

# NEFCO

## NORTHEAST OHIO FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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### Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, July 21, 2021  
Raintree Golf and Event Center  
4350 Mayfair Road  
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 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 June 16, 2021 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through June 30, 2021  
**ACTION REQUESTED**
  - a. June bank reconciliations
4. Consideration of the selection of Brown Enterprise Solutions as the awardee from NEFCO's recent computer equipment bid request **ACTION REQUESTED**
5. NEFCO FY2022 Work Program
  - a. Environmental Planning
    - 1) 208 Plan Chapter 3, draft Policy 3-6a and 3-6b; status
      - a. ERTAC subcommittee endorses draft Policy on July 7th
      - b. Staff to present draft Policy to full ERTAC on August 4<sup>th</sup> for consideration of public notification
    - 2) Status of state certification and US EPA approval of NEFCO's submitted 208 Plan Chapter 3 update
    - 3) Portage Lakes Management Study (PLMS) – Phase 6
      - a. Current, on-going, and upcoming PLMS – Phase 6 activities
      - b. Next PLMS partners meeting to be held on August 26<sup>th</sup>
    - 4) Areawides/Ohio EPA to begin collaborative project on sewer and unsewered areas data collection
    - 5) Canal Diversion Dam Removal Project
      - a. Friends of the Crooked River to give an overview of the project, status report, and final steps at the August 4<sup>th</sup> ERTAC meeting
    - 6) Other

Cooperation and Coordination in Development Planning  
Among the Units of Government in Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne Counties

- b. Economic Development Planning
  - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA)
    - a. Current EDA funding opportunities and balances
    - b. NEFCO website redesign update
    - c. NEFCO collaborates with Ohio EPA, Summit County Land Bank to identify an Akron site for up to \$225K in brownfields assessment funding
    - d. NEFCO submits letter to area state legislators requesting broadband funding in biennium budget and removal of restrictive language relative to government-owned broadband networks (see attached, sample letter)
  - 2) Economic Development Planning Information
    - a. June unemployment rate increases slightly to 5.9 percent; May Ohio unemployment rate rises to 5.0 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
    - b. Ohio's new budget invests \$500M in brownfield revitalization, vacant commercial and residential property demolition (Greater Ohio Policy Center)
    - c. Final approved Ohio budget includes \$250 million for broadband (Ohio Capital Journal)
    - d. 2020 Census redistricting data to be released August 16<sup>th</sup> (U.S. Census)
    - e. Office of Management and Budget to keep Metropolitan Statistical Area population threshold as 50,000
    - f. National Endowment for the Arts Our Placemaking grants due August 5<sup>th</sup> (NADO)
    - g. Ohio EPA Brownfields grant writing strategies virtual workshop, August 24-25
  - 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
  - a. Discussion on the location of near future Board meetings

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Wednesday, August 18, 2021 is the date for the next meeting of the NEFCO General Policy Board.