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Working Lands Enterprise Board Meeting

116 State Street, Montpelier, VT, 05601

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Meeting ID: 222 733 565 978

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Tuesday, September 19th, 2023, 1:00PM – 4:00PM

1:00pm – Welcome - Alyson Eastman

1:05pm-1:10pm - Approval of August 2023 Part 2 Symposium meeting minutes **Action: Board Vote** – Alyson Eastman

1:10pm-1:25pm – WLEB Introductions and Farewells – Alyson Eastman

- Brooke Gladstone from Newmont Farm in Fairlee, VT is joining the WLEB as One member who is a representative of Vermont’s dairy industry who is also a dairy farmer.
- Newmont Farm was founded in 1987 by Walter and Margaret Gladstone. Currently, the farm employs thirty full time people along with seasonal pumpkin pickers. Newmont Farm cares for 1800 Holstein cows and 1600 heifers. Grows about 1200 acres of corn and 900 acres of grass to feed the animals.
- Final WLEB meeting of Paul Frederick (FPR) and Randall Szott (ACCD)

1:25pm-1:30pm – Program Updates – Elizabeth Sipple

1:30pm-2:00pm – Review of scoring criteria for Business Enhancement Grant

2:00pm-2:30pm – FY24 Agricultural Development Funding Landscape

- \$2.3 million for meat, maple, and produce Agricultural Development Grants (ADG)
- \$4.5 million from USDA for middle of the supply chain projects (RFSI)
- Approach to multiple Agricultural Development funding streams
- Q&A

2:30pm-2:45pm - Administration Updates – Alyson Eastman – AAFM, Tayt Brooks (Randall Szott) – ACCD, Danny Fitzko (Paul Frederick) – DFPR



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2:45pm - Other Announcements and Public Comment

2:50pm - Adjourn **Action: Board Vote**

2:50pm- 4:00pm – Overview and discussion of the Part 2 Board Symposium for WLEB members unable to attend

*Includes Board discussion and questions

**Executive Session, from which the general public is excluded, is entered to protect applicant confidential business information pursuant to 1 VSA section 313(a); 1 VSA section 317(c)(7) personal finances; (c)(9) trade secrets, including confidential business and financial information; (C)(13) public agency consideration of acquisition of real or personal property; and (c)(15) records relating to negotiation of contracts.