

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
June 16, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald Kelly
Jessica Brown
William Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Jack McMahan
Stephen Waldvogel
Damon Sykes
Dustin Steiner
Michael Wolasz
David Hill
Lisa Foti
Greg Keyser
Samantha Podlas
Charlie Martorana
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. Kelly to approve the agenda. Approved
2. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2021 meeting as amended. Approved.
3. Mr. Ramos reported receipt of a letter from an Ohio Senator requesting support of legislation for a Lead Hazards bill that he will forward to the Buffalo Water Board Chairman. Chairman McFoy indicated that he had received correspondence regarding this legislation and will be drafting a letter in support of the bill. Mr. Ramos also indicated that he attends various community events and Block Club meetings and would be happy to pass along any information from the Buffalo Water Board as needed.
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. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin, to authorize and fund a contract with the University of Buffalo for Water Distribution Research from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 at the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Facility. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$521,687.00. The contract will be funded in 3 annual increments for a total not to exceed \$521,687.00. Approved.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, presented below are increases to the Chemical Systems Improvements Project at Colonel Ward Water Treatment Facility:
 - a) Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown, to authorize an increase in funding in an amount not-to-exceed \$14,500.00, for the contract with Arcadis for additional construction inspection services, existing Contract (Number 93002188). The project and contract will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.

- b) Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown, to authorize an increase in funding in an amount not-to-exceed \$82,192.00, for the contract with Quackenbush for additional coagulant and filter aid system improvements, existing Contract (Number 93002590). The project and contract will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.
7. Motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Brown to approve payment to the City of Buffalo for Lock Box Services in an amount not-to-exceed \$702.23. Approved.
 8. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to approve GHD Consulting Services, Inc. professional services contract for the 2021-2022 fiscal year for Buffalo Water Board Consulting Engineer Services to be funded in an amount not-to-exceed \$350,000.00. Approved.
 9. Motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to approve Barclay Damon, LLP professional services contract for the 2021-2022 fiscal year for Buffalo Water Board Legal Services to be funded in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00. Approved.
 10. 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 is working with City and Veolia Water personnel to prepare for new Federal Lead and Copper Rule changes; GHD is developing a predictive cost based model for replacing lead based services; assisting to develop the final Capital Improvement Plan with City personnel; and assisting to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a third party vendor to assist with management of the Buffalo Water Board Affordability Program. GHD is also continuing to provide engineering and oversight services at Colonel Ward Treatment Facility, for among other matters, investigation of the outfalls at the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Facility, the Filter Plant Improvements, the Chlorine Improvements project, the Pipe Loop Project, and Flood Mitigation Repairs.
 11. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report with the Buffalo Water Board. Mr. Hill noted that the Management Agreement Limit Accounts are at sufficient amounts through the end of the fiscal year, City distribution crews have made significant progress and are near completion of the work in the Valve House, and treatment plant workers have diligently worked to clean out the North Sludge basin. These two projects have been a big effort and Veolia Water appreciates the effort of all personnel involved. Veolia Water has received additional applications for the Buffalo Water Amnesty Program. Mr. Sykes reported that the fiscal year revenue was budgeted for \$48.5 million, and \$40.9 million has been collected as of the end of May 2021.

Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Kelly to adjourn at 8:59 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday, July, 21, 2021 at 8:00 A.M. This meeting will be the Annual Meeting held in the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Facility Administration Building Conference Room located at 2 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14201.