

**BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
November 2, 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
Angelica Morrison
David Connors
Fouad Arab
Colleen Silver
Michael Wolasz**

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 Mr. Sunderlin to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2022, meeting. Approved.
3. Public Comment: Mr. Ramos shared his appreciation for the work the Buffalo Water Board does throughout the community, especially providing water testing kits to residents and lead outreach programs.
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 DiDonato Engineering & Design Professionals, motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize, and fund a contract with NOVA Site Company, LLC for the Water Distribution Systems Improvements Various Locations – Group A. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,244,287.50. Approved. The following Bids were received:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>
NOVA Site Company, LLC.	\$5,244,287.50
Destro & Brothers Concrete Co., Inc.	\$5,381,550.00
Mark Cerrone, Inc.	\$7,105,571.00

6. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and DiDonato Engineering & Design Professionals, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize, and fund a contract with Kandey Company, Inc. for the Water Distribution Systems Improvements Various Locations – Group B. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$7,935,413.00. Approved. The following Bids were received:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Kandey Company, Inc.	\$7,935,413.00
Destro & Brothers Concrete Co., Inc.	\$7,945,200.00

7. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and LaBella, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize, and fund a contract with Destro & Brothers Concrete Co., Inc. for the Water Distribution Systems Improvements Various Locations – South Project. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,520,150.00. In reviewing their bid, Mark Cerrone, Inc. found math errors in the service work and requested the withdrawal of their bid in a letter submitted to the Buffalo Water Board dated October 24, 2022. Approved. The following Bids were received:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Mark Cerrone, Inc.	\$4,787,381.00
Destro & Brothers Concrete Co., Inc.	\$5,520,150.00
4 th Generation Construction, Inc.	\$5,557,860.00
716 Site Contraction	\$6,149,405.00
Kandey Company, Inc.	\$7,041,405.00

8. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI), motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize a cost increase for Rodems Construction Company, Inc. for the Grover Water Tower Rehabilitation Contract Project (contract #93002943). 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 \$40,000.00. Approved.

9. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Ms. Brown to authorize a contract increase 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 \$91,235.40, including this increase authorized by the Buffalo Water Board. Approved.

10. Motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Kelly, 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 \$350,000.00 to extend through June 30, 2023. 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.

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 prepared a funding percentage split for each of the 2022 Capital Water Distribution Systems Improvements Various Locations Projects; (b) GHD continues to work with the City of Buffalo, Division of Water on the Replace Old Lead Lines (ROLL) Program and is collaborating with various agencies and vendors who will utilize the Get Water Wise web site to interact with customers through a customer portal; (c) GHD engaged with John Davis

to assist with public outreach relating to lead initiatives; (d) GHD is working with a public relations firm to assist the Buffalo Water Board to develop a coordinated communication related to lead initiatives; (e) GHD is working with Promise Network Inc. and reports that approximately 300 customers have agreed to participate in the new payment plan; (f) 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, and continuing work on the Pipe Loop Project.

12. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report. Mr. Hill reported that last month 43 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 455 customers with payments in excess of \$886,000) and the New York State Low Income Household Water Assistance (LIHWA) Program (helping 993 customers with payments in excess of \$1.4 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.

Mr. Fultz reported that new security cameras are being installed at the Colonel Ward Treatment Facility, and the North Sedimentation Basin has been cleaned and is being returned to service. Solids from the lagoon continue to be processed if weather permits, and have now completed more than fifty (50%) percent of the pump station improvements.

Motion by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to adjourn at 10:17 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting, Tuesday, December 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, and/or by virtual conference call, as authorized by law.