

# NEFCO

## NORTHEAST OHIO FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

175 South Main Street, Suite 211  
Akron, Ohio 44308-1308

(330) 643-8514 • Fax (330) 643-5046  
www.nefcoplanning.org

*Richard Regula, Chair*

*Joseph Hadley, Jr., Executive Director*

### Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

**Wednesday, September 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 September 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 August 17, 2022 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through August 31, 2022  
**ACTION REQUESTED**
  - a. August bank reconciliations
4. **SPEAKER: “Stark County Manufacturing Workforce Development Partnership – Update on Federal EDA Good Jobs Challenge Grant as a subawardee through the Ohio Manufacturers’ Association”; Barbera H. Bennett, PE, LEED-AP; Vice President of Education/Workforce**
5. NEFCO FY2023 Work Program
  - a. Economic Development Planning
    - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA)
      - a. 2023-2028 CEDS planning update; status
      - b. Economic Recovery & Resiliency Planning update; status
      - c. NEFCO submits semiannual and annual Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) reports for EDA CARES Act grant
      - d. Recent EDA funding awards and opportunities
    - 2) Economic Development Planning Information
      - a. August unemployment rate rises to 3.7 percent
      - b. USEPA releases FY2023 brownfield grant solicitations

- c. Biden-Harris Administration, USDOT make an unprecedented \$1.4 billion in rail grants available through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (NARC)
      - d. Electric utilities around the US are running out of transformers (NARC)
      - e. Housing affordability falls to lowest rates since 2008 (NARC)
    - 3) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)
  - b. Environmental Planning
    - 1) ERTAC re-elects Chair and Vice Chair
    - 2) SFY2022 NEFCO Water Quality Management Planning Completion Report; available upon request
    - 3) Portage Lakes Management Study (PLMS) – Phase 7; PLMS partners to meet on September 22<sup>nd</sup>; topics include:
      - a. Results of the aquatic plant inventory
      - b. Draft Portage Lakes Management Plan rollout activities
    - 4) Canal Diversion Dam Removal Project; status of river water pump station
    - 5) Ohio EPA announcements:
      - a. 2022 Virtual Compliance Assistance Conference; Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>; [register here](#) or contact staff for more information
      - b. 2022 Infrastructure Funding District Open House; Northeast District Office open house: Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (RSVP to [Jessica.Langdon@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:Jessica.Langdon@epa.ohio.gov))
6. Federal and State legislation or information of importance to local governments
  - a. Federal
    - 1. U.S. Department of Homeland Security announces \$1 billion in funding for First-Ever State and Local Cybersecurity grant program
  - b. State
7. 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
8. Other Business

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Wednesday, October 19, 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