

**Amsterdam Water District**  
**Regular Board of Director Meeting Minutes**

**November 10, 2020**

**ZOOM MEETING**

**ATTENDANCE**

**DIRECTORS**

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

**OTHERS**

Mike Gardner:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Brad Samuelson:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Art Godwin:	Robbins, Godwin, et al.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Gardner stated that all Directors were on the line.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Couchman, the October 13, 2020 minutes were unanimously approved.

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

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

Director Benjamin Crane requested that Water and Land Solutions, LLC send him the scope of services for the current management agreement.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FY2021 VOLUNTARY ASSESSMENT**

The Board of Directors were presented two options for the FY2021 Voluntary Assessment. Option A included a budget line item of \$150,000 for the 5-year Temporary Floodwater Permit and Option B did not.

Mr. Samuelson explained that the \$150,000 budget is a very rough estimate because the scope of work and cost estimates have not been received from the CEQA consultants. The current estimate assumes an EIR would be required when it's likely a much less costly Mitigated Negative Declaration is all that is needed. Mr. Samuelson explained that the CEQA consultants' scope of services and cost estimate would be received prior to the December Board of Directors meeting and that he could present a budget for this project with more assurance at that meeting.

It was discussed that the Board could approve Option B at this meeting and approve an additional assessment to fund the 5-year Temporary Floodwater permit application after consideration of a refined budget.

Upon a motion by Director Couchman and seconded by Director McNab, the FY2021 budget and voluntary assessment (Option B) were unanimously approved as follows:  
Irrigated Acres: \$44.27/Acre                      Non-Irrigated Acres: \$0.66/Acre

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA): UPDATE**

Mr. Samuelson reported the Merced County GSA has not met since last Board Meeting.

**MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT WATER TRANSFER: UPDATE**

Mr. Samuelson reported that AWD submitted an application for 1,400-acre feet to MID for the long-term water transfer program. Merced ID is 99% done with evaluating all the applications. MID did indicate that there is 87,000-acre feet of requests and only 40,000-acre feet available. AWD should be receiving an Agreement by the end of November.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Director Bert Crane Jr:	No report
Director Couchman:	No report
Director Benjamin Crane:	No report
Director McNab:	No report
Director Johnson:	No report

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Samuelson reported that the Air District has a program for electric UTV's and that he would work with each landowner on submitting an application.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE**

December 8, 2020, at 1:00 pm

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Send Director Benjamin Crane the scope of work for the current WLS management agreement.
2. Prepare electric UTV applications.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Crane adjourned the meeting at 1:42 pm



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Secretary  
Benjamin C. Crane