

NEFCO

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Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, August 17, 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 August 17, 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 July 20, 2022 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through July 31, 2022
ACTION REQUESTED
 - a. July bank reconciliations
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 **ACTION REQUESTED**
5. NEFCO FY2023 Work Program
 - a. Economic Development Planning
 - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA)
 - a. Recent EDA funding awards:
U.S. Dept. of Commerce announces winners of the American Rescue Plan \$500 million Good Jobs Challenge to Expand Employment Opportunities:
 - Ohio Manufacturers Assn. awarded \$23.5 million grant
 - Washington Technology Industry Assn. awarded \$23.5 million grant
 - b. Economic Recovery and Resiliency Plan; status

- 2) Economic Development Planning Information
 - a. July unemployment rate lowers to 3.5 percent
 - b. HUD releases Economic Justice agenda to help low-income renters build assets
 - c. Localities are finding creative affordable housing solutions
 - d. NACo releases “Housing Solutions Matchmaker Tool”
 - e. FCC announces the latest round of Emergency Connectivity Fund Grants
 - f. Rethinking food deserts
 - g. Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
- 3) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)
- b. Environmental Planning
 - 1) Bus tour of selected Akron Waterways Renewed projects; August 3rd ERTAC meeting; highlights
 - 2) Ohio EPA provides an update on Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding on August 10th; highlights
 - 3) Ohio EPA announces the WPCLF Program Year 2023; deadline for nominations: August 31, 2022
 - 4) Ohio EPA announces special WSRLA Program Year 2023 to solicit lead service line replacement and emerging contaminants project nominations; deadline: September 5, 2022
 - 5) Aquatic vegetation/harmful algal blooms management presentation; Carter Bailey, PLMS partner and aquatic biologist with Aqua Doc; ERTAC; September 7th, 9:00 a.m.
6. Federal and State legislation or information of importance to local governments
 - a. Federal
 - b. State
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.; Note: NEFCO region governments should register as an “OARC member” when ordering tickets: registration will remain open until this Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. but no refunds (see attached)
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, September 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