

NEFCO

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Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Video-conference meeting via Microsoft Teams:

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8:30 a.m.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - a. Determination of a Quorum
 - b. Approval of the Agenda for the February 17, 2021 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 January 20, 2021 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through January 31, 2021 **ACTION REQUESTED**
 - a. January bank reconciliations
4. Bounce Innovation Hub requests letter of support for EDA grant application **ACTION REQUESTED**
5. Consideration of a renewal of authorization to provide meeting amenities to volunteer members or citizens who attend NEFCO meetings **ACTION REQUESTED**
6. NEFCO FY2021 Work Program
 - a. Environmental Planning
 - 1) 208 Plan Chapter 3 update – status of completion activities
 - a. Chapter 3 update website merged with Clean Water Plan website:
<http://nefcoplanning.org/CWP.html>
 - 2) 208 Plan Chapter 3, Policy 3-6a and 3-6b; status of revisions
 - a. Staff has reviewed similar 208 policies of the other Areawides
 - b. Next steps

- 3) Portage Lakes Management Study (PLMS) – Phase 5
 - a. PLMS partners met via Teams on January 21st
 - b. Management Plan final draft to be submitted to the PLMS partners in mid-April
 - c. Next PLMS partners virtual meeting scheduled for April 22nd
- 4) Canal Diversion Dam Project
 - a. US EPA approves extension to grant’s project period end date
 - b. Friends of the Crooked River to give the Board a presentation on the project; March 17th
- 5) Upcoming ERTAC speaker/topic
 - a. Jim Hoorman, University of Akron Research Foundation (UARF); “*Innovative Vegetation Technologies to Improve Water Quality (Prairie Seedings and Cover Crops)*”; March 3rd
- 6) Other
 - a. Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water: Draft 401 Water Quality Certification for the 2021 Reissuance and Modification of the Nationwide Permits: Additional public information session being held by on February 17th at 3:00 p.m.
 - b. Ohio EPA DEFA: Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Call for Project Nominations for Program Year 2022; deadline for nominations: March 3rd
- b. Economic Development Planning
 - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA)
 - a. EDA approves NEFCO Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2021 Annual Performance Report
 - b. NEFCO submits Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) report for CARES Act grant
 - c. Biden administration’s American Rescue Plan proposes \$3 billion for EDA
 - d. NEFCO distributes economic recovery and resiliency survey
 - e. Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) Broadband Working Group update
 - 2) Economic Development Planning Information
 - a. Latest Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services jobless claims
 - b. January employment drops at 6.3% (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
 - c. 2020 Census data products will not include information on citizenship or immigration status; non-citizens to be included in the Census and apportionment of congressional representatives (Census Bureau)
 - d. Census Bureau to release redistricting data by September 30, 2021 (Census Bureau)
 - e. NADO and NADO Research Foundation 2020 Annual Report available (NADO)
 - f. OMB requests comment on Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Standards (NADO)
 - 3) Regional Economic Development News (see 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, March 17, 2021 is the date for the next meeting of the NEFCO General Policy Board; location and meeting method to be determined.