

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
December 13, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Jack McMahon
Michael Wolasz
Charlie Martorana
William Ferguson
Damon Sykes
Stephen Waldvogel
Lisa Foti
Dustin Steiner
Doug Fultz
Kelly Leeb
Ryan Stotz
Michael Ramos
Damond Rand
David Connors
Colleen Silver

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 Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin, to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2022, meeting. Approved.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown, to approve the 2023 Water Board meeting schedule pending a change to the January 11, 2023 date. Approved.
5. Staff Update: Mr. Fultz with Veolia Water provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
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 Emergency Watermain Repair Limit Account, in an amount not-to-exceed \$4,600,000.00 for the period through June 30, 2023. Approved.
7. Motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown, to approve the draft Water Board audited financials as presented by Mr. Ferguson. Approved.
8. Motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown, to table the report of bids for the Water Distribution System Improvements – Various Locations 2 Project. Approved.
9. Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to transfer \$3,156,229.75 from Water Board reserves into 53023517 473020, Structural Improvements. Approved.

10. Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin, to approve a budget amendment to increase the following accounts:

- 53380090 391062 10702 TRANSFER FROM ARPA (2135): \$11,480,685.56
- 53023527 473020 10702 STRUC & EQUIP IMPR ARPA CAPITAL:\$11,480,685.56

Approved.

11. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown, to authorize a cost increase of \$463,200.00 for DiDonato Engineering for construction phase services for the Water Distribution System Improvements, Various Locations 1, Project (contract #93002633). Approved.

12. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown, to authorize a cost increase of \$50,000.00 for Wendel Engineering to their structural retainer contract (contract #93002452). Approved.

13. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI), motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown, to authorize a contract date extension for Rodems Construction Co., Inc. for the Grover Water Tower Rehabilitation Contract Project (contract #93002943) to May 31, 2023. Approved.

14. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and GHD, motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin, to authorize a cost increase of \$235,534.70 for Frey Electric for the Colonel Ward Electrical Improvement Project (contract #93002903). Approved.

15. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown, to accept ownership of approximately 1,100 linear feet of the waterline west of Starin Avenue, 177 to 286 Rachel Vincent Way, installed as part of the Colvin Estates Phase III, Part 2, Project pending acceptance of the corresponding right-of-way by the City of Buffalo. Approved.

16. Mr. Waldvogel, Mr. Stotz, Mr. Davis, 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.

17. Mr. Fultz and Mr. Sykes of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report.

Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown, to adjourn. Approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. The members of the Buffalo Water Board will convene and conduct this meeting in person in the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Facility Administration Building Conference Room located at 2 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14201, and participation at the meeting will also be available to all other persons, including the public by virtual video and conference call, as authorized by law.