

NEFCO

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Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, July 17, 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 July 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 June 26, 2024 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through June 30, 2024
ACTION REQUESTED
 - a. June bank reconciliations
4. **SPEAKER: “Sustainable Polymers Tech Hub”; Brian Anderson, Vice President, Polymer Industry Cluster, Greater Akron Chamber**
5. Barberton Community Foundation requests a letter of support for its EDA Planning/Local Technical Assistance grant application **ACTION REQUESTED**
6. NEFCO organizational survey – overview and purpose - - **discussion item**
7. NEFCO FY2025 Work Program
 - a. Economic Development Planning
 - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA) and Work Program Updates
 - a. Greater Akron Chamber awarded \$51 million in EDA Tech Hubs Phase 2 funding for Sustainable Polymers Tech Hub!
 - b. 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. June unemployment rate increases to 4.1 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
 - b. “Zoning reform made way for an explosion of smaller homes in California. Will it work elsewhere?” (Route Fifty)
 - c. “How Connecticut is developing untapped talent to fill 30,000 open jobs statewide” (Route Fifty)
 - d. “Pedestrian deaths finally dipped in 2023” (Route Fifty)
 - e. 2024 OARC Conference on Freight: Aug. 28-30 in Cleveland
 - f. 2024 NADO Annual Training Conference: Oct. 21-24 in New Orleans
- 3) Funding Opportunities (upcoming deadlines contained in status report)
- 4) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)
- b. Environmental Planning – For information only
 - 1) Continuing FY2025 201/208 facilities planning areas (FPA) update; status of final draft mapping by the wastewater management agencies (MAs) and by NEFCO staff
 - 2) Website maintenance and updating under way for ongoing 201/208 FPA update
 - 3) Ohio EPA announcement: [Draft 2025 Water Supply Revolving Loan Account \(WSRLA\) Program Management Plan \(PMP\)](#) is now available for review and comment; comments may be emailed to Defamail@epa.ohio.gov until close of business on July 22, 2024
8. Federal and State legislation or information of importance to local governments
 - a. Federal
 - b. State
9. 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
10. Other Business

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Wednesday, August 21, 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