

**Amsterdam Water District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2026**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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| Brad Samuelson:        | Water & Land Solutions, LLC  |
| Betty Hurley Lindeman: | Water & Land Solutions, LLC  |
| Art Godwin:            | Robbins, Godwin, et al.-Zoom |
| Rosie Avalos:          | CV Farms, LP-Zoom            |
| Alan Doud:             | Young Wooldridge, LLP-Zoom   |

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

None.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Crane called the meeting to order at 1:02 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 Johnson and second by Director Crane Reid, the regular board meeting minutes of April 16, 2026, were unanimously approved. The vote on the matter was as follows:

Ayes: Bert Crane, Ben Crane, Johnson, Crane Reid, Crane Couchman  
Absent: None

Nays: None  
Abstain: None

**MSGSA PROP 218 OPPOSITION**

Mr. Godwin reviewed with the board the letter he drafted per their request to the Merced Subbasin GSA regarding the Prop 218 Opposition. Upon board discussion, Director Ben Crane made a motion to approve the submittal on behalf of Amsterdam Water District regarding the

Engineer's Report for the Phase 2 Funding Mechanism. Director Crane Couchman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The vote on the matter was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

### **FINANCIALS**

Upon a motion by Director Ben Crane and seconded by Director Crane Couchman, 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, Crane Couchman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

### **SURFACE WATER**

Ms. Lindeman reported that Mark Couchman had diverted 34 AF of MID's spill water while it was available and to date approximately 89 AF had been diverted as a whole for the district.

Mr. Samuelson stated that he has been working on a surface water policy in partnership with MID.

### **MERCED SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (MSGSA) UPDATES**

Mr. Samuelson reported that MSGSA is currently developing a Domestic Well Mitigation Program and developing subsidence zones as well.

He shared that MID's new Permanent Water Rights application had been approved for one point of diversion in the Merced River and that he had been involved in meetings with DWR regarding using the same application to promote water rights within the creeks.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

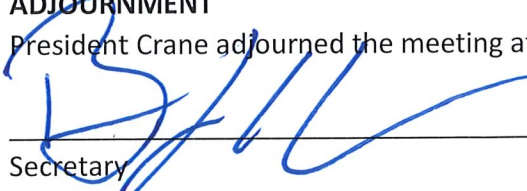
Director Ben Crane shared that the precipitation that he has recorded within in ranch differs quite substantially to MSGSA's. Mr. Samuelson suggested that he gather his data and schedule a meeting with Ms. McBride to discuss.

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE**

June 18, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Crane adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

  
Secretary

Benjamin C. Crane