Muscatatuck Regional Meeting

Thursday February 15, 2024, 2:00pm-3:00pm local time

Jennings County Public Library, 2375 IN-3, North Vernon, IN 47265

The Muscatatuck Region includes Jennings and Jackson counties but open to all drinking water and wastewater utilities and elected officials who wish to participate. The IFA has applied for Certified Operator CEU hours. Register [here](https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7672395/Feb-2024-Muscatatuck-Regional-Planning-Meeting).

Agenda

1. Introductions and housekeeping (5 min)
   1. Name, utility, title, professional experience
   2. Sign-in sheet to track attendance and contact list
2. Roundtable topics (50 mins):
   1. Succession Planning at Brown County Water Utility, Justin Hawley
   2. Apprenticeship Programs, Kelly Gardner, Alliance of Indiana Rural Water
   3. *INVITED* Assistance from WorkOne, Charlotte Gunter, Operations Assistant, WorkOne Southeast, North Vernon Office
   4. Other topics?
3. Next meeting (5 min)
   1. Jun 2024 at Jennings Co library?
   2. Regional point of contact, Jackie Ruddick, JWI Office Manager
   3. Suggestions for future topics of discussion?
   4. Any other suggestions?
4. Adjourn

The purpose of the meetings is to build on the benefits that come from neighboring utilities collaborating to solve similar issues. These meetings are for utility personnel, board members, and elected officials, and only these individuals can meet the attendance requirement. Consultants and contractors are welcome to attend when they attend at the invitation of a utility who is also attending. Utilities may attend a regional meeting outside of their region, but the intention is that they attend one in their region to get the benefits of interacting with their neighbors.

As a reminder, utilities are required to attend at least one regional meeting a year and attending is required for funding assistance from the IFA (IC 5-1.2-11.5-5). The IFA tracks attendance on a 12-month rolling basis. For example, if your utility attended on April 2, 2022, your utility meets the requirement of the rule until April 2, 2023. The list of utilities who have attended a regional meeting is available on the IFA website. <https://www.in.gov/ifa/regional-planning-meetings>