

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
November 27, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald E. Kelly
Denine N. Jackson
Ray Nosworthy

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Jack McMahon
Doug Fultz
Charlie Martorana
Damond Rand
Lisa Foti
Bill Ferguson
Kelly Leeb
Ryan Stotz
John Davis
Fouad Arab
Damond Sykes
Dustin Steiner
David Connors
Delano Dowell
Matthew Adam

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

1. Motion by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to approve the agenda. Approved.
2. Motion by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2023, meeting. Approved.
3. Public Comment: After the Chair offered an opportunity for public comments, no comments were received.
4. Staff Update: Mr. Fultz, with Veolia Water provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
5. Motion by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the draft Buffalo Water Board audited financials as presented by Mr. Ferguson. Approved.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and Wendel, motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kelly to authorize, and fund a contract with Nova Site Company, LLC for the total bid for the 2023 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 \$1,675,145.00. Approved. The following Bids were received:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Nova Site Company, LLC	\$1,675,145.00
Destro & Brothers Concrete Co., Inc.	\$1,698,050.00
7. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., motion made by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kelly to authorize, and fund a contract with Sicoli Construction for the total bid for the Grider Kensington Water Tower Rehabilitation Project. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo,

Division of Water in an amount not-to-exceed \$541,700.00. Approved. The following Bids were received:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Sicoli Construction	\$541,700.00
Horizon Masonry Restoration, Inc.	\$599,535.00
Call Associates, Inc.	\$855,030.00

8. The Principal Engineer led a discussion with the Buffalo Water Board about the benefits of two new City Division of Water personnel positions (Maintenance Supervisor II and General Mechanic).
9. Mr. Steiner, Mr. Stotz, and Mr. Davis 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 has worked with the Buffalo Water Board Legal Counsel regarding staffing matters; (b) the latest release of the Get Water Wise website includes materials pertaining to Lead Line replacement and affordability programs; (c) GHD reported that social media has been very active and that the release of the service map has been scheduled to happen at the Mayor's press conference on December 19, 2023; (d) Mr. Davis reported on the very positive response to the continuing Public Outreach Campaign and community engagement. The Get Water Wise web site has seen increased views; (e) GHD is continuing to provide engineering and oversight services at Colonel Ward Treatment Facility, for among other matters, commencement of electrical upgrades at the plant, the Flood Mitigation Berm Project submittals are coming in for review, and contractor meetings for work at the Ralph C. Wilson Centennial Park have commenced.
10. Mr. Fultz of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report. Mr. Fultz reported that the North Wall of the stone storage building had been rehabilitated and that the South Wall has been stabilized for the winter. New safety procedures have been instituted for the operation of Buffalo Water Board trucks and forklifts. Solids processing at the Colonel Ward Facility has been suspended until springtime. Veolia and City of Buffalo Water personnel are working with the Public Works Commissioner's office and fuel providers to attempt to increase on-site reserve fuel capacity from 1-day to 2-days for fleet and generator operations in the event of emergency situations. Mr. Sykes of Veolia Water reported that there was a 6% increase in revenues receive in October 2023 as compared to October 2022, and approximately \$500,000 increase in revenue in the first 4 months of this fiscal year as compared to the same time period last year.

Motion by Ms. Jackson to enter Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.

Motion by Ms. Jackson to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.

Motion by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Kelly to adjourn at 10:49 P.M. Approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 2023, 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, for Board Members and by virtual conference call, as authorized by law.