

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
March 18, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
Supreme Court Chambers, Mazurek Justice Building
Helena, MT

Members Present

Greg Gianforte, Governor
Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State
Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Members Absent

None

Testifying Staff

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment #1 – sign-in sheet

Call to Order

00:00:05 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.
00:00:15 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve the February 2024 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Downing and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

0324-1 Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks: Missouri Headwaters State Park Donation

00:00:25 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment:

00:01:05 Megan Buecking, Executive Director of the Montana State Parks Foundation

00:02:10 Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Downing moved to approve item 0324-1.

Board Discussion/Comments:

00:02:20 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction

00:03:00 Bill Schenk, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

00:04:25 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction

00:04:37 Bill Schenk, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

00:05:30 The motion to approve item 0324-1 carried unanimously.

0324-2 Timber Sales

A. Buffalo Bill

B. Cilly to Lost

C. Lost Again

D. Blacktail Again

00:05:45 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:08:00 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0324-2. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen and carried 5-0.

0324-3 Cabin and Home Sites: Final Approval for Sale

00:08:20 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:09:05 Secretary of State Jacobsen moved to approve item 0324-3. The motion was seconded by Superintendent of Public Instruction Arntzen and carried 4-1.

0324-4 Oil and Gas Lease Sale: March 5, 2024

00:09:20 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:10:15 Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Downing moved to approve item 0324-4.

Board Discussion/Comments:

00:10:20 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General

00:10:30 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:10:55 The motion to approve item 0324-4 carried unanimously.

0324-5 Authority to Begin Rulemaking for Real Estate Management Projects

00:11:05 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:12:55 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0324-5. The motion was seconded by Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Downing and carried 5-0.

0324-6 Easements

00:12:20 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:13:00 Secretary of State Jacobsen moved to approve item 0324-6. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen and carried 5-0.

General Public Comment

00:13:35 Ross Morgan, President of Rocky Mountain Stock Growers Association

00:14:30 Carl Devries, Roberts, MT

00:15:05 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General

00:15:50 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:16:00 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction

00:16:25 Greg Gianforte, Governor

Adjournment

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

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