

MINUTES--NEFCO GENERAL POLICY BOARD MEETING held Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at the City of Green Community Hall at Central Park

1a. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Regula at 8:30 a.m. in the presence of a quorum.

1b. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Marion, seconded by Mr. Bennett, to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

1c. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Regula led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1d. Audience Participation (members of the public)

Mr. Regula asked if there was anyone from the audience who had any comments.

Mr. Regula asked Ms. Foster to introduce Ms. Kiper. Ms. Foster introduced Ms. Jennifer Kiper, Director, Wayne County Planning Department who will be a new Board member.

2. Consideration of the draft minutes of the regular meeting of the NEFCO General Policy Board on July 20, 2022

A motion was made by Mr. Marion, seconded by Mr. Vinay, to accept the July meeting minutes. The motion carried.

3. Financial Status Report - month of July

Mr. Hadley said that \$25,084.45 was received as income during the month of July, receipts to date were \$25,084.45, disbursements to date were \$64,691.09, and cash on hand at the end of July was \$317,450.59.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Marion, to approve the financial status report subject to audit. The motion carried.

3a. July Bank Reconciliations

Mr. Hadley asked for acceptance of the July bank reconciliations.

A motion was made by Ms. Foster, seconded by Mr. Tatum, to accept the July bank reconciliations. The motion carried.

4. Consideration of an Amendment to the Clean Water Plan for the Brewster Facilities Planning Area (FPA) and the Navarre FPA to modify the FPA boundary and update the wastewater treatment prescriptions for the Justus and Harmon neighborhoods in Sugarcreek Township in the Brewster and Navarre FPAs

Mr. LaPlante said that the Stark County Metropolitan Sewer District (SCMSD) requested an amendment to the Brewster and Navarre Facilities Planning Areas (FPAs), Clean Water Plan Appendices 3-17 and 3-24. He stated that this update will expand the Brewster FPA boundary to include the Harmon neighborhood located between the Villages of Brewster and Navarre in Sugarcreek Township; redefine the Navarre FPA boundary to exclude the Harmon neighborhood; and change the wastewater treatment prescriptions for parcels within the Justus and Harmon neighborhoods in Sugarcreek Township to better reflect available treatment methods. He said that attached is a list of the 100 affected parcels. Figure 1 shows the amendment location. He said that the SCMSD is planning the construction of sewer collection

systems within the Justus and Harmon neighborhoods to reduce the public health risks identified and prioritized by Stark County Health Department (SCHD) and NEFCO in the 2016 Stark County Failing Home Sewage Treatment Systems Prioritization Analysis. Figure 2 shows the current Navarre FPA, which includes the Harmon neighborhood. Figure 3 shows the proposed FPA boundary modification placing the Harmon neighborhood in the Brewster FPA and removing it from the Navarre FPA. He said that all resulting wastewater will be treated at the Village of Brewster's existing wastewater treatment plant, which has the capacity to accept the additional flow and loading. He said that in addition to the boundary changes, this amendment modifies the existing wastewater prescriptions in the Justus and Harmon neighborhoods to reflect the anticipated method of treatment based on a recent engineering analysis and planned collections system construction. He said attached are details of these wastewater treatment prescription changes. Local governments/agencies affected are the Stark County Board of Commissioners, Stark County Health Department, Village of Navarre, Village of Brewster, and Sugarcreek Township. On June 13, 2022, the SCMSD sent a request-for-comment letter to all five affected local government entities. All five affected local government entities indicated "no objection" to the amendment. He noted that all the request-for-comment letters are available for viewing at the Board meeting. He stated that changes to Appendix 3-17 Brewster FPA, page 3-17-5; and to Appendix 3-24 Navarre FPA, pages 3-24-5 and 3-24-6 are indicated in the attachments. These changes pertain to the addition of a written treatment prescription for the orange areas under SCMSD's jurisdiction. He said that this language was missing in the existing prescription for these FPAs. A second request-for-comment letter that SCMSD sent to all five affected local government entities resulted in "no objection" to this addition. He noted that all the letters are available upon request. He said that the ERTAC recommended approval of this amendment at its August 3, 2022 meeting. He said that Mr. Troike is in attendance to answer any questions regarding this amendment request. Mr. LaPlante asked for approval of Resolution No. FY2023-003.

A motion was made by Mr. Moeglin, seconded by Mr. Fulton, to approve Resolution No. FY2023-003.

Mr. Troike thanked the Board for its consideration. He said that the project is cost effective and this is an effective way to take care of the Justus and Harmon neighborhoods. Mr. Regula asked if ARPA funds will be used for this project? Mr. Troike stated that ARPA funds, which will be graciously provided by the Stark County Commissioners, will be used for this project. The motion carried.

5. NEFCO FY2023 Work Program – status

a. Economic Development

Mr. Hadley said that the Ohio Manufacturers Association (OMA) was one of the 32 grant applicants that was awarded a Good Jobs Challenge grant by the Economic Development Administration (EDA). He said that in January 2022 the Board approved a letter of support for the Ohio Manufacturers Association for this grant. He stated that the actual grant total is \$23,492,808. He noted that the OMA will use its network of 19 industry sector partnerships (ISPs) across Ohio; there are three ISPs within the NEFCO Region. Each ISP is eligible to receive up to \$930,000 for a three-year grant. He said that he will keep the Board informed when additional details become available.

