

# AMSTERDAM WATER DISTRICT

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

**August 8, 2023, 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. BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 13, 2023, BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Tab 2)**

**6. BUDGET (Tab 3)**

- a. Board to Review and Consider Approval of the Payable List and Budget to Actual Report

**7. SURFACE WATER DELIVERY REPORT (Tab 4)**

**8. PROJECTS UPDATE:**

- a. Prop 68 AWD Water Projects
- b. Temporary Water Rights Application

**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 – September 12, 2023, at 1:00 pm**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Amsterdam Water District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**DIRECTORS**

Bert Crane Jr:	President
Benjamin Crane:	Secretary
Karen Crane McNab:	Director-Zoom
Craig Johnson:	Director

**OTHERS**

Alice Contreras:	Crane Cattle Company
Mike Gardner:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Art Godwin:	Robbins, Godwin, et al.
Ryan Jolley:	Bryant L. Jolley, CPA-Zoom
Brad Samuelson:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum of the Board of Directors was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Director Ben Crane and seconded by Director McNab, the April 11, 2023, minutes were unanimously approved. The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes: Bert Crane, Ben Crane, McNab, Johnson	Nays: None
Absent: Couchman	Abstain: None

**BOARD TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FY2022 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT**

Upon a motion by Director Ben Crane and seconded by Director Johnson, the 2022 Financial Audit Report was unanimously approved as presented by Mr. Jolley. The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes: Bert Crane, Ben Crane, McNab, Johnson	Nays: None
Absent: Couchman	Abstain: None

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

Upon a motion by Director Ben Crane and seconded by Director Johnson, the Financial Report and payment of bills were unanimously approved as presented by Mr. Gardner. The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes: Bert Crane, Ben Crane, McNab, Johnson  
Absent: Couchman

Nays: None  
Abstain: None

## **BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVING A REVISED 2023 MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH WATER & LAND SOLUTIONS**

Upon a motion by Director Johnson and seconded by Director McNab, the revised 2023 Management Agreement with Water & Land Solutions was unanimously approved. The new monthly rate increased from \$5,663 to \$6,763. The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes: Bert Crane, Ben Crane, McNab, Johnson  
Absent: Couchman

Nays: None  
Abstain: None

## **SURFACE WATER DELIVERY REPORT**

Mr. Gardner reported AWD purchased a total of 1,390 af at \$325/af from MID.

AWD has used 238 af with a remaining balance of 1,152 af. Once the 1,390 af is used, MID will sell AWD water for \$75/af.

Mr. Samuelson reported that President Crane and Director McNab signed a temporary easement which allows President Crane to utilize an existing pipeline to convey surface water into a reservoir for use on his ranch. This is a huge benefit for AWD and will allow the use of surface water instead of groundwater.

## **PROJECTS: PROP 68 WATER PROJECTS UPDATE**

Mr. Samuelson reported that Merced Subbasin received a total of 7.6 million dollars for 10 projects. Merced Irrigation District (MID) is the applicant for the Merced Subbasin. Amsterdam Water District (AWD) received \$100,000 from the Prop 68 grant for planning purposes. Per the Governors orders, all recharge projects are exempt from CEQA. WLS is currently in the process of getting proposals from hydrogeologic firms to perform the borings.

## **PROJECTS: TEMPORARY WATER RIGHTS APPLICATION**

MID, DWR, State Board, and AWD are continuing to work on a Temporary Flood Water Right.

## **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATE**

Mr. Samuelson reported that Merced Subbasin GSA is taking applications for the Water Year 2024 Land Repurposing Program. The deadline to apply is July 31, 2023.

The GSA is continuing to work on groundwater allocations. The goal is to get the groundwater back to the 2015 levels by 2040.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Director Bert Crane Jr:

Director Crane extended his sincere appreciation to Director McNab for working together on the temporary pipeline easement.

Director Couchman:	Absent
Director Benjamin Crane:	No report
Director Johnson:	No report
Director McNab:	Director McNab extended her sincere appreciation to Director Bert Crane for working together on the temporary pipeline easement.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No Other Business to Report.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE**

July 11, 2023, at 1:00 pm.

**ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Crane adjourned the meeting at 1:53 pm.

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Secretary  
Benjamin C. Crane

**Amsterdam Water District  
Payable List**

**August 8, 2023**

CK#	Date	Name	Deposit	Expense	Bank Balance	Description
					<b>\$ 191,566.11</b>	Opening Balance
DEP	06/21/23	Bert & Nancy Crane, Crane Ag Land, Johnson Family	\$11,614.81		\$ 203,180.92	2023 2nd Installment
DEP	07/03/23	Karen Crane McNab, Mary Crane Couchman	\$30,574.12		\$ 233,755.04	2023 2nd Installment
1224	07/11/23	Kemper CPA Group		\$ 232.50	\$ 233,522.54	June Professional Services
1225	07/11/23	Provost & Pritchard		\$ 50.50	\$ 233,472.04	May Website Hosting
1226	07/11/23	RBG&M Attorneys at Law		\$ 455.00	\$ 233,017.04	June Professional Services
1227	07/11/23	Water and Land Solutions		\$ 6,286.39	\$ 226,730.65	June Management Fee
DEP	07/12/23	Bert Crane	\$19,965.07		\$ 246,695.72	2023 2nd Installment
	7/21/23	Provost & Pritchard		\$ 323.50	\$ 246,372.22	June Website Hosting
	7/31/23	Water and Land Solutions		\$ 6,763.00	\$ 239,609.22	July Management Fee
					<b>\$ 239,609.22</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$62,154.00</b>	<b>\$14,110.89</b>	<b>\$239,609.22</b>	

