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Working Lands Enterprise Board Meeting

116 State Street, Montpelier, VT, 05601

Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 1:00PM – 4:00PM

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Meeting ID: 277 598 707 558 Passcode: x7Ez8r

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

- Welcome back Elizabeth!
- Welcome Alisha to first meeting as vice chair!
- Reminder that we are recording both the audio and video of the Teams meeting today and from now on.

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

1:10pm-1:15pm – Scheduling poll for moving meetings back to Tuesday mornings – Clare Salerno

1:15-2:00 – Public Meeting Law Updates and Q&A – Steve Collier, VT Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets General Counsel

- When can WLEB go into executive session when discussing grant applicants and making award decisions?
- If WLEB is not in Executive Session, what information can be shared on the screen (and therefore captured in the meeting recording) when discussing grant applicants and making award decisions?

2:00pm-2:50pm – Finalizing WLEB Program & Performance Metrics **Action: Board Vote** – Clare Salerno

- Members received in the packet an updated version of this document that synthesizes the feedback from the August Symposium. Please come prepared to provide SPECIFIC feedback on any part of the document that we can discuss and update during the meeting prior to voting to ratify this document.

2:50-2:55 – Break

2:55-3:25 – Approval of eligibility criteria for Business Enhancement Grant – Clare Salerno

- Members received in the packet an updated version of the applicant and project eligibility based on the June symposium discussions. Please come prepared to provide specific feedback on the



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highlighted sections of the document. Some of the non-highlighted sections are also updated from past language but are not critical for discussion.

3:25-3:45 – Site visit report out from WLEB members – Alyson Eastman

3:45pm-4:00pm - Administration Updates – AAFM, ACCD, FPR

4:00pm - Other Announcements and Public Comment

Adjourn Action: Board Vote