

NEFCO

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Richard Regula, Chair

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Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

City of Green

Council Chambers

(Masks are required)

1755 Town Park Blvd.

Uniontown, OH 44685

8:30 a.m.

Agenda

(AMENDED)

1. Call to Order
 - a. Determination of a Quorum
 - b. Approval of the Agenda for the January 19, 2022 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 December 15, 2021 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through December 31, 2021 **ACTION REQUESTED**
 - a. December bank reconciliations
4. Adoption of the *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2022 Annual Performance Report* **ACTION REQUESTED**
5. Authorization to submit a U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration 2019-2022 Partnership Planning Grant application; authorization for NEFCO's designee to accept and sign a three-year award agreement; authorization to provide grant matching funds for the three-year period; and approval of the grant's scope of work **ACTION REQUESTED (a 2/3 majority vote of those members present is required for passage) NEW ITEM**
6. Request for Executive Director Joseph Hadley to continue to serve as the Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) for NEFCO's EDA Partnership Planning Grant **ACTION REQUESTED (a 2/3 majority vote of those members present is required for passage) NEW ITEM**
7. Authorization to publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a qualified vendor to assist staff with executing and completing a regional economic recovery and resiliency (ER&R) planning process and ER&R Plan document **ACTION REQUESTED**

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

8. The Fund for Our Economic Future requests letter of support for EDA Good Jobs Challenge grant application **ACTION REQUESTED**
9. Authorization for the Chair or the Executive Director to provide letters of support for projects and grant applications **ACTION REQUESTED**
10. Appointment of CY2022 NEFCO Administrative and Functional Committees **ACTION REQUESTED**
11. NEFCO FY2022 Work Program
 - a. Economic Development Planning
 - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA)
 - a. Draft 2022 CEDS Annual Performance Report
 - b. EDA invites NEFCO to submit application for 2022-2025 Partnership Planning Grant
 - c. ER&R planning program update
 - d. Current EDA funding opportunities
 - 2) Economic Development Planning Information
 - a. December unemployment rate decreases to 3.9 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
 - b. Robert Santos sworn in as new U.S. Census Bureau Director (U.S. Census)
 - c. Fact sheets for ODOD brownfield programs and USDA ReConnet program
 - 3) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)
 - b. Environmental Planning
 - 1) NEFCO's interactive online 208 Plan map; status of parcel-level data for the region
 - 2) Areawides/Ohio EPA collaborative project on sewerage and unsewered areas data collection and mapping project; status
 - 3) Canal Diversion Dam Removal project
 - a. Friends of the Crooked River (FOCR) requests third extension to the project end date
 - b. Staff sends formal written extension request to US EPA Region 5, Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO), to extend the grant end date to June 30, 2022
 - 4) Comprehensive lists of state and federal water and wastewater infrastructure funding sources available to NEFCO members
 - 5) **Save the date:** Jerry Rouch, Ohio EPA's Deputy Director for Infrastructure Funding, to give a presentation to the ERTAC and other NEFCO members on **February 2nd**: "Ohio's Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Funding Prospects: Opportunities and Challenges"; **RSVP requested by January 24th**
 - 6) Ohio EPA DEFA webinar being offered this month
 - a. "Water Supply Revolving Loan Account – Program Year 2023"; January 20, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
12. Federal and State legislation or information of importance to local governments
 - a. Federal
 - b. State
13. 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
14. Other Business

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Wednesday, February 16, 2022, is the date for the next meeting of the NEFCO General Policy Board at the **City of Green Community Hall at Central Park**, 1755 Town Park Blvd., Uniontown OH 44685