Mr. Hadley said that Ohio was also included in the service area for a second Good Jobs Challenge grant: the Washington Technology Industry Association (WTIA) was awarded \$23.5 million for this grant. He stated that he reached out to WTIA for additional details. The focus of this grant will be on training tech workers through WTIA's affiliate, Apprenti. He said that Apprenti has apprenticeship programs. Apprenti also collaborates with some large major

corporations in the country; such as Microsoft and Amazon. He mentioned that he was unable to identify any entities in the NEFCO Region that would be working with Apprenti under this grant.

Mr. Hadley said that if any member would like additional information on any of the items listed in the status report, to please contact the NEFCO staff.

Mr. Hadley included information on HUD's Economic Justice agenda which helps low-income renters build assets. He also included information on localities finding creative affordable housing solutions. He stated that more cities and states where the housing problems are located are creating affordable housing within the urban areas, and looking at permitting accessory dwelling units such as for in-laws on the property. He said that these dwellings were attempted on a trial basis, but the local population in some areas rejected the idea of these units. Mr. Hadley noted that the National Association of Counties (NACo) released the Housing Solutions Matchmaker Tool, which is an interactive map that shows housing information for a specific area. Please contact NEFCO for additional details.

Mr. Hadley said that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced the latest round of emergency connectivity funds. He said that the funding is summarized by state and congressional district. He stated that the focus of this particular round of funding was that libraries and certain schools were listed as receiving funds. He said that there were several rounds of funding available for this grant. He said that if anyone would like a link to the spreadsheet, to contact him.

Mr. Hadley said that food deserts, lack of fresh produce, causes difficulties for the underrepresented population to have access to these foods. He stated that the outcome of the Rethinking Food Deserts study was that it is not guaranteed that having access to fresh produce that people will purchase the fresh foods. He said that community leaders are focusing on other options such as "food assets".

Mr. Hadley noted that the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program has \$2.3 billion available to states and communities for a variety of projects related to pre-mitigation. The submittal deadline is January 27, 2023.

b. Environmental Planning

Mr. LaPlante thanked the City of Akron for hosting a bus tour of selected Akron Waterways Renewed projects, for the August 3rd ERTAC meeting. He said that the tour included visiting five Akron Waterways Renewed (AWR) projects that were constructed to reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs) that were identified and required to be addressed in the federal consent decree. He said that this tour benefits the NEFCO region: any community that has a stormwater management program could benefit from seeing some of the projects that were put into place to reduce and reroute the flow of CSOs. Mr. LaPlante provided a brief description of the tour's five stops.

Mr. LaPlante stated that staff attended the Ohio EPA webinar on August 10, 2022. He said that webinar highlights were provided at the webinar by the Ohio EPA-DEFA staff on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF), Ohio Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) and the State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs. A list of funding highlights was provided in the status report.

Mr. LaPlante said that the deadline for nominations for the Ohio EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Program is August 31, 2022. He listed the proposed affordability criteria

for this grant. He stated that if a community meets three out of the four criteria, the community will qualify for principal forgiveness.

Mr. LaPlante said that the deadline for project nominations for the Ohio EPA special Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) program is September 5, 2022. He said that this program is for disadvantaged communities. He said that this is the second call for this grant program and local governments are encouraged to submit projects that are "shovel-ready". He mentioned that if a community meets three out of the four criteria listed, the community will qualify as a disadvantage community. Please contact him if anyone would like additional details on any of these grant programs.

Mr. LaPlante mentioned that Carter Bailey, Portage Lakes Management Study (PLMS) partner and aquatic biologist with Aqua Doc will be presenting on aquatic vegetation/harmful algal blooms management at the September 7, 2022 ERTAC meeting.

Mr. Regula asked if a map is available that shows the location of lead pipes? Mr. LaPlante said that maps are not available that show private lead pipelines. Ms. Vanah stated that in 2017 all public water systems were required to provide a lead service line inventory to the Ohio EPA, including a map of the areas. She said that the map and inventory list is good for five years. The next round of inventory lists and maps have staggering due dates for 2022. Mr. LaPlante asked if the inventory covers all the service lines? Ms. Vanah said that the first round was not the greatest inventory. She said that the lists and maps were focused on public lines, not private. She said that the 2022 inventory should include the public and private lines. Mr. Regula asked where could the maps be viewed? Mr. Vanah said that the maps are on the Ohio EPA's website. Ms. Rutledge stated that Portage County provided a public and private inventory list to the Ohio EPA. Mr. Malik said that the City of Akron's lead pipe information is listed on Akron's website.

