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Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, March 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 March 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 February 17, 2021 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through February 28, 2021 **ACTION REQUESTED**
 - a. February bank reconciliations
4. NEFCO FY2021 Work Program
 - a. Environmental Planning
 - 1) 208 Plan Chapter 3, Policy 3-6a and 3-6b; status of revisions
 - a. Staff writing short guidance sections to help remove ambiguity from existing criteria
 - b. Next steps
 - 2) Upcoming ERTAC speaker/topic
 - a. James Fisher, Ohio EPA-NEDO's Source Water Assessment and Protection Program (SWAPP) Coordinator to give a presentation on April 7th: "Ohio's Source Water Assessment Program: Where it Began, Where it is Today, and Where it will be Tomorrow"
 - 3) Staff activities to secure contact hours from Ohio EPA and ODH for members at ERTAC meetings
 - 4) Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) water quality subcommittee meeting with Ohio EPA held on March 15th; topics included:
 - a. Ohio EPA FY2022 Areawides contract development discussion
 - b. Status of state certification of Areawides' 208 updates

- c. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) reports; update
- 5) Michael Regan confirmed to head the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- b. Economic Development Planning
 - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA)
 - a. Build to Scale grant applications due April 29th
 - b. NEFCO Economic Recovery & Resiliency Survey results
 - c. NEFCO issues RFP for website redesign
 - d. American Rescue Plan includes \$3 billion for EDA (NADO)
 - e. Ohio Assn. of Regional Councils (OARC) Broadband Working Group update: NEFCO sends letters to its state legislators requesting support of OARC's budget amendment to designate and fund the 20 Ohio-based members of OARC as "Regional Broadband Councils"
 - 2) Economic Development Planning Information
 - a. February unemployment drops to 6.2% (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
 - b. JobsOhio publishes 2020 Annual Report
 - c. Team NEO publishes 2020 Annual Report
 - d. Senators call on FCC to quadruple base high-speed internet speeds (NARC)
 - e. New Jobs Data Reflects Ongoing Fiscal Decline of Local Governments (NARC)
 - 3) Grants
 - a. USDOT Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grants due March 19th (NADO)
 - b. AARP Community Challenge grants due April 14th (NARC)
 - c. Community Heart and Soul Seed Grant Program (NARC)
 - 4) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)
- 5. Federal and State legislation or information of importance to local governments
 - a. Federal
 - b. State
- 6. **"A 'Dam' Good Story" (Canal Diversion Dam Removal Project); Speakers: Ms. Elaine Marsh; President, Friends of the Crooked River (FOCR) and Facilitator of the Canal Diversion Dam Project; and Ms. Dianne Sumego, PE; President, dms water solutions and Owner's Representative for the Canal Diversion Dam Project**
- 7. 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
- 8. Other Business
 - a. Remembering former Board Chairman John Dougherty

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 is the date for the next meeting of the NEFCO General Policy Board; location and meeting method to be determined.