

NEFCO

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Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, May 17, 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 May 17, 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 April 19, 2023 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through April 30, 2023
ACTION REQUESTED
 - a. April bank reconciliations
4. Authorization to enter into contracts with the Ohio EPA for state and federally-funded water quality management planning, and for the Executive Director to sign for NEFCO
ACTION REQUESTED
5. Support for the Portage County 2050 Comprehensive Plan **ACTION REQUESTED**
Presentation: Todd Peetz, Director, Portage County Regional Planning Commission
6. Preliminary FY2024 Appropriations and Expenditures Budget: Report of the Budget and Work Program Committee; Draft FY2024 Work Program
7. NEFCO FY2023 Work Program
 - a. Economic Development Planning
 - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA)
 - a. NEFCO submits Performance Progress and Financial Reports for Partnership Planning grant
 - b. NEFCO submits semiannual and annual program outputs questionnaires for Partnership Planning Grant

- c. ER&R Implementation Committee; status
- d. Current EDA funding opportunities
- e. Tech Hubs Program Factsheet published
- f. EDA publishes updates to its CEDS Content Guidelines
- g. NADO releases CEDS Update Resource Handbook (NADO)
- h. City of Akron Climate Pollution Reduction Grant; status
- i. NEFCO staff pursues NADO Research Foundation Advisory Committee opportunity
- 2) Economic Development Planning Information
 - a. April unemployment rate decreases slightly to 3.4 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
 - b. USDOT releases Rural EV Infrastructure Toolkit (NADO)
 - c. New Growth Innovation Network develops Communication Resource Guide for Inclusive Economic Development
 - d. EPA releases resource highlighting disaster-resilient design concepts (NADO)
 - e. USDOT Grants and Technical Assistance Navigator Tool (NADO)
 - f. Ohio EPA Brownfields Funding Opportunities webinar: June 21st
 - g. U.S. EPA 2023 Brownfields Conference: Aug. 8-11, Detroit
- 3) Funding Opportunities (upcoming deadlines contained in status report)
- 4) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)

- b. Environmental Planning
 - 1) Clean Water (208) Plan annual facilities planning areas (FPA) update; status
 - 2) FY2024 Water Quality Management Planning contracts with Ohio EPA; status
 - 3) Clean Water (208) Plan, Chapter 4 update; status
 - 4) Website maintenance and updating for the 208 Plan; status of Clean Water Plan amendments/updates, Chapter 3 Appendices, and interactive map of FPAs on the website
 - 5) Ohio EPA In-Person Workshop: *Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) Grant Writing 101/102*; May 25, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Ohio EPA, Northeast District Office; cost is free, but [pre-registration](#) is required

- 8. Federal and State legislation or information of importance to local governments
 - a. Federal
 - b. State

- 9. 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

- 10. Other Business

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Wednesday, June 21, 2023, is the date for the next meeting of the NEFCO General Policy Board at the **City of Green Council Chambers**, 1755 Town Park Blvd., Uniontown OH 44685