

NEFCO

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Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, July 19, 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 July 19, 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 June 21, 2023 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through June 30, 2023
ACTION REQUESTED
 - a. June bank reconciliations
4. Request for the NEFCO General Policy Board to accept the Portage Lakes Management Plan
ACTION REQUESTED
5. Greater Akron Chamber requests letter of support for EDA Tech Hubs grant application
ACTION REQUESTED
6. Bounce Innovation and University of Akron Research Foundation request letter of support for EDA Build to Scale grant application **ACTION REQUESTED (Two-thirds majority vote is needed by Board members in attendance)**
7. NEFCO FY2024 Work Program
 - a. Economic Development Planning
 - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA)
 - a. ER&R Implementation Committee; status
 - b. Current EDA funding opportunities
 1. Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program
 2. Build to Scale

Cooperation and Coordination in Development Planning
Among the Units of Government in Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne Counties

- 3. Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program (Tech Hubs)
- 4. Public Works/Economic Adjustment Assistance (PW/EAA)
- c. BroadbandOhio offers second round of Community Accelerator Program
- 2) Economic Development Planning Information
 - a. June unemployment rate decreases to 3.6 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
 - b. State invests \$350 million in Brownfields Remediation Program (Greater Ohio Policy Center)
 - c. City of Kent awarded \$5.2 million RAISE grant
 - d. Biden-Harris administration announces state allocations for \$42.45 billion High-Speed Internet Grant Program as part of investing in America agenda (NARC *eRegions*)
 - e. American Planning Association publication: Equity in Zoning Policy Guide (NADO)
 - f. IEDC Report: ‘Live, Work, and Play’: Attracting and Retaining Tomorrow’s Talent (NADO)
 - g. From homes and cars to parking, how the sharing economy is evolving (*Route Fifty*)
 - h. 2023 OKI Conference on Freight, Sept. 5-7, Cincinnati
- 3) Funding Opportunities (upcoming deadlines contained in status report)
- 4) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)

- b. Environmental Planning
 - 1) NEFCO receives fully executed FY2024 Water Quality Management Planning contracts from Ohio EPA
 - 2) Voluntary 201/208 Facilities Planning Areas update; status and next steps
 - 3) Board-approved Clean Water (208) Plan amendments since the 2020 Chapter 3 update; status of state certification and federal approval
 - 4) Ohio EPA webinars:
 - a. [Infectious Waste Overview](#); July 25th, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 - b. [Resources for Lead Service Line Identification and Replacement](#); July 26th, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 - c. [Scrap Tire Regulations and Infrastructure](#); August 8th, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 - d. [Navigating Ohio EPA’s E-Business Center](#); August 22nd, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- 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, August 16, 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