**Amsterdam Water District**

**FY 2023 Assessments**

**January - December**

**August 8, 2023**

Description	Budget	Actual	%	Estimated to Complete		
				Jul-Dec	Total	%
<b>Revenue</b>						
Assessment	\$124,308	\$124,308	100%	\$0	\$124,308	100%
<b>Expenses</b>						
O&M	\$124,308	\$51,916	42%	\$71,943	\$123,858	99.6%
Water						
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$124,308</b>					

<b>Voluntary Assessment Irrigable(\$)</b>	<b>\$122,941</b>
<b>Voluntary Assessment Irrigable (\$/Ac)</b>	<b>\$29.96</b>
<b>Voluntary Assessment Non-Irrigable(\$)</b>	<b>\$1,367</b>
<b>Voluntary Assessment Non-Irrigable (\$/Ac)</b>	<b>\$0.54</b>

**Total Revenue** \$124,308

Landowner Name	Acres		Total	Total Assessment
	Irrigable	Non-Irrigable		
Bert Crane Jr.	43.00	0.00	43.00	\$1,288.09
Bert Crane Orchards	1,287.00	166.00	1,453.00	\$38,642.07
Bert S. Crane & Nancy M. Crane 2004 Trust	0.00	736.60	736.60	\$396.08
Crane Ag Land and Farming	45.40	0.00	45.40	\$1,359.98
Bert S. Crane & Nancy M. Crane Irrevocable 1993 Trust	268.00	605.00	873.00	\$8,353.41
Craig and Maureen Johnson	76.00	55.00	131.00	\$2,306.20
Johnson Family 1992 Trust	361.00	0.00	361.00	\$10,813.96
Karen Crane McNabb LLC	1,021.00	475.33	1,496.33	\$30,840.22
Mary Crane Couchman Trust	598.70	455.19	1,053.89	\$18,179.16
Mary Crane Couchman Family Partnership L. P.	404.00	49.85	453.85	\$12,128.85
	<b>4,104.10</b>	<b>2,542.97</b>	<b>6,647.07</b>	<b>\$124,308.00</b>
	<b>62%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>100%</b>	

*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)*

*The District will have \$94,056 in Reserves (2023)*

*Added 28 irrigated acres to Karen Crane McNab LLC-email May 11, 2022-will reflect in 2023 budget*

*Added 21 irrigated acres to Mary Crane Couchman Trust-email May 11, 2022-will reflect in 2023 budget*

*Added 38 irrigated acres to Mary Crane Couchman Trust-email June 5, 2023-will reflect in 2024 budget*

**Amsterdam Water District**  
**FY 2023 Budget to Actual**  
**January - December**  
**August 8, 2023**  
**Operation & Maintenance**

	Description	Budget	2023		Estimated to Complete		
			Actual	%	Jul-Dec	Total	%
<b>I.</b>	<b>Administration</b>						
a.	Management: Water & Land Solutions	\$ 67,956	\$ 41,364	61%	\$ 26,592	\$ 67,956	100%
b.	General Counsel	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,485	25%	\$ 7,515	\$ 10,000	100%
c.	Insurance	\$ 1,500	\$ 816	54%	\$ 684	\$ 1,500	100%
d.	Audit	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,400	100%	\$ -	\$ 4,400	100%
e.	Supplies, Misc.	\$ 100	\$ -	0%	\$ 100	\$ 100	100%
f.	Accounting Services	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,831	61%	\$ -	\$ 1,831	61%
g.	District Reserves (\$31,352)-Final Payment	\$ 31,352	\$ -	0%	\$ 31,352	\$ 31,352	100%
h.	Website: Provost and Pritchard	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,020	102%	\$ 700	\$ 1,720	172%
	<b>Sub</b>	\$ 119,308	\$ 51,916	44%	\$ 66,943	\$ 118,858	100%
<b>II.</b>	<b>Appropriative Water Right (SWRCB)</b>						
a.	Flood Water Application *						
b.	Temporary Water Right Application	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0%	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	100%
	<b>Sub</b>	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0%	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	100%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 124,308	\$ 51,916	42%	\$ 71,943	\$ 123,858	99.6%

\* \$3788.80 out of the budgeted amount of \$85,000 was spent in 2022, so \$80,914.32 will carryover into 2023.

**Amsterdam Water District**  
**2023 Surface Water Deliveries**

Landowner	Meter #	AF Purchased @ \$325/AF	AF Delivered to Date	Balance
Bert Crane (Oakdale Rd)	XE-S-622	125	9	116
Bert Crane (Castle Dam)	XL-I-19	125	605	(480)
Mary Crane Couchman (Bridge)	XL-I-20	358	154	204
Mary Crane Couchman Mark Couchman	XL-I-28	391	289	102
Karen Crane McNab Mark Couchman	XL-I-21	391	499	(108)
<b>Total Purchased</b>		<b>1,390</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>(166)</b>

**Notes:**

*Mark Couchman diverted 72 AF of flood water into his recharge pond*

*Once the \$325 water gets used, AWD can purchase surface water from MID for \$75/AF*