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Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
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 March 15, 2023 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 February 15, 2023 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through February 28, 2023
ACTION REQUESTED
 - a. February bank reconciliations
4. **Compensation of a Public Employee – Recommendation of the Personnel Committee Executive Session – Excuse guests and staff from meeting**
5. Consideration of an Update to the Clean Water (208) Plan for the Wooster Facilities Planning Area (FPA) to modify the southwestern section of the FPA boundary and update wastewater treatment prescriptions on various parcels within the existing Wooster FPA boundary and within the City of Wooster **ACTION REQUESTED**
6. Consideration of approval of NEFCO’s draft Clean Water (208) Plan Annual Facilities Planning Area (FPA) Update Guidelines; ERTAC recommendation **ACTION REQUESTED**
7. The City of Akron requests a support letter for its proposed Third Amendment to the Consent Decree (to abate combined sewer overflows in the typical year) **ACTION REQUESTED**

8. NEFCO FY2023 Work Program
 - a. Economic Development Planning
 - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA)
 - a. Economic Recovery and Resiliency (ER&R) Implementation Committee; status
 - b. Current EDA funding opportunities
 - c. EDA Seeks Input on Recompete Pilot Program
 - d. EDA seeks input for Tech Hubs Program
 - e. EDA transitioning from Grants.gov to EDGE
 - 2) Economic Development Planning Information
 - a. February unemployment rate increases to 3.6 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
 - b. 2022 Economic Census response deadline: March 15 (U.S. Census Bureau)
 - c. BroadbandOhio launches stakeholder engagement effort (BroadbandOhio)
 - d. Broadband equity means access and adoption, not just infrastructure rollouts (*Route Fifty*)
 - e. Brookings releases Smart Growth Strategies Tool to support EDDs and cities (NADO)
 - f. Train safety, Amtrak expansion moves ahead in transportation budget passed by Ohio House (*Beacon Journal*)
 - g. NIST launches CHIPS for America funding opportunity
 - h. HUD offers cities help to add housing near transportation options (*Route Fifty*)
 - i. To build a healthier city, begin at the sidewalk (*Bloomberg CityLab*)
 - j. The worker shortage is real. Could tech help governors close gaps? (*Route Fifty*)
 - 3) Funding Opportunities (upcoming deadlines contained in status report)
 - 4) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)
 - b. Environmental Planning
 - 1) Initiation of voluntary annual 208 Plan Facilities Planning Areas updates for the region; next steps; (pending Board approval of the annual update guidelines)
 - a. Notify the region's wastewater management agencies (MAs) of the start of the update
 - b. Poll the MAs on their interest in participating in the update
 - c. Poll the MAs on their availability to attend a virtual meeting on mapping for the update
 - 2) Election of ERTAC officers
 - 3) Portage Lakes Management Plan (PLMP) – Phase 7; status
 - 4) City of Cuyahoga Falls requests support letter for a Clean Ohio Trail Fund grant application for Phase II of the Mud Brook/Mill Pond Greenway; application deadline: April 17, 2023
9. Federal and State legislation or information of importance to local governments
 - a. Federal
 - b. State
10. 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
11. Other Business

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Wednesday, April 19, 2023, is the date for the next meeting of the NEFCO General Policy Board at the **City of Green Community Hall at Central Park**, 1755 Town Park Blvd., Uniontown OH 44685