

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
September 22, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald Kelly
Jessica Brown
William Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Jack McMahan
Stephen Waldvogel
Damon Sykes
Dustin Steiner
Charlie Martorana
David Hill
Lisa Foti
William Ferguson
Samantha Podlas
Bill Appenheimer
Barbara Miller Williams
Greg Keyser
Doug Fultz
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 Ms. Brown to approve the amended agenda. Approved
2. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2021 meeting. Approved.
3. No public comments were received.
4. Staff Update: Mr. Hill with Veolia Water provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
5. The Buffalo Water Board Rate Consultant, Ms. Foti, provided an update to the Buffalo Water Board on discussions regarding proposals for Bond Issuance and Refinance of existing debt.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and Erdman Anthony, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Kelly to authorize a contract increase with Kandey Co., Inc. for the Large Main Rehabilitation Project (contract # 93002715). The project and contract increase will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$341,816.35. Approved.
7. 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 Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. for the Massachusetts Avenue Pump Station Electrical Upgrades Project (contract # 93002522). The project and contract increase will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$72,000.00. Approved.
8. 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 Greenman Pedersen, Inc. for Construction Administration and Resident Inspection Services for the Grover Water Tank Rehabilitation Project (contract # 93002757). The project and contract

increase will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$125,000.00. Approved.

9. 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 Mr. Kelly to authorize a contract increase with Bergmann for the Water Share of the Construction Administration and Resident Inspection Services for 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 \$183,425.85. 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 and fund an increase to the Veolia Water High Priority Water Maintenance Repairs & Lead Service Line Replacement Limit Account in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,500,000.00. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water, as part of the Veolia Water Management Agreement. Approved.
11. 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 have completed interviews of the two respondents to a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a third party vendor to manage the Buffalo Water Board Affordability Program. A motion was made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize GHD to enter into final scope of services negotiations with Promise Network, Inc. and develop final project fees based on negotiated scope of services. Approved.

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 completing filter plant upgrades.

12. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report with the Buffalo Water Board. Mr. Hill noted that both sludge basins are back in service at this time and that sludge processing will continue through September 2021. Work is ongoing with the US Army Corps of Engineers replacing outfalls from a manhole on site to the outfall wall at the Niagara River. Outfall #5 has been completed and a 48-inch pipe for Outfall #3 is currently being investigated. A Defensive Driver training program is currently being provided for every employee who drives a fleet vehicle. Next month the City of Buffalo Fire Department will conduct training on site for excavation certifications with shoring and ditch collapse response and rescue training. COVID-19 protocols are in place and being followed. Veolia Water will establish meetings with Buffalo Water Board members in the next couple weeks to explain in detail the 5th liter sampling program that Veolia Water and 120 Water are developing.

Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Kelly to adjourn at 9:02 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday, October 13, 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.