6. Federal and State legislation or information of importance to local governments

Mr. Hadley said that the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors for America Act (CHIPS) was signed by the President. This was a major development for Intel in Ohio. Mr. Hadley said that the Inflation Reduction Act has also been signed by the President. He stated that some Representatives are looking into the ARPA funding to see if this program is a waste of taxpayer's money. Mr. Hadley said that FEMA continues to receive funding for communities in need of FEMA's help. He stated that the Drone Infrastructure Inspection Grant Act legislation has been introduced, which would increase the use of only American-made drones. For more information, please contact the NEFCO staff.

7. Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) hosts 2022 Governor Candidates Forum; Friday, August 26th; Hilton Columbus downtown; 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.;

Mr. Hadley said that the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC) will host the 2022 Governor Candidates Forum on Friday, August 26th; from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He mentioned that it was confirmed that registration will remain open until 10:00 a.m., August 19, 2022. He said that the NEFCO region governments should register as an "OARC member" when ordering tickets. The agenda is attached.

Mr. Regula said that the Massillon WestStark Chamber of Commerce will be holding a breakfast on Friday, August 26th at 7:30 a.m. at the Massillon Eagles Club. He said that all six of the Ohio Supreme Court Justice candidates will be in attendance.

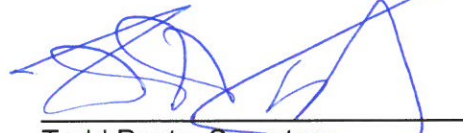
8. For the Good of the Order: an opportunity for members to share news about their community/county/agency, or to list an important issue affecting them

Mr. Regula said that the Hall of Fame (HOF) festivities were held last weekend. He said that the Hall of Fame village is coming along. He encouraged everyone to stop and visit the HOF village.

8. Other Business

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Submitted by Rebecca L. Morgan, Administrative Assistant



Todd Peetz, Secretary
NEFCO General Policy Board
September 21, 2022

NEFCO GENERAL POLICY BOARD 2022 ATTENDANCE SHEET

Member (alternate)	1/19	2/16	3/16	4/20	5/18	6/15	7/20	8/17	9/21	10/19	11/16	12/21
PORTAGE COUNTY												
Tony Badalamenti (Sabrina Christian-Bennett)				X				X				
Daniel Blakely (Tia Rutledge)		A	A	A		A		A				
Joseph Diorio (Mary Helen Smith)		A	A				A					
Todd Peetz (Gail Gifford)	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				
Amos Sarfo (Eric Long) (4/30/2022)	A	A	A	A	X			X				
John Zizka	X		X	X	X	X		X				
CITY OF KENT												
Kathleen Petsko (Bridget Susel)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
STARK COUNTY												
Keith Bennett				X	X		X	X				
Keri Burick (Rachel Hosler)	X	X	X		X			X				
Alfredo Carranza		X		X	X							
Kirt Conrad		X	X	X		X	X					
Athena Ebersole	X	X	X	X			X					
David Maley	X		X	X			X					
Joe Mazzola		X		X		X						
Dan Moeglin (6/8/2022)	-	-	-	-	-			X				
Bob Nau (Curtis Bungard)		X	X	X		X		X				
Richard Regula (Bill Smith)	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				
Jim Troike (Scott Ellsworth and Tom Davis)		X		X	X			X				
Vacant												
CITY OF CANTON												
Jim Benekos (4/14/22) (John Highman Jr.)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A				
COUNTY OF SUMMIT												
Jim Balogh	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Alan Brubaker (Joe Paradise and Larry Fulton)				A	A		A	A				
William Judge (Trevor Hunt)			X	X	X	X		X				
David Kohlmeier (Zak Kaczor)	X	X	X	X	X	A	A	X				
Olivia Marcis (Bryan Herschel)	X	X			X		X	X				
Ilene Shapiro (Craig Stanley & Joe Eckenrode)	A	A		A								
Dianne Sumego	X	X			X		X					
Michael Vinay (Matt Calcei)	X	X		X		X	X	X				
Elizabeth Walters (Mark Potter)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A				
CITY OF AKRON												
Ginger Baylor (4/4/22)	-	-	-									
Daniel Horrigan (Sam DeShazor)												
Chris Ludle (Michelle DiFiore)	A		A		A	A	A	A				
Shammas Malik		X			X	X	X	X				
Linda F. R. Omobien (4/4/22)	-	-	-									
Thomas A. Tatum (Jim Ashley)	X	X	X	X	X		X	X				
Helen Tomic (Kurt Mulhauser)			X			X						
WAYNE COUNTY												
Becky Foster (Sue Smail)	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				
Vacant (Rob Kastner)	A	X	X		A							
Steven Wheeler (Kristin Endsley)		X		X			X					
CITY OF WOOSTER												
Bob Breneman (Joel Montgomery, Jonathan Millea, and Vince Marion)			A	A	A	A	A	A				
OHIO EPA-NEDO^a												
Kurt Princic (Patricia Vanah)	A	X	A	A	A			A				
CITIZENS COUNCIL												
Vacant (2)												

X = member present A = alternate present

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Date shown for new members

See reverse side for a list of guests who attended last month's Board meeting

Guests in Attendance at the August 17, 2022 meeting
Jenn Kiper, Director, Wayne County Planning Department