



Friday, May 10, 2024 – Virtual Zoom Meeting. 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Emerging Farmers' Working Group Agenda

- 1:00 p.m. Open, Call to Order & Welcome
Facilitator Michael Birchard & Assistant Commissioner Bailey
- 1:15 p.m. Welcome & Updates from the Commissioner's Office
Deputy Commissioner Andrea Vauble & Assistant Commissioner Patrice Bailey
- 1:20 p.m. Legislative Update
Deputy Commissioner Andrea Vauble
- 1:35 p.m. Farm to School Program Announcement and Update
Kate Seybold, Farm to Institution Coordinator
- 1:50 p.m. Local Food Purchase Assistance Agreement Update
Val Gamble, Director of Strategy and Special Projects
- 2:05 p.m. Sprout Overview
EFWG member-Taran Skwira
- 2:15 p.m. Emerging Farmers Office Update
EFO Director Lillian Otieno, Anthony Adams & Emily Toner
- 2:35 p.m. Tribal Liaison Office Updates
Shannon Kesner, Tribal Liaison MDA
- 2:45 p.m. Looking Ahead & Announcements
- 2:55 p.m. Public Comment
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn meeting!

**Next EFWG meeting will be June 14, 2024 at Sprout
609 13th Ave NE, Door 8, Little Falls, Minnesota 56345
<https://www.sproutmn.com/>**

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