

# NEFCO

## NORTHEAST OHIO FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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### Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, April 21, 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 April 21, 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 March 17, 2021 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through March 31, 2021 **ACTION REQUESTED**
  - a. March bank reconciliations
4. Appointment of CY2021 NEFCO Budget and Work Program Committee **ACTION REQUESTED**
5. NEFCO FY2021 Work Program
  - a. Environmental Planning
    - 1) 208 Plan Chapter 3, Policy 3-6a and 3-6b; status of revisions
      - a. Comments received from management agencies regarding staff's revision approach
      - b. Next steps
    - 2) 208 Plan draft Chapter 4; status
    - 3) Portage Lakes Management Study (PLMS) – Phase 5
      - a. Next PLMS partners virtual meeting scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>
      - b. Next steps for the draft Portage Lakes Management Plan
    - 4) Upcoming ERTAC roundtable discussion on May 5<sup>th</sup>, "Priority Water Quality Projects Around the Region"
    - 5) Other

- b. Economic Development Planning
  - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA)
    - a. County of Summit awarded \$125,000 EDA grant for FairlawnGIG Expansion Planning Project!
    - b. MAGNET/JumpStart/YBI/Team NEO awarded \$703,378 EDA SPRINT Challenge grant for Resilient NEO project!
    - c. Build to Scale grant applications due April 29
    - d. FY2021 University Center Economic Development Program (UC) Competition applications due June 4
    - e. Current EDA funding opportunity balances
    - f. American Rescue Plan Act includes \$3 billion for EDA (NADO)
    - g. American Jobs Plan proposal includes provisions for rural America, EDA (NADO)
    - h. EDA updates investment priorities
    - i. NEFCO Regional Business Survey released
    - j. NEFCO assembles ER&R planning subcommittees
    - k. Five proposals submitted for NEFCO website redesign
    - l. Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) Broadband Working Group update
  - 2) Economic Development Planning Information
    - a. March unemployment drops to 6.0% (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
    - b. U.S. DOT announces NOFO for RAISE Grants (NADO)
    - c. JobsOhio, Team NEO accepting pre-vet applications for 2021-22 Ohio Site Inventory Program
    - d. SBA Shuttered Venue Operators grant application to be made available
    - e. Dominion Energy Critical Community Needs grants due May 31
    - f. Ohio EPA brownfields grant webinar scheduled for April 27
  - 3) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)
- 6. Federal and State legislation or information of importance to local governments
  - a. Federal
  - b. State
- 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

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021 is the date for the next meeting of the NEFCO General Policy Board; location and meeting method to be determined.