MARY CRANE COUCHMAN TELECONFERENCE LOCATION**
 - a. 7606 S Leopard Avenue, Billings, Montana, 59106
6. **BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 7, 2022, BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
7. **BUDGET**
 - a. Board to Review and Consider Approval of the Payable List and Budget to Actual Report
8. **PROJECTS: PROP 68 UPDATE**
9. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY: UPDATE**
10. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**
 - a. Board Members may provide a brief report on notable topics of interest.
11. **OTHER BUSINESS**
12. **NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – June 14, 2022, at 1:00 pm**
13. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Amsterdam Water District
Special Board Meeting Minutes
March 7, 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. |
| Mark Couchman | The Silverado Group |

CALL TO ORDER

President Crane called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-2 RELATING TO COVID RESTRICTIONS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Upon a motion by Director Benjamin Crane and seconded by Director Johnson, Resolution 22-2 was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Director Benjamin Crane and seconded by Director Johnson, the January 11, 2022, minutes were unanimously approved.

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

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

MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT (MID) 10-YEAR WATER TRANSFER: UPDATE

Mr. Samuelson reported that MID allocated 1.1 acre foot per acre to their in-district growers and said that it is very unlikely that MID was going to have out of district water to sell to Amsterdam Water District this year. The normal allocation for in-district growers is over 4 acre feet per acre.

PROJECTS: PROP 68 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.

Because the District doesn't have a in-place water right yet and not located in a high priority groundwater basin, Mr. Samuelson reported that the District only received \$100,000 for a planning grant which includes engineering, geotech, and design.

The Board decided to give Water and Land Solutions direction to get proposals from experienced engineering firms to prepare a plan for recharge and surface water projects.

Upon a motion by Director Benjamin Crane and seconded by Director Johnson, the direction to get proposals was unanimously approved.

AIRBORNE ELECTROMAGNETIC SURVEYS (AEM): UPDATE

Mr. Gardner gave a brief presentation on Airborne Electromagnetic Surveys. He explained that the purpose of the surveys is to understand the aquifer structures and it also helps in the development of identifying areas for groundwater recharge. DWR is conducting these surveys in high and medium priority groundwater basins and specifically conducting a survey around the Merced El Nido area.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATE

Mr. Samuelson reported that GSA has started the process to have a prop 218 election which is a requirement to assess landowners, but they must elect to assess themselves. The 218 election will raise money to fund a land fallowing program. A rate study must be completed to determine the cost and the benefits associated with the fee. The elections will be held in May and there hoping in goes to the county in July and then show up on the tax bill in October-November. 50% plus one must oppose the rate increase then the public agency can increase the rates for 6 months.

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

April 12, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

Get engineering estimates for the 4-surface water and recharge projects

ADJOURNMENT

President Crane adjourned the meeting at 10:56 am.

Secretary

Benjamin C. Crane

**Amsterdam Water District
Payable List**

May 10, 2022

| CK# | Date | Name | Deposit | Expense | Bank Balance | Description |
|------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | \$174,568.53 | |
| 1161 | 3/17/2022 | Kemper CPA Group | | \$309.50 | \$174,259.03 | Mar. Professional Services |
| 1162 | 3/19/2022 | Provost and Pritchard | | \$42.00 | \$174,217.03 | Feb. Website Hosting |
| 1163 | 3/31/2022 | RBG&M Attorneys at Law | | \$420.00 | \$173,797.03 | Mar. Professional Services |
| 1164 | 3/31/2022 | Water and Land Solutions | | \$5,663.00 | \$168,134.03 | Mar. Management Fee |
| | 4/28/2022 | Pacific Ag Insurance | | \$816.00 | \$167,318.03 | 2022 Liability Insurance |
| | 4/27/2022 | Provost and Pritchard | | \$42.00 | \$167,276.03 | Mar. Website Hosting |
| | 4/30/2022 | Water and Land Solutions | | \$5,663.00 | \$161,613.03 | Apr. Management Fee |
| | | Totals | \$0.00 | \$12,955.50 | \$161,613.03 | |

