

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
February 16, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald Kelly
Jessica Brown
William Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Jack McMahon
Bill Appenheimer
Damon Sykes
Dustin Steiner
Charlie Martorana
David Hill
Lisa Foti
William Ferguson
Samantha Podlas
Michael Ramos
Greg Keyser
Doug Fultz
Fouad Arab
Ryan Stoltz
Malcolm Ertha
Delano Dowell
Kelly Leeb
Damond Rand
Anne McCooey
Mary Ann Kendron

The regular monthly meeting of the Buffalo Water Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the agenda. Approved.
2. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2022 meeting. Approved.
3. Mr. Ramos informed the Buffalo Water Board that as the weather improves the City will be having a number of outreach events in the community, starting in Zip Code areas where children have been identified with elevated lead levels. Buffalo Water Board Members are invited to participate.
4. Anne McCooey and Mary Ann Kendron members of the BRR/Alliance (Black Rock Riverside Alliance) spoke about challenges to watering two community gardens that this group manages and cares for on property owned by the City of Buffalo. Using fire hydrants located across the street to water the gardens has become difficult for the volunteers. This group requests the Buffalo Water Board's assistance to improve how to deliver water to these gardens from April through October. Chairman McFoy agreed to investigate water source alternatives and to reply to the Black Rock Riverside Alliance.
5. Staff Update: Mr. Hill with Veolia Water provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and Arcadis, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize a contract increase with the State Group for the Residuals Systems Improvements Project (contract # 93002898). The

project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$426,547.00. Approved.

7. Upon the recommendation of the City of Buffalo Accountant, motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Kelly for a Budget Amendment as shown on the attached document. Approved.
8. Motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin, 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 Specialty Preventive Maintenance Limit Account in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.00 to extend through June 30, 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.
9. Mr. Stoltz 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 other stakeholders on the Customer Information System and Field Work Order Management System. The technical review is completed and now the financial review is in process. (b) The agreement with the Promise Group is being finalized and the portal interface is being developed.

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

10. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report with the Buffalo Water Board. Mr. Hill noted that water production at the Colonel Ward facility has increased by 10 million gallons for the month of January 2022, above prior production. He reported that the High Priority Repairs and Lead Services Limit Account is at the 90 percent level and that Veolia Water will be asking the Buffalo Water Board for an increase to this account at the March 2022 meeting. Mr. Hill reported that Veolia Water recently completed the first phase of a meter gap analysis study and has initiated the second phase of this study. Veolia Water is also working closely with stakeholders on the Customer Information System and Field Work Order Management System. Recently, Veolia Water issued a NYS Low Income Proposal as requested by the Buffalo Water Board. Veolia Water is currently looking to fill an open vacancy for an Asset Manager position.

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Kelly to adjourn at 11:03 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 9:00 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.

Budget amendment:

Increase to all three accounts:

53380090 391062 TRANSFER FROM ARPA (2135) - \$6.4 million

53023516 431001 10702 WBD FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SVCS - \$1.4m

53023527 473020 10702 STRUC & EQUIP IMPROV ARPA ROLL - \$5m