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Working Lands Enterprise Board Meeting

116 State Street, Montpelier, VT, 05601

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Meeting ID: 243 358 869 986

Passcode: RdGVx2

Tuesday, February 21st, 2023, 2:30PM – 5:00PM

2:30pm-2:35pm – Welcome - Alyson Eastman

2:35pm-2:40pm - Approval of December 2022 meeting minutes **Action: Board Vote** – Alyson Eastman

2:40pm-2:50pm – WLEI Updates

- Release of FY22 Impact Report – celebrating 10 years - we will be sending you one!
- Update regarding the 2.15.23 hearings with The House Committee of Agriculture, Food Resilience, and Forests and The Senate Agriculture Committee
- Alan Calfee has submitted his application to the Governor for the working forest landowner seat.
- Paul Lisai, after much deliberation, has officially declined the invitation to apply for the dairy seat due to business pressures.

2:50pm-3:00pm – Proposal for Business Enhancement Award Replacement

3:00pm-3:45pm – Update from Paul Frank + Collins (FY22 Contractor) on the Building Executive Business Skills (BEBS) Program – see attachment to review the scope of work.

- Kristina Brines, Director
- Kerin Stackpole, Director, and Leader of the Labor and Employment Team
- Contract amount: \$100,000
- Contract Term: May 11, 2022 to May 11, 2023.

3:45pm-4:15pm – Participants Share their Experience with the Building Executive Business Skills Program

- Ron Lencz, Sweet Tree Maple – Island Pond
- Brian Moses, Britton Lumber - Hartland
- Becky Castle, Fisher Brothers Farm/Sisters of Anarchy Ice Cream – Shelburne (also a 2x WLEB grantee)

4:15pm-4:30 – Planning for ARPA applicant pitches to the WLEB



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4:30pm-4:50pm - Administration Updates – Alyson Eastman – AAFM, Tayt Brooks (Randall Szott) – ACCD, Paul Frederick - DFPR

4:50pm-5:00pm Other Announcements and Public Comment

5:00pm - Adjourn **Action: Board Vote**

*Includes Board discussion and questions

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