

NEFCO

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Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

City of Green

Council Chambers

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 June 21, 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 May 17, 2023 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through May 31, 2023
ACTION REQUESTED
 - a. May bank reconciliations
4. Adoption of the FY2024 Appropriations and Expenditures Budget, and Work Program; Recommendation of the Budget and Work Program Committee **ACTION REQUESTED**
5. Consideration of the continuation of the part-time employment position for: Watershed Planner/Geographic Information System Specialist **ACTION REQUESTED**
6. NEFCO FY2023 Work Program
 - a. Economic Development Planning
 - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA)
 - a. ER&R Implementation Committee; status
 - b. Current EDA funding opportunities
 - c. NEFCO submits letter of support for PARTA's ODOT Ohio Transit Partnership Program SFY2024 funding application (attached)
 - d. NEFCO staff selected to serve on NADO Research Foundation Advisory Committee
 - 2) Economic Development Planning Information
 - a. May unemployment rate increases to 3.7 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
 - b. AMATS approves new four-year Transportation Improvement Program

- c. Stark County Regional Planning Commission survey seeks input from stakeholders regarding community development needs
 - d. NADO RF releases new interactive Economic Development District (EDD) map (NADO)
 - e. BroadbandOhio updates Ohio Broadband Strategy and completes draft of Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) Five-Year Action Plan
 - f. Federal Communications Commission updates National Broadband Map to reflect resolved challenges (NACo)
 - g. Debt deal casts doubt on whether Congress will fully fund the CHIPS Act (*Route Fifty*)
 - h. Digital atlas could reveal zoning's social impact (*Route Fifty*)
 - i. Ohio EPA Brownfields Funding Opportunities webinar: June 21st
 - j. 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) Ongoing Clean Water (208) Plan annual Facilities Planning Areas update; deadline for draft update submittals: **June 20, 2023**; status
 - 2) NEFCO's FY2024 Water Quality Management Planning contracts with Ohio EPA; status
 - 3) Draft Portage Lakes Management Plan (PLMP); status and next steps
 - a. Fourth and final Portage Lakes Partners meeting of FY2023
 - b. Staff informs the ERTAC at its June 7th meeting of Ohio EPA-NEDO's request that the NEFCO Board accept the draft PLMP
 - c. ERTAC to consider on July 5th a recommendation for the Board to accept the draft PLMP at its July meeting
 - 4) Staff, other partners meet with the U.S. EPA Region 5 Canal Diversion Dam grant project officer to discuss the project, other removed Cuyahoga River dams, and Gorge Dam removal project progress
7. Federal and State legislation or information of importance to local governments
- a. Federal
 - b. State
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, July 19, 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