

# NEFCO

## NORTHEAST OHIO FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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### Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, April 20, 2022  
City of Green  
Community Hall at Central Park  
(Masks are not required)  
1755 Town Park Blvd.  
Uniontown, OH 44685  
8:30 a.m.

### Agenda

1. Call to Order
  - a. Determination of a Quorum
  - b. Approval of the Agenda for the April 20, 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 March 16, 2022 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through March 31, 2022  
**ACTION REQUESTED**
  - a. March bank reconciliations
4. General Policy Board Second Vice-Chair vacancy **ACTION REQUESTED**
5. Consideration of amendments to NEFCO's FY2022 Budget **ACTION REQUESTED**
6. Appointment of CY2022 NEFCO Budget and Work Program Committee **ACTION REQUESTED**
7. NEFCO FY2022 Work Program
  - a. Environmental Planning
    - 1) Portage Lakes Management Study (PLMS) – Phase 6; status of the draft Portage Lakes Management Plan (PLMP) rollout
      - a. [Draft PLMP and summary](#) posted on NEFCO's website on March 29<sup>th</sup>
      - b. PLMS partners to meet at Summit Soil and Water Conservation District office on April 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss draft PLMP rollout activities and materials
    - 2) Areawides/Ohio EPA collaborative sewer and unsewered areas data collection and mapping project; status
    - 3) Ohio EPA and USEPA Region 5 meet to discuss ways to reduce time needed for federal approval of state-certified 208 Plan amendments and updates

- 4) Canal Diversion Dam Removal project; no-cost time extension approved
  - 5) Water and Wastewater Funding Updates on the Federal Infrastructure Bill; Ohio EPA webinar; April 27, 2022; 11:30 a.m.
  - 6) Cuyahoga River Area of Concern 2022 Symposium; March 22, 2022; highlights
  - 7) [City of Cuyahoga Falls River-City Cleanup Series](#) to be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>, and June 25<sup>th</sup>
- b. Economic Development Planning
- 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA)
    - a. EDA approves ER&R budget amendment
    - b. NEFCO executes contract with Environmental Design Group for ER&R planning services
    - c. NEFCO submits request for six-month extension for CARES Act grant
    - d. NEFCO begins 2023-2028 CEDS Plan planning process
    - e. Current EDA funding opportunities
    - f. All federal grants, including EDA grant applications, now require Unique Entity ID (UEI)
    - g. \$1.5 trillion omnibus spending bill, including \$373.5 million for EDA, signed into law (NADO)
    - h. President's FY23 Budget Request proposes \$172.5 million increase for EDA (NADO)
    - i. NEFCO submits letter of support for City of Canton for Tuscarawas St. West Corridor Safety Project, Phase 1 for USDOT RAISE grant application (attached)
    - j. NEFCO submits letter of support for City of Kent's Reimagining the Gateway East Main Corridor Project USDOT RAISE grant application (attached)
    - k. NEFCO submits letter of support for Walsh University Skilled Technical Workforce Program Congressional funding proposal (attached)
  - 2) Economic Development Planning Information
    - a. March unemployment rate decreases to 3.6 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
    - b. NADO and NADO Research Foundation 2021 Annual Report
    - c. USDOT releases multiple notices of funding opportunity
  - 3) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)
8. Federal and State legislation or information of importance to local governments
- a. Federal
  - b. State
9. 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
10. Other Business

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022, is the date for the next meeting of the NEFCO General Policy Board at the **City of Green Council Chambers**, 1755 Town Park Blvd., Uniontown OH 44685