

Amsterdam Water District
Regular Board of Director Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2020

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS

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

OTHERS

Art Godwin:	Robbins, Godwin, et al.
Mike Gardner:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Brad Samuelson:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Amanda Bates:	Bert Crane Ranches
Mark Couchman:	The Silverado Group-Via Conference Line at 3:33 pm

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Director McNab and seconded by Director Couchman, the February 14, 2020 minutes were unanimously approved.

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

Upon a motion by Director McNab and seconded by Director Benjamin Crane, 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:

- Mr. Samuelson is going to give a report at the special Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting. That meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 24, 2020 at 10:00 am. Mr. Samuelson stressed the importance of all board members attending the meeting. Once the meeting is confirmed, Mr. Samuelson will notify all board members

MID WATER TRANSFER PROPOSAL

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

- Hicham Eltal from Merced Irrigation District (MID) received the water transfer proposal and presented it to the MID board in closed session. It will likely take 2 to 3 months to finalize the proposal
- MID has out of district surface water for sale starting March 10, 2020. The cost of the water is \$180/af. Water order forms were emailed to all board members. Request for proposals were sent out and are due on March 20th. MID is planning on making a decision on March 24, 2020

APPROPRIATIVE WATER RIGHT FOR FLOOD WATER

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

- Temporary Water Right Application: On the Temporary Application there are 10 points of diversion
- The Proposal for Wagner and Bonsignore Consulting Civil Engineering is \$30,000
- Director Couchman made a motion to authorize President Crane to sign the agreement from Wagner and Bonsignore Consulting Civil Engineering once all the board members email their approval. The motion was seconded by Director McNab and was unanimously approved. The board would like to see this accomplished no later than March 24, 2020
- Permanent Water Right Application:
 - 10-year process
 - MID submitted their Permanent Water Right Application on December 30, 2019
 - MID offered to allow others to join their application with their own points of diversion
 - MID wants AWD to sign a non-binding MOU to allow agencies to work together
 - Mr. Samuelson worked with Art Godwin and made some edits to the draft MOU and wanted permission to send it to MID's board

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Director McNab: No report
Director Johnson: No report
Director Benjamin Crane: No report
Director Bert Crane: No report
Director Couchman: Director Couchman recommended that the time for the regular scheduled board meetings be changed from 3:30 pm to 10:00 am. The day would remain on the second Tuesday of the month

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No items to report

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

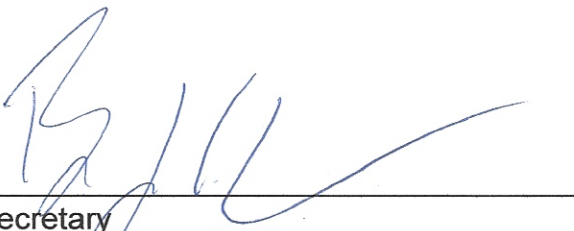
April 14, 2020 at 3:30 pm

ACTION ITEMS

1. Notify the Board of Directors of the date and time of the next Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting
2. Review the proposal from Wagner and Bonsignore Consulting Civil Engineering and email approval to President Crane no later than March 24, 2020
3. Review the MOU from Merced Irrigation District
4. Change the time for regularly scheduled board meeting from 3:30 pm to 10:00 am

ADJOURNMENT

President Crane adjourned the meeting at 4:11 pm



Secretary
Benjamin C. Crane