

**Amsterdam Water District
Board Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2026**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bert Crane Jr:	President
Ben Crane:	Secretary/Treasurer
Craig Johnson:	Director
Karen N. Crane Reid:	Director-Zoom

ALSO PRESENT:

Betty Hurley Lindeman:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Art Godwin:	Robbins, Godwin, et al.-Zoom

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Mary Crane Couchman:	Vice President
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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.

MERCED SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (MSGSA) UPDATES

Director Ben Crane stated that he had concerns regarding the MSGSA Prop 218 Phase 2 Fee. Sharing that, as a landowner in Amsterdam Water District he would be receiving the same service, but not the same benefit as others in the same Sustainability Zone. His "Opt-In" acreage fees would be the same rate as his "Irrigated" acreage fees but not receiving the same allocation for the two different land classifications. He also stated that the Domestic Well Mitigation fees seem unfair due to the fact that there have been no reports of domestic wells gone dry in Sustainability Zone 2. Director Ben Crane stated that he had shared these matters at the April MSGSA meeting and was interested if the Board of Directors for Amsterdam Water District would be willing to submit a letter to MSGSA protesting the Prop 218 fee. Upon Board discussion, Mr. Godwin was directed to prepare a draft letter in opposition of the Phase 2 Fee, and the Board of Directors will meet for a Special Meeting to review.

Ms. Lindeman informed the board that Bert Crane Orchards had been awarded funding through the Merced Subbasin Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program. The project includes removing 67 acres of existing mature walnut trees and focusing on habitat restoration and groundwater recharge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Director Johnson and second by Director Ben Crane, March 19, 2026, regular board meeting minutes unanimously approved. The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes: Bert Crane, Ben Crane, Johnson, Crane Reid

Nays: None

Absent: Crane Couchman

Abstain: None

FINANCIALS

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

Ayes: Bert Crane, Ben Crane, Johnson, Crane Reid

Nays: None

Absent: Crane Couchman

Abstain: None

SURFACE WATER

Ms. Lindeman reported that as of today's date, no surface water diversions from Merced Irrigation District have been made.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

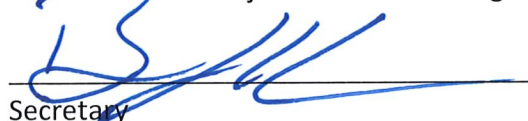
None.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

May 21, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Crane adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m.



Secretary

Benjamin C. Crane