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**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS**  
**December 15, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Justice Building, 215 N. Sanders, 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**

Governor Steve Bullock  
Attorney General Tim Fox  
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Monica Lindeen  
Secretary of State Linda McCulloch  
Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau

**Members Absent**

None

**Testifying Staff**

John Tubbs, DNRC Director  
Shawn Thomas, DNRC Trust Land Management (TLMD) Administrator  
Darlene Edge, FWP Land Conservation Specialist

**Attachments**

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – Sign-in Sheet

**Call to Order**

00:00:01 The board approved the November 17, 2014, minutes unanimously.

**Business Considered**

**1214-1 FWP: Land Acquisitions**

**A. Fish Creek Wildlife Management Area Addition**

00:00:13 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:01:00 Ms. Edge

**Public Comment**

00:02:40 Grant Kier, Five Valleys Land Trust (FVLT), Executive Director

**Board Discussion/Comments**

00:03:06 Ms. Lindeen moved to approve item 1214-1. The motion was seconded by Ms. Juneau.  
00:03:21 Ms. McCulloch  
00:03:40 Ms. Edge  
00:04:04 Ms. McCulloch

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00:04:11 The motion to approve item 1214-1 carried unanimously.

**B. Beartooth Wildlife Management Area Addition**

00:04:18 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:04:52 Ms. Edge

**Public Comment**

00:06:58 Randy Knowles

00:08:40 Mike Mueller, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Land Manager

00:10:42 Mr. Fox moved to approve item 1214-1B. The motion was seconded by Ms. McCulloch.

**Board Discussion/Comments**

00:10:55 Governor Bullock

00:11:09 Mr. Mueller

00:11:40 Governor Bullock

00:12:03 The motion to approve item 1214-1B carried unanimously.

**1214-2 Montana Heritage Commission: 351 Transfer to Madison County**

00:12:11 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:13:01 Jim Hart, Madison County Commissioner

00:14:30 Ms. McCulloch moved to approve item 1214-2. The motion was seconded by Ms. Juneau.

**Board Discussion/Comments**

00:14:58 Governor Bullock

00:15:04 Mr. Hart

00:15:23 Governor Bullock

00:15:31 The motion to approve item 1214-2 carried unanimously.

**1214-3 Timber Sale: Miner's Glory**

00:15:40 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:16:17 Ms. Lindeen moved to approve item 1214-3. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously.

**1214-4 Island Quitclaim Deed: Craig Roberts et al.**

00:16:32 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:17:28 Mr. Fox moved to approve item 1214-4. The motion was seconded by Ms. McCulloch.

**Board Discussion/ Comments**

00:17:39 Ms. Lindeen

00:17:58 Mr. Thomas

00:18:36 Ms. Lindeen

00:18:45 The motion to approve item 1214-4 carried unanimously.

**1214-5 Oil and Gas Lease Sale (December 2, 2014)**

00:18:50 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:19:40 Ms. Lindeen moved to approve item 1214-5. The motion was seconded by Ms. Juneau.

00:19:53 Governor Bullock

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00:20:08 Mr. Tubbs  
00:20:25 The motion to approve item 1214-5 carried unanimously.

#### **1214-6 Communitization Agreements**

##### **A. Sherri 2658 43-9H Well – Oasis Petroleum**

##### **B. Burning Tree Moon 36-4-HID3 Well – Enerplus Resources**

00:20:33 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of items 1214-6A and 1214-6B.  
00:21:21 Ms. Juneau moved to approve items 1214-6A and 1214-6B. The motion was seconded by Ms. McCulloch and carried unanimously.

#### **1214-7 Land Banking Parcel: Set Minimum Bid for Sale – Skyview Ridge**

00:21:36 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:22:55 Ms. McCulloch moved to approve item 1214-7. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fox.

#### **Board Discussion/Comments**

00:23:03 Ms. McCulloch  
00:23:21 Mr. Tubbs  
00:23:48 Mr. Thomas  
00:24:12 Governor Bullock  
00:24:30 Mr. Thomas  
00:24:49 Governor Bullock  
00:25:00 Mr. Thomas

00:25:10 The motion to approve item 1214-7 carried unanimously.

#### **1214-8 Land Exchange: Preliminary Approval – Gallatin County Landfill**

00:25:19 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:26:13 Steve White, Gallatin County Commissioner  
00:27:02 Ms. McCulloch moved to approve item 1214-8. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lindeen.  
00:27:10 Ms. Lindeen  
00:27:45 The motion to approve item 1214-8 carried unanimously.

#### **1214-10 Easements**

##### **A. DNRC Easements**

00:27:59 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:28:32 Mr. Fox moved to approve item 1214-10A. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lindeen and carried unanimously.

##### **B. Reciprocal Access Agreement – Shay Lake Road Users Association**

00:28:55 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:31:00 Ms. McCulloch moved to approve item 1214-10B. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously.

##### **C. Settlement Agreement and Encroachment - Hansen**

00:31:28 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:32:06 Ms. Lindeen moved to approve item 1214-10C. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ms. Juneau and carried unanimously.

#### **1214-11 Whitefish Neighborhood Plan: Ten-Year Assessment and Progress Report on Implementing Plan**

00:32:34 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

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**Board Discussion/Public Comment**

00:33:12 John Muhlfeld, Mayor, City of Whitefish  
00:38:38 Governor Bullock  
00:39:12 Fred Jones, Chair, Whitefish Legacy Partners  
00:41:33 Diane Conradi  
00:44:59 Ed Liesner, Representative HD 5  
00:46:20 Lynn Akey  
00:47:07 Ms. McCulloch  
00:47:46 Ms. Lindeen  
00:48:51 Governor Bullock  
00:49:02 Ms. McCulloch  
00:49:06 Governor Bullock

**General Public Comment**

00:49:41 Mr. Knowles

**Adjournment**

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Steve Bullock  
Steve Bullock, Governor

/s/ John E. Tubbs  
John E. Tubbs, DNRC Director