

NEFCO

NORTHEAST OHIO FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board

Wednesday, August 16, 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 August 16, 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 July 19, 2023 **ACTION REQUESTED**
3. Consideration of the Financial Status Report: Income and Expenditures through July 31, 2023
ACTION REQUESTED
 - a. July bank reconciliations
4. The City of Akron requests a resolution and support letter for a proposed Fourth Amendment to its combined sewer overflows Consent Decree **ACTION REQUESTED**
5. NEFCO FY2024 Work Program
 - a. Economic Development Planning
 - 1) Economic Development Administration (EDA)
 - a. Current EDA funding opportunities
 1. Distressed Area (Recompete Pilot Program)
 2. FY2023 Public Works/Economic Adjustment Assistance (PW/EAA)
 - b. Vibrant NEO update
 - 2) Economic Development Planning Information
 - a. July unemployment rate decreases to 3.5 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
 - b. BroadbandOhio BEAD Volume 1 initial proposal available for public comment
 - c. Husted announces Regional Hubs to promote Ohio's broadband and 5G Sector Workforce Strategy
 - d. NLC Releases Broadband Implementation Guide for Localities (*NARC e-regions*)

- e. 2023 OKI Conference on Freight, Sept. 5-7, Cincinnati
- f. Ohio Rural Water Association Grant Writing Workshop, Sept. 19, Zanesville
- g. NADO Annual Training Conference, Nov. 7-10, Cleveland
- 3) Funding Opportunities (upcoming deadlines contained in status report)
- 4) Regional Economic Development News (contained in status report)

- b. Environmental Planning
 - 1) Draft FY2024 201/208 Facilities Planning Areas update; status and next steps
 - 2) Types of 208 Plan technical assistance provided to members
 - 3) U.S. EPA to finalize proposed national primary drinking water standard to limit six per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) by the end of 2023
 - 4) Ohio EPA provides update on stormwater rules to the ERTAC; notes that many municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operators are not meeting new and old requirements
 - 5) Ohio EPA is hosting a Lead Service Line and Brownfield Funding Open House in northeast Ohio on September 7, 2023, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - 6) Deadline for Ohio EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Program Year 2024 call for project nominations: **August 31, 2023**
 - 7) [Ohio EPA grants \\$2 million for recycling and litter prevention in Northeast Ohio](#); recipients include nonprofit organizations from Portage, Stark, and Summit Counties
 - 8) Ohio EPA webinar reminder: [Navigating Ohio EPA's E-Business Center](#); August 22nd, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- 6. Federal and State legislation or information of importance to local governments
 - a. Federal
 - b. Federal Rail Administration issues [Norfolk Southern Safety Assessment](#), August 9, 2023
 - c. State

- 7. 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

- 8. Other Business

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Wednesday, September 20, 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