

**Amsterdam Water District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2024**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**DIRECTORS**

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

**OTHERS**

Mark Couchman:	
Nancy Crane:	
Brad Samuelson:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Betty Hurley Lindeman:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**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 McNab and seconded by Director Couchman, the July 18, 2024, minutes were unanimously approved. The vote on the matter was as follows:

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

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

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

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

**SURFACE WATER**

Ms. Lindeman updated the Board with MID 10-Year Transfer Water deliveries through September 17, 2024. She stated that, AWD only had 3.583 AF remaining towards their agreement. Director

Mary Crane Couchman's account XL-I-20 to date had exceeded the agreement amount by 28.007 AF and Mark Couchman still had 35.750 AF remaining in this agreement. Director Couchman and Mr. Mark Couchman agreed that they would work together to True-Up their final numbers and reimbursement to Director Couchman.

Director Ben Crane suggested that there was additional MID 10-Year Transfer water available in the future that AWD should consider purchasing a set amount and use it as a "savings account" for all diverters in the district. ~~Director Ben Crane~~ also requested that Ms. Lindeman cease all individual POD's at 95% of their agreement amount until all POD's have received their 95%. At that time, then notify landowners when they can divert again, to finish out their individual agreements. *Mark Couchman BCC*

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

Mr. Samuelson reviewed the Summary of the Soil Investigations that was provided by Summers Engineering with the Board. Although the 20-acre Crane site was not favorable for recharge, Director Johnson's almond orchard site might be worth the effort of a one-year pilot project. Mr. Samuelson informed the Board that he would communicate with Mr. Hicham with MID regarding the operations of Canal Creek and then set up a time to all meet out at the potential project site.

#### **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATE**

Mr. Samuelson shared with the Board that the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MSGSA) is anticipating adopting the Groundwater Allocation Rules and Regulations at the October MSGSA meeting. Mr. Samuelson informed the Board that MSGSA is considering a groundwater allocation to unirrigated parcels that are contiguous with irrigated lands. The adoption of this rule would be very advantageous to AWD landowners.

Mr. Samuelson reminded the Board about the MSGSA Land Repurposing Program (LRP). Director Couchman stated that she was planning on removing her Butte Padre trees and that she maybe interested in applying for the program. Ms. Lindeman stated that she would assist her on the application process.

#### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

None.

#### **NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE**

October 17, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Crane adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

  
Secretary

Benjamin C. Crane