

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
October 5, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald E. Kelly
Jessica R. Brown
William L. Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Jack McMahan
David Hill
Charlie Martorana
William Ferguson
Damon Sykes
Stephen Waldvogel
Lisa Foti
Dustin Steiner
Doug Fultz
Kelly Leeb
Ryan Stotz
Carol Burns
Michael Ramos
Damond Rand
Delano Dowell
Angelica Morrison
David Connors
John Davis
Francisco Guzman

The regular monthly meeting of the Buffalo Water Board (BWB) 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. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Brown to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2022, meeting. Approved.
3. Public Comment: After the Chair offered an opportunity for public comments, no comments were received. The Principal Engineer of the Division of Water introduced the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, Parks and Streets, Francisco Guzman, who thanked the Buffalo Water Board members for their on-going service.
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 and Wendel, motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize an extension of the substantial completion date of the contract with Destro & Brothers Concrete Co., Inc. for the City of Buffalo 2021 Citywide Water Cut Restoration Contract (contract #93002845) to September 20, 2022. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.
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 an extension of the substantial completion date of the contract with The State Group for the Residuals Systems Improvements Project (contract #93002898) to September 26, 2023. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of 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 several projects, including: (a) GHD is working with the City of Buffalo, Division of Water on the Replace Old Lead Lines (ROLL) Program and are partnering with various agencies and vendors who will utilize the Get Water Wise web site to interact with customers through a customer portal (b) GHD is collaborating with Veolia Water and others to develop a Customer Information System and Field Work Order Management System; (c) GHD is working with Promise Partnership on a testing program and business processes; (d) GHD is continuing to provide engineering and oversight services at Colonel Ward Treatment Facility, and for among other matters, electrical upgrades at the plant have commenced, continuing work on the Pipe Loop Project, and the Centennial Park Project.

8. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report. Mr. Hill reported that last month 46 customers were enrolled in the Replace Old Lead Lines (ROLL) program. Two New York State programs are assisting customers with payments including the New York State Homeowner Assistance Fund (helping 280 customers with payments in excess of \$578,000) and the New York State Low Income Household Water Assistance (LIHWA) Program (helping 993 customers with payments in excess of \$1.3 million). Veolia Water is developing a campaign to broaden the notice to customers of the benefits of these programs, and will continue distributing notices of the availability of these programs together with delivery of invoices to customers. The LIHWA Program brochure has already been mailed to over 3,000 accounts. Mr. Hill reported that revenues for the month are below budget estimates by approximately \$130,000 but have increased by \$250,000 compared to the same period last year.

Mr. Fultz reported that the South Sedimentation Basin was cleaned in record time and the North Sedimentation Basin is now 70% cleaned. The North Basin is expected to be returned to service by the end of October. He also reported an on-site accident while using the crane in the Pumping Station causing an asbestos release. The facility was evacuated until an Environmental company hired by Veolia Water conducted testing and air monitoring. An abatement plan was developed and is being implemented.

Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to adjourn at 9:38 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday, November 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, and/or by virtual conference call, as authorized by law.