

**BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES**  
**March 2, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Peter Merlo**  
**Jack McMahon**  
**Fouad Arab**  
**Stephen Waldvogel**  
**Damon Sykes**  
**Dustin Steiner**  
**Charlie Martorana**  
**David Hill**  
**Lisa Foti**  
**William Ferguson**  
**Samantha Podlas**  
**Michael Ramos**  
**Greg Keyser**  
**Doug Fultz**  
**Ryan Stotz**  
**Delano Dowell**  
**Kelly Leeb**

The regular monthly meeting of the Buffalo Water Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to approve the agenda. Approved.
2. Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2022 meeting. Approved.
3. There were no public comments made at the Buffalo Water Board meeting.
4. Staff Update: Mr. Hill with Veolia Water provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Assistant Secretary of the Buffalo Water Board, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize a contract increase with Clough Harbour & Associates, LLP for the Michigan Avenue and Carlton Street Waterline Rehabilitation Project (contract # 93002258) for construction inspection and construction administration services. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$35,400.00. Approved.
6. Motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown, 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 & Lead Services Limit Account in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,365,184.00 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.
7. Mr. Waldvogel, Mr. Stotz 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 and developing the Customer Information System and Field Work Order Management System.

The technical and financial reviews are completed and demonstrations are being scheduled. (b) The agreement with the Promise Group is being finalized and the portal interface is being developed. (c) 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, continuing work on the Pipe Loop Project, the design of flood protection berm structures, as part of the flood protection model analyses and initiating work on the electrical project at the Massachusetts Avenue Pumping Station.

8. Mr. Hill and Mr. Fultz of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report with the Buffalo Water Board. Mr. Hill noted that February revenues totaled approximately \$3.7 million as compared to the budget of \$4.5 million, however the 8 month revenue total recorded for this fiscal year is the same as that recorded for last year. He reported that Veolia Water is working closely with stakeholders to develop the Customer Information System and Field Work Order Management System and demonstrations of the two finalists selected will be held on March 29 and 31 from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. NY State recently instituted a Low Income Household Water Assistance (LIHWA) Program. The State has paid Buffalo Water approximately \$150,000, which has been applied to accounts for eligible customers. Veolia Water is developing a campaign to broaden the notice to customers of the benefits of this program. Veolia Water issued a Request For Proposals to further implement the Lead Water Service Line Program. Proposals are due to be returned by March 16, 2022. Extensive repair and rehabilitation work is being initiated on Buffalo Water's buildings to protect these assets. Veolia Water is seeking qualified candidates to fill an open vacancy for an Asset Manager position.

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to adjourn at 9:36 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday, April 13, 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.