

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
May 11, 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 Connors
Lisa Foti
William Ferguson
Samantha Podlas
Michael Wolasz
Damond Rand
Doug Fultz
Ryan Stotz
Kelly Leeb
Bill Appenheimer
Malcolm Ertha
Beth Scheeler

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 Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to approve the minutes from the April 13, 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 Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize a contract increase for fuel price adjustment for the Water Betterment portion of the Allen Street Rehabilitation Project. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Engineering and the contract, as amended is approved in an amount not-to-exceed \$3,086.84, including this increase authorized by the Buffalo Water Board. Approved.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and Wendel, motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize a contract increase for fuel and asphalt price adjustments with Destro & Brothers Concrete Co., Inc. for the 2021 Citywide Water Cut Restoration Program (contract # 93002845). The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water and the contract, as amended is approved in an amount not-to-exceed \$60,382.86, including this increase authorized by the Buffalo Water Board. Approved.

7. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and Wendel, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize, and fund a contract with Destro & Brothers Concrete Co., Inc. for the 2022 Citywide Water Cut Restoration Program. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,428,705.00. Approved. The following Bids were received:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Destro & Brothers Concrete Co., Inc.	\$1,428,705.00
Nova Site Company, Inc.	\$1,510,155.00
Amherst Paving	\$1,641,840.00

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 Spoils Management Limit Account in an increased amount not-to-exceed \$57,000.00 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. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to approve GHD Consulting Services, Inc. professional services contract for the 2022-2023 fiscal year for Buffalo Water Board Consulting Engineer Services to be funded in an amount not-to-exceed \$350,000.00. Approved.
10. Motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to approve Barclay Damon, LLP professional services contract for the 2022-2023 fiscal year for Buffalo Water Board Legal Services to be funded in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00. Approved.
11. 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 several projects, including: (a) GHD is collaborating with Veolia Water and other stakeholders and developing the Customer Information System and Field Work Order Management System. Negotiations are being planned with the selected firm; (b) GHD is working with 120 Water, the City and Veolia to develop various capital projects; (c) GHD is continuing to provide engineering and oversight services at Colonel Ward Treatment Facility, for among other matters, the sodium hypochloride system design, the electrical upgrades at the plant have commenced, continuing work on the Pipe Loop Project, the design of flood protection berm structures.
12. Mr. Fultz of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report with the Buffalo Water Board. Mr. Fultz recognized City staff working on several projects, instead of engaging independent contractors, resulting in savings to the Buffalo Water Board. He noted there is ongoing clearwell work with Hazen and Sawyer, and investigating suction well disinfection with Nussbaumer & Clarke. Veolia Water is also examining revisions to the spoils management plan to minimize risks. Mr. Fultz introduced Veolia Water's new Regional VP David Connors who looks forward to working with the Buffalo Water Board. Mr. Sykes reported that Buffalo Water has received approximately \$500,000 from New York State programs such as the recently instituted New York State Low Income Household Water Assistance (LIHWA) Program. Veolia Water is developing a campaign to broaden the notice to customers of the benefits of this program and will continue with a bill stuffer through the end of this fiscal year.

Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to adjourn at 10:02 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday, June 15, 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.