

# NEFCO

## NORTHEAST OHIO FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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### Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, July 20, 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 July 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 June 15, 2022 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through June 30, 2022 **ACTION REQUESTED**
  - a. June bank reconciliations
4. Approval of the Draft Economic Recovery & Resiliency Plan and authorization to submit Plan to the EDA **ACTION REQUESTED**
5. Consideration of an Amendment to the Clean Water Plan to Modify the Akron Facilities Planning Area (FPA) and Fish Creek FPA Boundary in the Cities of Cuyahoga Falls and Stow for the Summit County Pump Station No. 19 Service Area **ACTION REQUESTED**
6. NEFCO FY2022 Work Program
  - a. Environmental Planning
    - 1) FY2023 Water Quality Management Planning contracts with Ohio EPA; status
    - 2) Areawides/Ohio EPA collaborative sewer and unsewered areas data collection and mapping project; final draft map of priority unsewered areas submitted to Ohio EPA
      - a) Comments from Ohio EPA – pending
      - b) Future step – provide shapefiles to contributing members
    - 3) Portage Lakes Management Study (PLMS) – Phase 7; status
      - a) ODNR-funded aquatic plants/HABs inventory underway on Portage Lakes
      - b) Staff produces online/printed material for “Rakes on the Lakes”
      - c) The Portage Lakes Advisory Council posts “Rakes on the Lakes” on its website:  
<https://portagelakesadvisorycouncil.com/>

- 4) Canal Diversion Dam Removal project; U.S. EPA approves fourth no-cost extension to the grant's project/budget period end date
- 5) Upcoming Environmental Resources Technical Advisory Committee (ERTAC) meetings
  - a) Bus tour of five Akron Waterways Renewed projects; Goodyear Heights Metro Park; August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30 a.m. start time
  - b) Aquatic vegetation/harmful algal blooms management presentation; Carter Bailey, PLMS partner and aquatic biologist with Aqua Doc; September 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.
- b. Economic Development Planning
  - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA)
    - a) 2023-2028 CEDS planning update
    - b) Economic Recovery and Resiliency Plan – see item #4
    - c) Current EDA funding opportunities
      1. EDA's New Funding Opportunity: Economic Recovery Corps and Equity Impact Investments Programs; applications due August 5, 2022
  - 2) Economic Development Planning Information
    - a) June unemployment rate unchanged at 3.6 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
    - b) The battle that will determine the future of American passenger rail (NARC)
    - c) Aligning investment and values: how an Economic Value Atlas can map regional strategies; Brookings Metro (NARC)
    - d) How to Choose the Right Broadband Technology for Your Community; Wednesday, July 20; 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET (NARC)
    - e) Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program (NARC)
    - f) Governor DeWine announces 112 Brownfield Remediation projects as the completion of round 1; round 2 applications being considered; round 3 currently open for applications
    - g) Ohio EPA brownfields grant-writing virtual workshop July 27-28; registration now open
    - h) Nearly \$40 million in state tax credits for historic preservation awarded in 16 counties, including projects in Portage, Stark, and Summit Counties
    - i) Governments begin pushing back on investors snatching up homes (NARC)
  - 3) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)
7. Federal and State legislation or information of importance to local governments
  - a. Federal
    - 1) Appropriations; reconciliation
    - 2) Chips and climate change
    - 3) How cities and states are gathering data as they spend federal aid
    - 4) Navigating “Buy America” for new federal infrastructure grants and latest grant updates; National League of Cities; Tomorrow, July 21<sup>st</sup>; 2:00 pm to 3:00 p.m. ET
    - 5) Biden Administration announces first-of-its kind funding opportunity for unsheltered homelessness; application deadline: October 20, 2022
    - 6) 7 Principles for addressing encampments
    - 7) FEMA wants to end flood insurance for the nation's riskiest properties
    - 8) FEMA Chief: top priority is ensuring adequate staffing for emergencies
    - 9) Biden signs legislation to strengthen cyber coordination between feds and state, local government
  - b. State
8. 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
9. Other Business

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Wednesday, August 17, 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