

**BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES**  
**January 5, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Fouad Arab**  
**Jack McMahon**  
**Stephen Waldvogel**  
**Damond Sykes**  
**Dustin Steiner**  
**Charlie Martorana**  
**David Hill**  
**Lisa Foti**  
**William Ferguson**  
**Samantha Podlas**  
**Michael Ramos**  
**Greg Keyser**  
**Doug Fultz**  
**Ryan Stoltz**

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. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2021 meeting. Approved.
3. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to nominate and elect Mr. McMahon as Assistant Secretary of the Buffalo Water Board. Approved.
4. Mr. Ramos informed the Buffalo Water Board that approximately 100 to 200 mailers are sent to residents and tenants each month to build relationships within the community. He also offered his assistance to the Buffalo Water Board to send written communications concerning Buffalo Water Board and customer matters in future mailings.
5. Staff Update: Mr. Hill with Veolia Water provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
6. The Buffalo Water Board Rate Consultant, Ms. Foti, informed the Buffalo Water Board that on December 30, 2021, the Buffalo Municipal Water Finance Authority's completed issuance of Bonds and completed Refunding of certain existing debt. She also advised that the Refunding will save the Buffalo Water Board \$1.9 million in interest charges going forward.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Assistant Secretary of the Buffalo Water Board and Erdman Anthony, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize a contract increase with Kandey Co., Inc. for the Large Main Rehabilitation Project (contract # 93002715). The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$137,072.01. Approved.
8. Upon the recommendation of the Assistant Secretary of the Buffalo Water Board, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize and fund a contract with Nussbaumer and Clarke, Inc. for professional engineering services for the Feasibility Study of the proposed Erie County Water Authority's (ECWA) interconnection near the City of Buffalo's Hancock

Elevated Water Storage Tank. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00. The City of Buffalo, Division of Water will negotiate a separate contract with ECWA to share fifty percent of the costs of this Feasibility Study. Approved.

9. Motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to authorize and fund an increase for services as part of the Management Agreement dated as of July 1, 2020 with Veolia Water, specifically the High Priority Repairs and Lead Services Limit Account in an amount not-to-exceed \$950,000.00 for at least the months of January and February 2022. These projects and services will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water, as part of the Management Agreement with Veolia Water. 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: (a) GHD is collaborating with Veolia Water and 120 Water with regard to funding sources for replacing Lead Service Lines for customers; (b) GHD has been working with the SUNY at Buffalo preparing for harvesting lead pipes for the pipe loop work but have experienced delays in delivery of materials needed for the project.

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.

11. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report with the Buffalo Water Board. Mr. Hill noted that revenue receipts are \$500,000 higher than in 2020 at this time, however revenues remain approximately \$1.5 million below budget. He reported that significant storm events were experienced at the Water Treatment Plant in December and a minor water quality anomaly occurred. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is satisfied with the work performed to address this occurrence. The NYSDOH performed a laboratory audit and has issued a recertification for another year.

Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to adjourn at 8:44 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 10:00 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.