

NEFCO

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Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, December 21, 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 December 21, 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 November 16, 2022 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through November 30, 2022 **ACTION REQUESTED**
 - a. November bank reconciliations
4. Election of CY2023 General Policy Board officers: Recommendation from the Nominating Committee **ACTION REQUESTED (Two-thirds majority vote is needed by Board members in attendance)**
5. Consideration of salary adjustments for staff: Recommendation from the Personnel Committee **ACTION REQUESTED (Two-thirds majority vote is needed by Board members in attendance)**
6. NEFCO FY2023 Work Program
 - a. Economic Development Planning
 - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA)
 - a. [Draft 2023-2028 CEDS Plan](#) available for review and public comment; deadline for comments is January 11, 2023
 - b. Economic Recovery and Resiliency (ER&R) Planning update; status
 - c. NEFCO submits GPRA semiannual questionnaire for Partnership Planning Grant
 - d. Recent EDA funding awards and current opportunities
 - e. NEFCO staff, a District 8 Technical Assistance Committee member, assists Summit County in ranking PY37 Issue 1 projects
 - f. NEFCO to add funding opportunities information to website

- 2) Economic Development Planning Information
 - a. November unemployment rate remains at 3.7 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
 - b. FCC releases new broadband map (NACo)
 - c. White House Council on Environmental Quality releases Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (NARC)
 - d. USDOT RAISE Grant Program notice of funding opportunity released (NACo)
 - e. USDA announces new grants for Agriculture Innovation Centers (NADO)
 - f. FY2022 HOPE VI Main Street Grant Program grants due Jan. 31 (NARC)
 - g. Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grants due Jan. 11 (NARC)
 - h. Communities collect granular Broadband data amid wait for better federal maps (*Route Fifty*)
 - i. Many applications for \$1B economic development program had a missing element (*Route Fifty*)
 - j. 2023 National Brownfields Conference Aug. 8-11 in Detroit
 - 3) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)
- b. Environmental Planning
- 1) Procedures for voluntary annual Clean Water (208) Plan updates; continued discussion by the ERTAC
 - 2) Canal Diversion Dam Removal project; grant closeout status
 - 3) Ohio EPA announcements:
 - a. Governor DeWine and Ohio EPA Director Stevenson announce that the state will contribute \$25 million to support the Cuyahoga River Gorge Dam Removal Project
 - b. Ohio EPA Director Laurie Stevenson announces her retirement, effective December 31, 2022
 - c. Ohio EPA Northeast District Office Chief Kurt Princic to retire, effective December 31, 2022
 - 4) Ohio EPA is holding a Triennial Review of the state's Water Quality Standards
 - a. Webinar to be held on December 19th, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; [register here](#)
 - b. Public hearing to be held on January 18, 2023, 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the Ohio EPA Conference Center, 50 West Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215; [register here](#)
7. Federal and State legislation or information of importance to local governments
- a. Federal
 - b. State
8. Awards to Board members
9. 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
10. Other Business

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 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