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Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets
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Working Lands Enterprise Board Meeting

116 State Street, Montpelier, VT, 05601

Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 221 904 951 563

Passcode: XKxoWj

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

- Introduction of Trevor Lowell

1:05pm – 1:10pm - Approval of April 2024 meeting minutes **Action: Board Vote** – Alyson Eastman

1:10pm-2:50pm – VAAFM Presentation – Looking at Sector Needs and FY25 Funding in the Agriculture Sector

- 1:10pm to 1:30pm: Presentation of the Future of Agriculture Commission recommendations and priorities and an overview of the economic development demand the Agricultural Development Division experienced in FY24 – Abbey Willard, Agricultural Development Division Director, VAAFM
- 1:30pm to 1:50pm: Presentation of Market Development FY25 Priorities and Grantmaking (RFSI, NE Regional Food Business Center Business Builder grants, SCBG, FTS, and FTI market development grants) – Julia Scheier, VAAFM
- 1:50pm to 2:10pm: Presentation of DBIC FY25 Priorities and Grantmaking – Laura Ginsburg, Dairy Development, and Innovation Lead, VAAFM
- 2:10pm to 2:30: Presentation of Water Quality FY25 Priorities and Grantmaking - Nina Gage, Assistant Director Water Quality Division, VAAFM

2:30pm to 2:50pm: WLEB identifies key takeaways.

- Are there gaps or priorities that you want to flag for upcoming WLEF FY25 budget prioritization conversations? Are there sectors/project types that based on alternative funding sources the WLEB would like to flag as being ineligible for WLEF funding in FY25?

2:50pm-3:50pm – Looking at Sector Needs and FY25 Funding in the Forestry Sector - Oliver E. Pierson
Director of Forests Division, FPR



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- Presentation of recommendations and priorities (especially funding priorities) identified in the FPR Forest Futures Roadmap.
- An overview of relevant pools of forestry funding for FY25.
- WLEB identifies key takeaways.
 - Are there gaps or priorities that you want to flag for the upcoming WLEF FY25 budget prioritization conservation? Are there sectors/project types that based on alternative funding sources the WLEB would like to flag as being ineligible for WLEF funding in FY25?

3:50pm-4:00pm — Program Updates - Elizabeth

- June 25th Symposium
 - Prompt for Pre-Symposium Reflection: *Please continue to look across the landscape and identify FY25 funding priorities, and come to the June symposium prepared to share your thoughts on the following question: Are there gaps that you are seeing that would be strategic for WLEB funding? Please reflect on both infrastructure gaps and business fundamental gaps that are holding businesses back.*
 - Please leverage your networks to inform your reflection process.
- WLEB SharePoint site

Please join one of these 30-minute sessions for support accessing and using the WLEB SharePoint site:

Friday 5/17

- 10-10:30am
- 10:30-11am

Wednesday 5/22

- 3-3:30pm
- 3:30-4pm

Thursday 5/30

- 1-1:30pm
- 1:30-2pm

The Teams info for all of the above sessions is:

[Join the meeting now](#)

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- The Grantee Site Visit sign up form will be on the WLEB SharePoint site. Please sign up for 1 to 2 site visits prior to the June Symposium.



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4:00pm - Other Announcements and Public Comment

Adjourn **Action: Board Vote**