

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 9:00 am
Capitol Building, Room 303
Helena, MT

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Members Present

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

Members Absent

None

Testifying Staff

John Tubbs, DNRC Director
Shawn Thomas, DNRC Trust Land Management Division Administrator

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – Sign-in Sheet

Call to Order

00:00:00 Governor Bullock called the meeting to order.
00:00:19 Ms. McCulloch moved to approve the February 18, 2014, minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lindeen and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

314-1 Timber Sales

A. Club Charette (Fire Salvage)

B. Cub Scout (Scout Lake #7)

00:00:31 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of items 314-1A and 314-1B.
00:02:28 Ms. McCulloch moved to approve items 314-1A and 314-1B. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lindeen and carried unanimously.

314-2 Oil and Gas Lease Sale (March 4, 2014)

00:02:48 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:03:32 Ms. Lindeen moved to approve item 314-2. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fox.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:03:42 Governor Bullock
00:03:48 Mr. Tubbs
00:04:20 Governor Bullock

00:04:28 The motion to approve item 314-2 carried unanimously.

314-3 Communitization Agreement: Falcon Federal 2759 12-16H Well

00:04:29 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:04:58 Mr. Fox moved to approve item 314-3. The motion was seconded by Ms. McCulloch and carried unanimously.

314-4 Operating Plan Approval: Signal Peak Energy

00:05:13 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment

00:06:57 Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council Executive Director

00:07:54 Tom Berry, Montana House District 45 Representative

00:08:48 Chad Sealey, Roundup Public Schools Superintendent

00:09:08 Larry Lekse, Musselshell County Commission

00:09:46 Sandra Jones, Roundup Mayor

00:10:10 Bob Goffena, Musselshell County Commissioner

00:10:58 John Dillon

00:13:00 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC) Associate
Program Director

00:14:25 Nick Englefried

00:15:55 Rebecca Singleton

00:16:34 Cary Hegregerb, Montana Contractors' Association (MCA)

00:19:13 Ms. McCulloch moved to approve item 314-1. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fox.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:19:25 Ms. Lindeen

00:19:49 Bob Ochsner, Signal Peak Chief Engineer

00:19:57 Ms. Lindeen

00:20:18 Mr. Ochsner

00:20:42 Ms. Lindeen

00:20:46 Mr. Ochsner

00:20:50 Ms. Lindeen

00:20:59 Mr. Ochsner

00:21:03 Ms. Lindeen

00:21:13 Brad Hanson, Signal Peak CEO

00:22:10 Ms. Lindeen

00:22:24 Mr. Hanson

00:24:24 Ms. Lindeen

00:24:27 Governor Bullock

00:24:41 Mr. Hanson

00:24:47 Governor Bullock

00:24:51 Mr. Hanson

00:25:01 Governor Bullock

00:25:03 Mr. Hanson

00:25:11 Ms. McCulloch

00:25:52 The motion to approve item 314-4 carried unanimously.

314-5 Cabin and Home Sites: Preliminary Approval for Sale

00:25:59 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:27:09 Ms. Lindeen moved to approve item 314-5. The motion was seconded by Ms. McCulloch and carried unanimously.

314-6 Land Banking Parcels: Set Minimum Bid for Sale

00:27:32 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment

00:28:19 Randall Knowles

00:30:26 Ms. McCulloch moved to approve item 314-1. The motion was seconded by Ms. Juneau.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:30:38 Governor Bullock

00:30:50 Mr. Thomas

00:31:21 Governor Bullock

00:31:27 Mr. Thomas

00:31:41 The motion to approve item 314-6 carried unanimously.

314-7 Final Settlement Agreement: In the Matter of the Alleged Violation of Section 77-1-125, MCA, by Somont Oil Company upon State Trust Lands Located in Section 36, Twp. 36N, Rq. 3 W

00:31:47 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:32:51 Ms. Lindeen moved to approve item 314-7. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously.

314-8 Easements

00:33:10 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:34:07 Mr. Fox moved to approve item 314-8. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lindeen and carried unanimously.

General Public Comment

00:34:35 Mr. Knowles

Adjournment

00:39:43 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Steve Bullock
Steve Bullock, Governor

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

