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Working Lands Enterprise Board Meeting

116 State Street, Montpelier, VT, 05601

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Meeting ID: 289 070 485 356

Passcode: NPXKdW

Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024, 1:00PM – 4:00PM

1:00pm-1:05pm – Welcome

1:05pm – 1:10pm - Approval of December 2023 meeting minutes **Action: Board Vote**

1:10pm-1:25pm – WLEI Program Updates – Elizabeth Sipple

1:25pm-1:55pm – WLEI Hearings and Legislative Planning

- Reflections from last year and proposed new strategies.
- Target hearings
- Grantees invited to testify in 2024

1:55pm-2:10pm - Administration Updates –AAFM, ACCD, DFPR

2:10pm-2:40pm – Presentation regarding the state and impact of agritourism in VT – Kristen Brassard
Marketing & Agritourism Specialist for the VAAFM

2:40pm-3:10pm – Programmatic update on the WLEI funded TSAG program – Kristen Brassard
Marketing & Agritourism Specialist for the VAAFM

3:10pm-3:30pm - Reflection on the pilot elements of the Business Enhancement grant review process

3:30pm-4:00pm – Clarifying criteria for select sector competitiveness.

4:00pm - Other Announcements and Public Comment

Adjourn **Action: Board Vote**

*Includes Board discussion and questions



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