

# NEFCO

## NORTHEAST OHIO FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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### Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

City of Green

Council Chambers

1755 Town Park Blvd.

Uniontown, OH 44685

8:30 a.m.

### Agenda

1. Call to Order
  - a. Determination of a Quorum
  - b. Approval of the Agenda for the November 20, 2024 NEFCO General Policy Board meeting  
**ACTION REQUESTED**
  - c. Pledge of Allegiance
  - d. Audience Participation (members of the public)  
Any individual or representative of a group may take three (3) minutes to address the General Policy Board on any topic on the agenda.
2. Consideration of the draft minutes of the regular meeting of the NEFCO General Policy Board on October 16, 2024 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through October 31, 2024  
**ACTION REQUESTED**
  - a. October bank reconciliations
4. Nominating Committee to meet to prepare a slate of CY2025 General Policy Board officers
5. CY2025 NEFCO General Policy Board meeting schedule and location
6. NEFCO FY2025 Work Program Status Reports
  - a. Environmental Planning
    - 1) No substantive comments received by NEFCO during the 30-day public comment period for the draft FY2025 201/208 facilities planning areas (FPA) update; next steps
    - 2) NEFCO's and the other Areawides' submitted 208 Plan updates from 2023 cleared Ohio EPA's management and director reviews; await the Governor's certification
    - 3) NEFCO receives 'Dam Buster' award at annual Friends of the Crooked River meeting, for assistance provided in the removal of the Cuyahoga River Canal Diversion Dam(s)
    - 4) Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water recent actions and notices:
      - a. [Proposed stormwater rules](#) (Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-39); comments due **December 5, 2024**
      - b. [Early stakeholder outreach](#) – Nutrient Assessment Protocol Implementation (OAC 3745-33-06) and Definitions (OAC 3745-33-01); comments due **December 6, 2024**

- 5) Ohio EPA Division of Drinking and Ground Waters announces [four ‘mini grant’ opportunities](#) available now **through December 20, 2024**:
  - a. Emergency generator installation (up to \$50,000 per system)
  - b. Source water protection strategies (up to \$20,000 for strategy implementation)
  - c. Well abandonment (up to \$15,000 reimbursement per properly abandoned well)
  - d. Water audit and water loss control program (up to \$20,000 per system)
  - e. Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio EPA Director Anne Vogel announce \$16.7 million for H2Ohio water infrastructure projects
  - f. Save the date: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Huntington District (Ohio River Basin) to discuss the Corps’ authorities at the December 4<sup>th</sup> ERTAC meeting
- b. Economic Development Planning
  - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA) and Work Program Updates
    - a. EDA representatives visit Akron, Sustainable Polymers Tech Hub as part of national tour
    - b. EDA Reauthorization included in Senate National Defense Authorization Act; NADO asking members to reach out to members of Congress
    - c. Staff attends NADO Annual Training Conference
    - d. Current EDA funding opportunities
      1. FY2023 Public Works/Economic Adjustment Assistance (PW/EAA)
      2. FY2021-2023 Planning and Local Technical Assistance
  - 2) Economic Development Planning Information
    - a. October unemployment rate remains unchanged at 4.1 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
    - b. “US driving and congestion rates are higher than ever” (*Bloomberg CityLab*)
    - c. “Report: Broadband can transform a rural community” (*Route Fifty*)
    - d. “From crisis to transformation: a Federal housing policy agenda” (NARC *eRegions*)
    - e. “Transportation costs soared in major U.S. cities over the past 10 years” (*Smart Cities Dive*)
    - f. “We know widening highways leads to more traffic. Why do we do it anyway?” (*Route Fifty*)
    - g. “Going into 2025, cities plan for leaner budgets” (*Route Fifty*)
  - 3) Funding Opportunities (upcoming deadlines contained in status report)
  - 4) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)
7. Federal and State legislation or information of importance to local governments
  - a. Federal
  - b. State
8. For the Good of the Order: an opportunity for members to share news about their community/ county/agency, or to list an important issue affecting them
9. Other Business

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Wednesday, December 18, 2024, is the date for the next meeting of the NEFCO General Policy Board at the **City of Green, Community Hall at Central Park**, 1755 Town Park Blvd., Uniontown, OH 44685