

NEFCO

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Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, May 15, 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 May 15, 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 April 17, 2024 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through April 30, 2024
ACTION REQUESTED
 - a. April bank reconciliations
4. Ratification of the Independent Public Accountant (IPA) firm selected by the State Auditor's Office to prepare NEFCO's audits for fiscal years July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2028; authorization for the executive director to sign a Memorandum of Agreement and related paperwork **ACTION REQUESTED**
5. Preliminary FY2025 Appropriations and Expenditures Budget: Report of the Budget and Work Program Committee; Draft FY2025 Work Program
6. NEFCO FY2024 Work Program
 - a. Economic Development Planning
 - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA) and Work Program Updates
 - a. NEFCO submits Performance Progress Report, Financial Report, and Semiannual and Annual Program Outputs Questionnaire for Partnership Planning Grant
 - b. NEFCO provides letter of support to Stark Parks for Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Area Restoration Project (see attached)
 - c. Current EDA funding opportunities
 1. FY2023 Public Works/Economic Adjustment Assistance (PW/EAA)

- 2) Economic Development Planning Information
 - a. April unemployment rate increases to 3.9 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
 - b. “How local governments can respond to the housing crisis” (*Route Fifty*)
 - c. “Easing the housing squeeze on low-income renters” (*Route Fifty*)
 - d. JumpStart Ventures awarded \$35 million to invest in tech startups across Ohio
 - e. “Federal broadband subsidy cut amid fears over its future” (*Route Fifty*)
 - f. EPA announces online collection of environmental justice resources
 - g. 2024 OARC Conference on Freight: Aug. 28-20 in Cleveland
- 3) Funding Opportunities (upcoming deadlines contained in status report)
- 4) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)
- b. Environmental Planning
 - 1) 201/208 facilities planning areas update; status
 - 2) NEFCO’s FY2025 water quality management planning contracts with Ohio EPA; status
 - 3) Ohio EPA webinar: *The New Definition of Solid Waste Rules and Requirements for Exclusions*; May 16, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; register [here](#)
 - 4) U.S. EPA Small Drinking Water Systems Webinar Series:
 - a. *PFAS Drinking Water Regulation and Treatment Methods* (held on April 30, 2024); click [here](#) to view the recording; slides available from staff upon request
 - b. *Technical Assistance for Lead* (service line replacement); May 21, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., ET; register [here](#)
 - 5) Ohio EPA announcement: Now Available! Service Line Inventory Assistance Program
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, June 26, 2024, is the date for the next meeting of the NEFCO General Policy Board at the **City of Green Council Chambers**, 1755 Town Park Blvd., Uniontown OH 44685