

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
April 21, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald Kelly
Steven Stepniak
William Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Jack McMahan
Stephen Waldvogel
Damon Sykes
Dustin Steiner
Charlie Martorana
David Hill
Lisa Foti
Greg Keyser
Samantha Podlas
Delano Dowell
William Ferguson
Bill Appenheimer
Michael Ramos
Kelly Leeb

The regular monthly meeting of the Buffalo Water Board was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

1. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to approve the agenda as amended. Approved. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the agenda with additional amendment. Approved.
2. Motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2021 meeting as amended. Approved.
3. Mr. Ramos provided an update to the Buffalo Water Board regarding his meetings with City Block Clubs.
4. Staff Update: Mr. Hill with Veolia Water provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak, to authorize an increase in funding in an amount not-to-exceed \$203,413.80, for the contract with Erdman Anthony for additional engineering services and construction inspection services, existing Contract (Number 93002205) for the Large Watermain Rehabilitation project. The project and contract will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak, to authorize an increase in funding in an amount not-to-exceed \$197,400.00, for the contract with GHD Consulting Services, Inc. for additional engineering services, existing Contract (Number 93002547) for the Water Treatment Plant Disinfection System project. The project and contract will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Kelly to authorize and fund an increase to the Veolia Water Specialty Preventive Maintenance Limit Account in an amount not-to-exceed \$168,000.00.

The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water, as part of the Veolia Water Management Agreement. Approved.

8. Mr. Steiner of GHD Consulting Services, Inc. presented a summary of the invoices to be paid to Veolia Water and recommended payment to Veolia Water for services rendered as follows:
 - a) Motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin, to approve payment of \$208,106.80, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for services by Destro & Brothers Concrete Company, Inc. for 48-inch Watermain Repair in Centennial Park. Approved.
 - b) Motion by Mr. Stepniak, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin, to approve payment of \$40,150.00 inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for services by Quackenbush Company, Inc. for Chlorine System Repairs. Approved.
 - c) Motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Stepniak, to approve payment of \$16,066.60 inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for services by Hach Company, Inc. for Laboratory Compliance. Approved.
9. Mr. Waldvogel and Mr. Steiner of GHD Consulting Services, Inc. delivered a report of GHD's on-going professional services to assist the Buffalo Water Board on a number of projects, including: GHD worked with Veolia Water to prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a third party vendor to assist with management of the Buffalo Water Board Affordability Program. GHD is continuing to provide engineering and oversight services at Colonel Ward Treatment Facility, for among other matters, the Filter Plant Improvements, the Chlorine Improvements project, the Pipe Loop Project, and Flood Mitigation Repairs.
10. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report with the Buffalo Water Board. Mr. Hill noted an increase in water production recently, and recent collections and revenue forecasts have improved. Assuming current trends continue, he projects that by June 30, 2021 revenue will be approximately 7%, or less below the original budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. Mr. Hill reported that Veolia Water has received 164 applications for the Buffalo Water Amnesty Program. An updated Neptune meter reading platform has been installed.
11. Motion by Mr Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation matters. Approved.
12. Motion by My Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Kelly to leave Executive Session. Approved.

Motion by Mr. Stepniak, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to adjourn at 9:05 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 8:00 A.M. This meeting will be a MSTeams conference call.