

NEFCO

NORTHEAST OHIO FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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Richard Regula, Chair

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Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

City of Green

Council Chambers

(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 May 18, 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 April 20, 2022 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through April 30, 2022
ACTION REQUESTED
 - a. April bank reconciliations
4. Consideration of an Amendment to the Clean Water Plan for the Wayne County Lincoln Way Facilities Planning Area (FPA) and the Orrville FPA to modify the FPA boundary and update the wastewater treatment prescriptions to enable the Wayne County Office of Environmental Services to provide sewer service to select unsewered parcels on the west side of Wadsworth Road (State Route 57), just north of U.S. Route 30 **ACTION REQUESTED**
5. Authorization to enter into contracts with the Ohio EPA for state and federally-funded water quality management planning, and for the Executive Director to sign for NEFCO
ACTION REQUESTED
6. Preliminary FY2023 Appropriations and Expenditures Budget: Report of the Budget and Work Program Committee; Draft FY2023 Work Program

7. NEFCO FY2022 Work Program
 - a. Economic Development Planning
 - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA)
 - a. City of Akron awarded \$2 million EDA grant for the renovation and expansion of Bounce Innovation Hub!
 - b. NEFCO awarded \$210,000 EDA 2022-2025 Partnership Planning Grant
 - c. 2023-2028 CEDS planning update
 - d. Economic Recovery and Resiliency Planning update
 - e. CARES Act grant extension approved
 - f. Current EDA funding opportunities
 - g. EDA and USDA launch resource guide for rural communities (NADO)
 - 2) Economic Development Planning Information
 - a. April unemployment rate unchanged at 3.6 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
 - b. Governor DeWine Awards \$60 Million in Brownfield Remediation Grants
 - c. BroadbandOhio Community Accelerator Applications due May 20
 - d. Biden Administration collaborates with ISPs to reduce broadband costs for low-income Americans (NARC)
 - e. USDOT announces Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program (NARC)
 - f. Vibrant NEO accepting nominations for Individual Champion Awards; June 9th deadline to submit
 - g. Discussion topic: Ohio statewide passenger rail
 - 3) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)
 - b. Environmental Planning
 - 1) FY2023 Water Quality Management Planning contracts with Ohio EPA
 - a. Staff considering 208 Plan maintenance projects and potential nutrient reduction projects; to be discussed with Ohio EPA-NEDO
 - 2) Areawides/Ohio EPA collaborative sewerage and unsewered areas data collection and mapping project; status of draft map of priority unsewered areas
 - 3) Canal Diversion Dam Removal project; status of pump start-up and completion of project
 - 4) Staff to solicit environmental/water quality projects suggestions from NEFCO members
 - 5) U.S. EPA issues April 5th memo on *Accelerating Nutrient Pollution Reductions in the Nation's Waters*, calls for states to complete and implement TMDLs for nutrient pollution
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
 - a. Remembering Board alternates Jerry Feeman and Jim Greener (also served as ERTAC Vice-Chairman)

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Wednesday, June 15, 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