

**BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES**  
**November 10, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Oluwole A. McFoy**  
**Gerald Kelly**  
**Jessica Brown**  
**William Sunderlin**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Peter Merlo**  
**Jack McMahan**  
**Stephen Waldvogel**  
**Damond Rand**  
**Dustin Steiner**  
**Charlie Martorana**  
**David Hill**  
**Lisa Foti**  
**William Ferguson**  
**Samantha Podlas**  
**Bill Appenheimer**  
**Kathy Andur**  
**Greg Keyser**  
**Doug Fultz**  
**Kelly Leeb**  
**Ryan Stoltz**  
**Barbara Miller Williams**  
**Fouad Arab**

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 Ms. Brown to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2021 meeting. Approved.
3. Mr. Merlo reported that he will be participating in the 11-Day Power Play, a Charity Hockey Event, running from November 14, 2021 through November 24, 2021 to raise funds and awareness for cancer research supporting Roswell Park and other local charities.
4. Staff Update: Mr. Hill with Veolia Water provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
5. The City of Buffalo Accountant, Mr. Ferguson, provided the Buffalo Water Board with a summary of the Audited Financial Report, that was received and filed.
6. The Buffalo Water Board Rate Consultant, Ms. Foti, provided an update to the Buffalo Water Board on discussions regarding Bond Issuance and Refinance of existing debt scheduled to be completed December 30, 2021.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Kelly to authorize and fund a contract with Rodems Construction Company for the Grover Water Tank Rehabilitation. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,662,235.00. Approved. The following Bids were received:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Rodems Construction Company	\$1,662,235.00
ICC Commonwealth	\$1,949,416.00

BVR Construction

\$2,163,050.00

8. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and Wendel, motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Kelly to authorize and fund a contract with Jos A. Sanders & Sons, Inc. for the Kensington Water Tower Roof Replacement Project. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$221,835.00. Approved. The following Bids were received:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Jos A. Sanders & Sons, Inc.	\$221,835.00
Jameson Roofing Company	\$291,600.00

9. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize and fund an increase to the LaBella Associates, D.P.C. Fruitbelt Cleaning and Lining Water Project for additional requested services in an amount not-to-exceed \$31,949.56. The project and contract will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.

10. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and GHD Consulting Services, Inc., motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize and fund a contract with Promise Network Inc. for assistance with the Buffalo Water Board's Affordability and Financial Assistance Programs. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$925,000.00 for estimated Transaction and Success Fees over a period of three years. This amount added to the fixed costs of \$475,000 approved at the Buffalo Water Board October 13, 2021 meeting, equates to a total aggregate fee in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,400,000.00 over a period of three years. Approved.

11. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and Veolia Water, motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Kelly to authorize and fund a contract with 120 Water for a Pilot Program to implement the new Lead and Copper Program Compliance Regulations. The pilot program and contract will be administered by Veolia Water under the Management Agreement with the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.00 over a period of six months. Approved.

12. 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 has progressed the RFP process to recommend Promise Network Inc. as a third party vendor to manage the Buffalo Water Board Affordability and Financial Assistance Programs. GHD is also collaborating with Veolia Water and 120 Water with regard to replacing Lead Based water services; and working to complete the flood protection data model. GHD is also engaged in preparing the Engineer's report in support of the Buffalo Water Board and Buffalo Municipal Water Finance Authority's proposed bond refunding and new money bond sale this year.

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 the design of flood protection berm structures as part of the flood protection model analyses.

13. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report with the Buffalo Water Board. Mr. Hill noted that revenue receipts continue to be less than budget projections,

continuing the same trend as this time last year and that water production rates are still adversely affected by COVID -19. He reported that there still were residential customers continue to enroll in the Affordability Program, Amnesty Program and ROLL Program.

Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to adjourn at 9:58 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday, December 8, 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.