

# NEFCO

## NORTHEAST OHIO FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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### Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

City of Green

Community Hall at Central Park

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 November 16, 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 October 19, 2022 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through October 31, 2022  
**ACTION REQUESTED**
  - a. October bank reconciliations
4. Authorizing staff to submit a budget amendment to USEPA for the Canal Diversion Dam Removal Project and to request that USEPA initiate a closeout of this federal grant on or before November 30, 2022 **ACTION REQUESTED**
5. Adoption of updated policy for NEFCO staff travel mileage reimbursement **ACTION REQUESTED**
6. Nominating Committee to meet to prepare a slate of CY2023 General Policy Board officers
7. NEFCO FY2023 Work Program
  - a. Economic Development Planning
    - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA)
      - a. 2023-2028 CEDS planning update; status
      - b. Economic Recovery and Resiliency (ER&R) Planning update; status
      - c. Recent EDA funding awards and opportunities
      - d. NEFCO region representation on Vibrant NEO Brownfields Steering Committee
    - 2) Economic Development Planning Information
      - a. October unemployment rate increases to 3.7 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
      - b. FY22 HOPE VI Main Street Program grants due Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> (NARC)

- c. Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grants due Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> (NARC)
  - d. USDOT Thriving Communities Program applications and letters of interest due Nov. 29 and Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, respectively (NARC)
  - e. FY'23 USEPA Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup (MARC) Grants due Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - f. U.S. traffic safety is getting worse, while other countries improve (*Bloomberg CityLab*)
- 3) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)
- b. Environmental Planning
- 1) Voluntary submittals of Clean Water (208) Plan annual facilities plan updates; status
  - 2) Portage Lakes Management Study (PLMS) – Phase 7; PLMS partners to met on November 15<sup>th</sup>; topics included:
    - a. Lakes management goals and expectations for calendar year 2023
    - b. Outreach initiatives
    - c. Potential PLMS partners subcommittees
  - 3) Ohio EPA announcements:
    - a. [Ohio Polychlorinated Biphenyls \(PCBs\) Advisory Board accepting proposals](#) for projects that mitigate water quality impacts from PCBs across Ohio; deadline is January 31, 2023, for state agencies, and June 30, 2023 for others eligible
    - b. [Northeast Ohio communities receive \\$91.6 million in financing from Ohio EPA to improve wastewater, drinking water infrastructure](#)
  - 4) Other
    - a. Physicians for Social Responsibility, a nonprofit research group, reports PFAS ‘forever chemicals’ used in Ohio oil and gas wells from 2013 to present: [Fracking with ‘Forever Chemicals’ in Ohio](#), September 29, 2022
8. Confirmation of CY2023 NEFCO General Policy Board meeting schedule and location
9. Federal and State legislation or information of importance to local governments
- a. Federal
  - b. State
10. For the Good of the Order: an opportunity for members to share news about their community/ county/agency/company, or to discuss an important issue affecting them
11. Other Business

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Wednesday, December 21, 2022, is the date for the next meeting of the NEFCO General Policy Board; **City of Green Community Hall at Central Park**, 1755 Town Park Blvd., Uniontown OH 44685