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**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS**  
**June 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Mazurek Justice Building, Supreme Court Chambers**  
**Helena, MT**

**Please note:** *The Land Board has adopted the audio recording of its meetings as the official record, as allowed by [2-3-212, MCA](#). These minutes provide an abbreviated summary of the Land Board discussion, public testimony, action taken, and other activities. The time designations listed are approximate and may be used to locate the referenced discussion on the audio recording of this meeting. Access to an electronic copy of these minutes and the audio recording is provided from the Land Board webpage at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/LandBoard>. The written minutes summary, along with the audio recordings, are listed by meeting date on the Land Board Archive webpage.*

**Members Present**

Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras  
Attorney General Austin Knudsen  
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Troy Downing  
Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen  
Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen

**Members Absent**

Governor Greg Gianforte

**Testifying Staff**

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director  
Trevor Taylor, Minerals Management Bureau Chief

**Attachments**

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

**Call to Order**

00:00:02 Lieutenant Governor Juras called the meeting to order.  
00:00:28 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve the May 2023, minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and carried unanimously.

**Business Considered**

**0623-1 DEQ: Land Acquisition – Belt Acid Mine Drainage Water Treatment Facility**

00:00:45 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:01:47 Lieutenant Governor Juras

**Public Comment**

None

00:02:05 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0623-1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing.

**Board Discussion/Comments**

00:02:11 Lieutenant Governor Juras  
00:02:19 Attorney General Knudsen  
00:02:44 Lieutenant Governor Juras  
00:02:48 Bob Flesher, DEQ, Environmental Project Officer

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00:03:13 Attorney General Knudsen  
00:03:14 Lieutenant Governor Juras  
00:03:15 Attorney General Knudsen  
00:03:17 Lieutenant Governor Juras  
00:03:24 Superintendent Arntzen

00:03:37 Lieutenant Governor Juras, the motion to approve item 0623-1 passes unanimously.

00:03:43 Superintendent Arntzen  
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00:03:45 Superintendent Arntzen  
00:03:47 Lieutenant Governor Juras  
00:03:48 Superintendent Arntzen

**0623-2 Timer Sales:**

**A. Sand Coulee**

**B. Windy Woods**

00:04:50 Mrs. Kaster  
00:05:00 Lieutenant Governor Juras  
00:05:03 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:06:21 Lieutenant Governor Juras

**Public Comment**

None

00:06:37 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0623-2A&B. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen.

**Board Discussion/Comments**

00:06:47 Lieutenant Governor Juras  
00:07:15 Superintendent Arntzen  
00:07:27 Lieutenant Governor Juras  
00:07:36 Superintendent Arntzen  
00:07:38 Lieutenant Governor Juras  
00:07:42 Secretary of State Jacobsen  
00:07:48 Lieutenant Governor Juras  
00:08:18 Attorney General Knudsen  
00:08:57 Lieutenant Governor Juras

00:09:16 Lieutenant Governor Juras, the motion to approve item 0623-2A&B passes unanimously.

**0623-3 Oil and Gas Lease Sale: (June 6, 2023)**

00:09:19 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:10:03 Lieutenant Governor Juras

**Public Comment**

None

00:10:17 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0623-3. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen.

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Board Discussion/Comments

00:10:26 Lieutenant Governor Juras  
00:10:35 Commissioner Downing  
00:11:02 Mrs. Kaster  
00:11:15 Mr. Taylor  
00:11:53 Commissioner Downing  
00:12:00 Mr. Taylor  
00:12:03 Attorney General Knudsen

00:12:32 Lieutenant Governor Juras the motion to approve item 0623-3 passes unanimously.

**0623-4 Cabin and Home Site Sales: Final Approval for Sale**

00:12:52 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:13:39 Lieutenant Governor Juras

Public Comment

None

00:13:55 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0623-4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:14:05 Lieutenant Governor Juras  
00:14:12 Commissioner Downing  
00:14:32 Lieutenant Governor Juras

00:14:50 Lieutenant Governor Juras, the motion to approve item 0623-4 passes unanimously.

**0623-5 Easements: Standard Grants**

00:14:55 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:15:24 Lieutenant Governor Juras

Public Comment

None

00:15:38 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0623-5. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:15:50 Lieutenant Governor Juras, the motion to approve item 0623-5 passes unanimously.

**0623-6 Land Use Licenses: Yellowstone and Ravalli Counties**

00:16:12 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:16:46 Lieutenant Governor Juras

Public Comment

None

00:17:00 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0623-6. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.

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**Board Discussion/Comments**

None

00:03:37 Lieutenant Governor Juras, the motion to approve item 0623-1 passes unanimously.

**0623-7 DNRC and BOARD of LAND COMMISSIONERS DEFENDANTS ON MISSOURI RIVER OWNERSHIP LITIGATION**

00:17:28 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:18:12 Lieutenant Governor Juras

**Public Comment**

None

00:18:27 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0623-7. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.

**Board Discussion/Comments**

00:18:51 Lieutenant Governor Juras

00:18:56 Attorney General Knudsen, disclosure to vote.

00:19:19 Lieutenant Governor Juras, the motion to approve item 0623-7 passes with a 4-0.

**General Public Comment**

00:20:15 Lieutenant Governor Juras

00:20:41 Keith Ingram

00:28:46 Attorney General Knudsen

00:28:51 Keith Ingram

00:28:52 Attorney General Knudsen

00:29:49 Keith Ingram

00:32:16 Attorney General Knudsen

00:32:21 Keith Ingram

00:32:22 Lieutenant Governor Juras

00:33:14 Keith Ingram

00:33:19 Lieutenant Governor Juras

00:33:20 Keith Ingram

00:33:24 Attorney General Knudsen

00:33:25 Keith Ingram

00:33:26 Lieutenant Governor Juras

**Adjournment**

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Kristen Juras

Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

