

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
August 25, 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
William Ferguson
Samantha Podlas
Bill Appenheimer
Michael Ramos

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 Ms. Brown to approve the agenda. Approved
2. Motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2021 meeting as amended. Approved.
3. Mr. Ramos reported that the City Department of Inspections continues to support the work of the Buffalo Water Board. He attends various community events and Block Club meetings. He also reported that the revolving loan program is active and he anticipates increasing activity with this program and the City's ROLL program.
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 and GHD Consulting Services, Inc., motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to allow O'Connell Electric Company, Inc. to withdraw their bid due to significant clerical errors with their bid and release the associated bid bond as well as to authorize and fund a contract with Frey Electric Construction Company, Inc. for the Colonel Ward Pumping Station Improvements Electrical Contract. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$4,490,000.00. Approved. The following Bids were received:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>
O'Connell Electric Company, Inc.	\$3,679,009.00
Frey Electric Construction Company, Inc.	\$4,490,000.00

6. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and the Principal Engineer of the Division of Engineering, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize and fund a contract with Destro & Brothers Concrete Co., Inc. for the Water Share of the Allen Street Phase II Reconstruction Project. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Engineering in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,001,290.00. Approved. The following Bids for the overall project were received:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Destro & Brothers Concrete Co., Inc.	\$5,895,942.80

4 th Generation Construction, Inc.	\$5,947,185.60
Mark Cerrone, Inc.	\$6,796,808.80
Edbauer Construction	\$7,769,236.80

7. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and the Principal Engineer of the Division of Engineering, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize a contract with UCC Corporation for the Water Share of the Dewey Avenue Bridge Project. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Engineering in an amount not-to-exceed \$118,872.25. Approved. The following Bids for the overall project were received:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>
UCC Corporation	\$2,751,300.00
Oakgrove Construction, Inc.	\$2,988,833.32
Nicola, Long and Moore	\$4,840,214.50

8. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize a contract increase with DiDonato Associates for Professional Engineering Services for the Waterline 2020 Improvements Various Locations 1 Project (contract # 93002633). The project and contract increase will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$52,042.00. Approved.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize a contract increase with Quackenbush Co., Inc. for Chemical Systems Improvements Project (contract # 93002590). The project and contract increase will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$13,645.00. Approved.
10. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize a contract increase with Arcadis for Construction Administration and Resident Inspection Services for the Residual Handling System Improvements Project (contract # 93002589) at Colonel Ward Water Filtration Plant. The project and contract increase will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$378,800.00. Approved.
11. Motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to approve a Fund Transfer of \$1,001,290.00 from Buffalo Water Board Reserve Account to Structural Improvements Account (# 53023517-473020). Approved.
12. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and the City Accountant, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize payment for the following Invoice Cloud invoice:
a) Invoice 862-2021-6 dated 06/30/2021 in an amount of \$16,149.75 Approved.
13. 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 progressing with the development of a predictive cost based model for replacing lead based services; collaborating with Veolia Water and 120 Water with regard to updated Lead & Copper Rules; and will be completing interviews of the two respondents to a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a third party vendor to manage 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, the sodium hypochloride system

design, the electrical design at the plant, continued work on the Pipe Loop Project, working on outfalls at the facility and review of Centennial Park design upgrades.

14. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report with the Buffalo Water Board. Mr. Hill noted that the new fiscal year began July 1, 2021. He noted that the average monthly flow was reduced by approximately 5 million gallons per day for the month of July and that he will provide a more detailed review of the Management Agreement Limit Accounts at the September Water Board Meeting. The City distribution crews and treatment plant workers have completed the clean out the South Basin sludge. The Exchange Street office building entrance is undergoing a modification to be more customer friendly. He reported that Veolia Water is still reviewing the field work management studies proposals before providing the Buffalo Water Board with a recommendation. He also reported volatility in the chemical supply market. Pricing concerns has not affected the City of Buffalo suppliers at this time, however, suppliers are recognizing driver shortages, therefore, Veolia Water is carefully watching our chemicals and cognizant of lead times for delivery. He also discussed work with 120 Water with regard to the City of Buffalo being the first major city to adopt 5th Liter sampling, one of the new Lead & Copper rules that is expected to be forthcoming and the that City of Buffalo, Division of Water has already implemented .

Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to adjourn at 8:57 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 8:00 A.M. This meeting will be held in the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Facility Administration Building Conference Room located at 2 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14201, or by virtual conference call, as authorized by law.