

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

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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

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

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.

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