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Working Lands Enterprise Board Meeting

116 State Street, Montpelier, VT, 05601

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Meeting ID: 227 734 906 716

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Tuesday, October 17th, 2023, 1:00PM - 4:00PM

1:00pm-1:05pm Welcome - Alyson Eastman

1:05pm-1:10pm - Approval of September 2023 meeting minutes Action: Board Vote – Alyson Eastman

1:10pm-1:20pm - Program Updates - Elizabeth Sipple

1:20pm-2:00pm – Program Presentations and Updates by Ex-Officio Members and VCLF (10 minutes per organization):

- Liz Gleason, Program Director, VT Farm & Forest Viability Program, Vermont Housing & Conservation Board (VHCB)
- Ellen Howrigan Agricultural Loan Officer, Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA)
- 3. Dan Winslow Director of Business and ECL Programs, Vermont Community Loan Fund (VCLF)
- 4. Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund (VSJF)

2:00pm-3:30pm - Round Table Conversation with VEDA, VCLF, VHCB and VSJF

- 1. Challenges your programs are observing.
- 2. Strategic opportunities identified or programmatic learning/innovation.
- 3. Q and A Period

3:30pm-3:45pm - Administration Updates – Alyson Eastman – AAFM, Tayt Brooks – ACCD, Danny Fitzko – DFPR

3:45pm - Other Announcements and Public Comment

3:50pm - Adjourn Action: Board Vote



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^{*}Includes Board discussion and questions