

**Amsterdam Water District
Board Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2022**

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.
Maureen Johnson:	Johnson Cattle Co.
Christie Gresham:	Crane Farming Co.
Ryan Jolley:	Bryant L. Jolley, CPA-called in

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Mr. Gardner 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 Johnson, the May 10, 2022, minutes were unanimously approved.

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2021 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

Upon a motion by Director Benjamin Crane and seconded by Director Couchman, the 2021 financial audit report was unanimously approved as presented by Ryan Jolley.

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

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

PROJECTS: PROP 68 UPDATE

Mr. Samuelson reported the Merced Subbasin received a total of 7.6 million dollars for 10 projects. Merced Irrigation District (MID) was designated as the applicant for the Merced Subbasin and it's up to MID to prioritize the projects. Amsterdam Water District (AWD) received \$100,000 from the Prop 68 grant for planning purposes.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR), MID, and AWD are in the process of finalizing the draft grant agreement. AWD should have access to the funds in 30 to 60 days. The grant is set up for AWD to spend the money and then get reimbursed by DWR. The District will have to decide how to fund the projects before the reimbursement happens.

PROJECTS: AWD WATER PROJECTS UPDATE

Mr. Samuelson gave a presentation on the cost benefits of all 4 projects:

1. Pipeline Project	Cost-\$670,000	Benefit-2,800 af/yr	\$/AF-\$239.29
2. 8-acre recharge pond	Cost-\$280,000	Benefit-720 af/yr	\$/AF-\$388.89
3. 25-acre recharge pond	Cost-\$395,000	Benefit-1,260 af/yr	\$/AF-\$313.49
4. 20-acre recharge pond	Cost-\$365,000	Benefit-1,260 af/yr	\$/AF-\$289.68

The total estimated cost of all 4 projects is \$1.7 million. Materials have increased considerably, so all these estimates would have to be refined.

Director Benjamin Crane stated that there is an existing pipeline that runs from Castle Dam to the Bert Crane reservoir that if utilized would substantially reduce the cost of Project 1. That existing pipeline could be dedicated to AWD and convey significant amount of surface water from Castle Reservoir to the Bert Crane reservoir for groundwater recharge. It was noted that construction of the reservoir revealed a significant sand layer is the soil lithology, which indicates it may be well suited for recharge.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATE

Mr. Samuelson reported the regular scheduled GSA meeting that was scheduled for July 14, 2022, has been rescheduled for July 19, 2022, at 4:30 pm. The two main agenda items for the meeting are the revised Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and the prop 218 election.

Mr. Samuelson reported that the GSA is continuing the process to have a prop 218 election. The new assessment to irrigated acres (estimated \$28) will fund a land fallowing program, GSA administration, and a domestic well mitigation program for 5 years. The GSA is setting the stage for a groundwater allocation program to begin in 2026, which will likely be a volumetric based fee program.

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

August 9, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Craig Johnson's recharge pond project-change Edendale to Canal Creek

ADJOURNMENT

President Crane adjourned the meeting at 2:06 pm.



Secretary

Benjamin C. Crane