

# NEFCO

## NORTHEAST OHIO FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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### Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, April 17, 2024  
City of Green  
Community Hall at Central Park  
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 April 17, 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 March 20, 2024 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through March 31, 2024  
**ACTION REQUESTED**
  - a. March bank reconciliations
4. Consideration of an Amendment to the Clean Water (208) Plan to create a new Sterling Facilities Planning Area and to change the existing wastewater prescription to serve the Sterling area in Milton Township in Wayne County **ACTION REQUESTED**
5. Stark Economic Development Board requests letter of support for EDA Recompete Pilot Program Phase 2 grant application **ACTION REQUESTED**
6. Appointment of CY2024 NEFCO Budget and Work Program Committee **ACTION REQUESTED**
7. Authorization to enter into contracts with the Ohio EPA for state and federally-funded water quality management planning; authorization for the Executive Director to sign for NEFCO  
**ACTION REQUESTED**
8. NEFCO FY2024 Work Program
  - a. Economic Development Planning
    - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA) and Work Program Updates
      - a. Current EDA funding opportunities
        1. FY2023 Public Works/Economic Adjustment Assistance (PW/EAA)  
Cooperation and Coordination in Development Planning  
Among the Units of Government in Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne Counties

2. FY2021-2023 Planning and Local Technical Assistance
  - 2) Economic Development Planning Information
    - a. March unemployment rate decreases to 3.8 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
    - b. Argonne National Laboratory NERDE Data Portal upgraded (NADO)
    - c. Center on Rural Innovation releases BEAD Funding Guide (NADO)
    - d. OMB issues updated standards for maintaining, collecting, and presenting race/ethnicity data across federal agencies (*Federal Register*)
    - e. “2022 was the ‘worst year ever for bicyclist deaths,’ new data show” (*Route Fifty*)
    - f. “New FCC broadband standard increases the number of ‘underserved’ households in America” (*Route Fifty*)
    - g. “FCC increases broadband speed benchmark” (NARC)
    - h. “About 23 million low-income households appear set to lose internet subsidies” (*Route Fifty*)
    - i. 2024 Ohio Brownfields Conference: May 7<sup>th</sup> in Dublin
  - 3) Funding Opportunities (upcoming deadlines contained in status report)
  - 4) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)
  - b. Environmental Planning
    - 1) Ongoing annual 201/208 facilities planning areas update: participating management agencies provide NEFCO with estimated number of areas being updated this year
    - 2) Clean Water (208) Plan website maintenance and updating: link to [updated interactive online 201/208 FPA map](#) posted
    - 3) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the first-ever national legally enforceable drinking water standard for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
9. Federal and State legislation or information of importance to local governments
    - a. Federal
    - b. State
  10. 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
  11. Other Business

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Wednesday, May 15, 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