

NEFCO

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Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, December 20, 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 December 20, 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 November 15, 2023 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through November 30, 2023 **ACTION REQUESTED**
 - a. November bank reconciliations
4. Request to approve the FY2024 Clean Water (208) Plan Facilities Planning Area (FPA) update
ACTION REQUESTED
5. City of Hudson requests letter of support for its EDA Public Works/Economic Adjustment Assistance grant application **ACTION REQUESTED (THIS ITEM HAS BEEN UPDATED)**
6. Election of CY2024 General Policy Board officers: Recommendation from the Nominating Committee **ACTION REQUESTED (Two-thirds majority vote is needed by Board members in attendance)**
7. Consideration of a recommendation from the Executive Committee regarding the rescheduling of the June 19, 2024 board meeting **ACTION REQUESTED (Two-thirds majority vote is needed by Board members in attendance)**
8. Consideration of a recommendation from the Personnel Committee **ACTION REQUESTED (Two-thirds majority vote is needed by Board members in attendance)**

9. NEFCO FY2024 Work Program
 - a. Economic Development Planning
 - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA) Updates
 - a. Regional CEDS Committee and 2024 Annual Performance Report; update
 - b. Current EDA funding opportunities
 1. Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program (Tech Hubs) – Phase 2 (NEW)
 2. FY2023 Public Works/Economic Adjustment Assistance (PW/EAA)
 - 2) Economic Development Planning Information
 - a. November unemployment rate decreases to 3.7 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
 - b. FEMA designates new Community Disaster Resilience Zones (NADO)
 - c. NADO Research Foundation develops housing resource page for EDDs (NADO)
 - d. “Ohio lands Amtrak expansion planning money. Where could routes be?” (*Repository*)
 - e. “\$1.5 billion now available in federal transportation grants” (*Route Fifty*)
 - f. U.S. Census Bureau releases 2018-2022 American Community Survey 5-Year estimates
 - g. “Want to attract Gen Z workers? Up your marketing game.” (*Route Fifty*)
 - h. “What does a resilient city look like?” (*Route Fifty*)
 - i. “City leaders fund childcare center with tax district typically used for roads, sewer” (*Route Fifty*)
 - j. “Apprenticeship programs are growing as the public sector faces workforce shortages” (*Route Fifty*)
 - 3) Funding Opportunities (upcoming deadlines contained in status report)
 - 4) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)
 - b. Environmental Planning
 - 1) City of Akron gains approval of its proposed third amendment to the Consent Decree, awaits approval of its proposed fourth amendment
 - 2) December ERTAC presentation: “PFAS: A Scientific and Regulatory Update”; Linda Aller, Bennett & Williams Environmental Consultants, Inc.; highlights
 - 3) Governor DeWine and Ohio EPA Director Vogel announce \$1,625,000 in H2Ohio funds awarded in NEFCO region for wastewater and drinking water infrastructure improvements
 - 4) Governor DeWine announces new H2Ohio Rivers program that will focus on PFAS, dam removal, land conservation, and more
10. Federal and State legislation or information of importance to local governments
 - a. Federal
 - b. State
11. Awards to Board members
12. 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
13. Other Business
 - a. NEFCO holiday reception planned for immediately following the board meeting

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 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