Amsterdam Water District

FY 2022 Assessments

January - December

May 10, 2022

Adopted 10/12/2021

| Description | Budget | Actual | % | Estimated to Complete | | |
|-----------------|------------------|----------|-----|-----------------------|-----------|------|
| | | | | Mar-Dec | Total | % |
| Revenue | | | | | | |
| Assessment | \$124,308 | \$62,154 | 50% | \$62,154 | \$124,308 | 100% |
| Expenses | | | | | | |
| O&M | \$124,308 | \$25,410 | 20% | \$98,899 | \$124,308 | 100% |
| Water | | | | | | |
| Total | \$124,308 | | | | | |

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|---|-------------------|
| Voluntary Assessment Irrigable(\$) | \$ 122,941 |
| Voluntary Assessment Irrigable (\$/Ac) | \$ 30.32 |
| Voluntary Assessment Non-Irrigable(\$) | \$ 1,367 |
| Voluntary Assessment Non-Irrigable (\$/Ac) | \$ 0.53 |

Total Revenue \$124,308

| Landowner Name | Acres | | | Total Assessment |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| | Irrigable | Non-Irrigable | Total | |
| Bert Crane Jr. | 43.00 | 0.00 | 43.00 | \$1,303.65 |
| Bert Crane Orchards | 1,287.00 | 166.00 | 1,453.00 | \$39,106.23 |
| Bert S. Crane & Nancy M. Crane 2004 Trust | 0.00 | 736.60 | 736.60 | \$388.59 |
| Crane Ag Land and Farming | 45.40 | 0.00 | 45.40 | \$1,376.42 |
| Bert S. Crane & Nancy M. Crane Irrevocable 1993 Trust | 268.00 | 605.00 | 873.00 | \$8,444.26 |
| Craig and Maureen Johnson | 76.00 | 55.00 | 131.00 | \$2,333.15 |
| Johnson Family 1992 Trust | 361.00 | 0.00 | 361.00 | \$10,944.63 |
| Karen Crane McNabb LLC | 993.00 | 503.33 | 1,496.33 | \$30,370.84 |
| Mary Crane Couchman Trust | 577.70 | 476.19 | 1,053.89 | \$17,765.65 |
| Mary Crane Couchman Family Partnership L. P. | 404.00 | 49.85 | 453.85 | \$12,274.58 |
| | <u>4,055.10</u> | <u>2,591.97</u> | <u>6,647.07</u> | <u>\$124,308.00</u> |
| | 61% | 39% | 100% | |

Adjusted Mary Crane Couchmans Acres (email dated 8-18-20)

Separated out Nancy's and Bens Acres on the 2004 Trust as per phone call from Ben (9-17-2020)

Added 212 irrigated acres to Mary Crane Couchman Trust (July 2021)

Amsterdam Water District
FY 2022 Budget to Actual
January - December
May 10, 2022
Adopted 10/12/2021
Operation & Maintenance

| | Description | Budget | 2022 | | Estimated to Complete | | |
|------------|--|-----------|----------|-----|-----------------------|-----------|------|
| | | | Actual | % | Mar-Dec | Total | % |
| I. | Administration | | | | | | |
| a. | Management: Water & Land Solutions | \$67,956 | \$22,652 | 33% | \$45,304 | \$67,956 | 100% |
| b. | General Counsel | \$10,000 | \$840 | 8% | \$9,160 | \$10,000 | 100% |
| c. | Insurance | \$1,500 | \$816 | 54% | \$684 | \$1,500 | 100% |
| d. | Audit | \$4,000 | | 0% | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | 100% |
| e. | Supplies, Misc. | \$500 | | 0% | \$500 | \$500 | 100% |
| f. | Accounting Services | \$3,000 | \$861 | 29% | \$2,140 | \$3,000 | 100% |
| g. | District Reserves (\$31,352) | \$31,352 | | 0% | \$31,352 | \$31,352 | 100% |
| h. | Website: Provost and Pritchard | \$1,000 | \$241 | 24% | \$759 | \$1,000 | 100% |
| | Sub | \$119,308 | \$25,410 | 21% | \$93,899 | \$119,308 | 100% |
| II. | Appropriative Water Right (SWRCB) | | | | | | |
| a. | Flood Water Application * | | | | | | |
| b. | Temporary Water Right Application | \$5,000 | | 0% | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | 100% |
| | Sub | \$5,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | 100% |
| | TOTAL | \$124,308 | \$25,410 | 20% | \$98,899 | \$124,308 | 100% |

* \$296.68 out of the budgeted amount of \$85,000 was spent in 2021, so \$84,703.32 will carryover into 2022.