

Amsterdam Water District
Special Board of Director Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2020

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS

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| Bert Crane Jr: | President |
| Benjamin Crane: | Secretary |
| Karen Crane McNab: | Director - Via Conference Line |
| Craig Johnson: | Director |

OTHERS

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| Art Godwin: | Robbins, Godwin, et al. |
| Allan Doud: | Young Wooldridge, LLP - Via Conference Line |
| Mike Gardner: | Water & Land Solutions, LLC |
| Brad Samuelson: | Water & Land Solutions, LLC |
| Amanda Bates: | Bert Crane Ranches |

CALL TO ORDER

President Bert Crane Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Director Benjamin Crane stated that all Directors were present except Director McNab, who was on the conference line and Director Couchman who was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Director Johnson and seconded by Director McNab, the November 12, 2019 minutes were unanimously approved.

ELECTION OF 2020 OFFICERS

Upon a motion by Director Benjamin Crane and seconded by Director Johnson, the Board unanimously approved the 2020 slate of officers to remain the same as in 2019.

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| President: | Bert Crane Jr |
| Vice President: | Mary Crane Couchman |
| Secretary: | Benjamin C. Crane |
| Treasurer: | Edward Spinardi |

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

Upon a motion by Director Bert Crane and seconded by Director McNab, the financial report and payment of bills were unanimously approved.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA): UPDATE

Mr. Samuelson gave a detailed report and some of the key points are:

- Draft GSP was finalized in early December and submitted to DWR in late January and is currently in the public review stage
- In one to two years, there is probably going to be a groundwater allocation within the basin and therefore, pumping will likely be limited
- The local GSA's are looking at remote sensing from Cal Poly
- Mr. Samuelson met with Bob Kelly on the potential of having AWD be part of the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency; currently AWD is in the white area
- Mr. Samuelson is going to make a presentation at the next Merced Subbasin GSA meeting and it is recommended that all the AWD landowners attend

MID WATER TRANSFER PROPOSAL

Mr. Samuelson gave a detailed report and some of the key points are:

- Mr. Samuelson met with Hicham Eltal from Merced Irrigation District (MID) and Hicham recommended that AWD turn in a water transfer proposal for \$300/acre foot (af) water.
- The benefit to MID would be keeping the water local and avoid trying to move water through the delta and out of the basin.
- Mr. Samuelson submitted the water transfer proposal to MID on January 31, 2020 for 500 af of water at \$300/af

APPROPRIATIVE WATER RIGHT FOR FLOOD WATER

Mr. Samuelson gave a detailed report and some of the key points are:

- Legrand Athlone Water District, Sandy Mush Mutual Water Company, Plainsburg Irrigation District in conjunction with Merced Irrigation District are applying for a permanent appropriative water right to utilize flood water within their boundaries. Wagner and Bonsignore Consulting Civil Engineering is the firm they are using to formalize the application to the State Water Board.
- Mr. Samuelson recommends that AWD apply for a temporary appropriative water right on the creeks that flow through their property and join the agencies above on the MID permanent water right.
- Mr. Samuelson and Mr. Godwin will obtain a scope of work and fee estimate from Wagenr and Bonsignore to complete the SWRCB applications.

RECHARGE PROJECT: UPDATE

Mr. Gardner reported that the District is still working with Bert Crane Jr. on finalizing the soil investigation proposals

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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| Director McNab: | No report |
| Director Johnson: | No report |
| Director Benjamin Crane: | No report |
| Director Bert Crane: | Reported that he is still in the process of reviewing the soil investigation proposals |

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No items to report

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

March 10, 2020 at 3:30 pm

ACTION ITEMS

1. Let the Board of Directors know the date and time of the next Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting.
2. Request a proposal from Wagner and Bonsignore Consulting Civil Engineering on what it would cost to apply for appropriative water rights and put on next month's agenda

ADJOURNMENT

President Crane adjourned the meeting at 4:21 pm.



Secretary
Benjamin C. Crane