

# NEFCO

## NORTHEAST OHIO FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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### Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, June 26, 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 June 26, 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 May 15, 2024 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through May 31, 2024  
**ACTION REQUESTED**
  - a. May bank reconciliations
4. Adoption of the FY2025 Revenues and Expenditures Budget, and Work Program;  
Recommendation of the Budget and Work Program Committee **ACTION REQUESTED**
5. Consideration of the continuation of the part-time employment position for: Watershed Planner/Geographic Information System Specialist **ACTION REQUESTED** *Since this was not transmitted to the Board at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those members present is required for passage.*
6. Preliminary NEFCO Continuity of Operations Plan
7. 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)
        2. FY2021-2023 Planning and Local Technical Assistance
      - b. NEFCO provides letter of support for PARTA's ODOT funding request (see attached)

- c. NOACA awarded \$1 million in supplemental funding for its Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)
- 2) Economic Development Planning Information
  - a. May unemployment rate increases to 4.0 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
  - b. “What makes a city ideal for office-to-housing conversions?” (*Route Fifty*)
  - c. “Housing boom in most of the US could ease shortage, but cost is still a problem” (*Route Fifty*)
  - d. “Efforts to reform federal broadband subsidy gain traction” (*Route Fifty*)
  - e. AMATS completes roundabout study
  - f. AMATS prepares new Active Transportation Plan
  - g. “Convention centers bounce back as cities borrow for makeovers” (*Bloomberg CityLab*)
  - h. USDA and EDA update resources in joint guide to boost economic development in rural communities (NADO)
  - i. “With the rise of AI, workforce planning is critical. But many governments don’t do it.” (*Route Fifty*)
  - j. 2024 OARC Conference on Freight: Aug. 28-30 in Cleveland
  - k. 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
  - 1) Ongoing FY2025 201/208 facilities planning areas update; status as **June 26<sup>th</sup> update submittal deadline** arrives
  - 2) NEFCO’s receives fully executed FY2025 water quality management planning contracts from Ohio EPA
  - 3) State certification of NEFCO Board approved 208 Plan updates March 2023 through December 2023 submitted to Ohio EPA on December 27, 2023; status
  - 4) Governor DeWine awards more than \$2 million in H2Ohio grants for public drinking water distribution system equipment, including over \$125,000 to NEFCO region communities
  - 5) Ohio EPA announcement: Now Available! [Service Line Inventory Assistance Program](#); request forms will be accepted until June 28, 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, July 17, 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