

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS**  
**March 23, 2015, 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 minute's 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

**Members Absent**

Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau

**Testifying Staff**

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

**Attachments**

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – Sign-in sheet.

**Call to Order**

00:00:00 Governor Bullock called the meeting to order.  
00:00:09 Mr. Fox moved to approve the February 17, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lindeen and carried unanimously.

**Business Considered**

**315-1 FWP: Conservation Easement – Lazy J Cross Ranch**

00:00:49 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

**Board Discussion/ Comments**

00:01:21 Ms. Durran  
00:03:04 Governor Bullock

**Public Comment**

00:03:19 Gavin Ricklefs, Bitter Root Land Trust (BRLT) Executive Director

**Board Discussion/ Comments**

00:04:37 Governor Bullock  
00:04:42 Ms. Lindeen moved to approve item 315-1. The motion was seconded by Ms. McCulloch.

Board Discussion/ Comments

- 00:04:40 Mr. Fox  
00:05:46 Ms. Durran  
00:06:20 Mr. Fox  
00:06:51 Ms. Durran  
00:07:22 Mr. Fox  
00:08:04 Ms. Durran  
00:08:24 Mr. Ricklefs  
00:09:50 Mr. Fox  
00:10:19 Governor Bullock  
00:10:39 Ms. Durran  
00:10:41 Mr. Ricklefs  
00:11:04 Governor Bullock  
00:11:21 Mr. Ricklefs  
00:11:30 Ms. Lindeen  
00:12:19 Ms. McCulloch  
**00:12:55** Motion to approve item 315-1 was withdrawn. Consideration of the item was postponed as the last action item following 315-7 (note time lapse when discussion resumes with Mr. Rickfels at 40:58).  
**00:40:58** Mr. Ricklefs  
00:41:26 Governor Bullock  
00:41:38 Mr. Ricklefs  
00:42:57 Mr. Fox  
00:43:02 Ms. Lindeen  
00:43:16 Ms. Durran  
00:44:06 Ms. Lindeen moved to approve item 315-1. The motion was seconded by Ms. McCulloch and carried unanimously.

**315-2 Timber Sale: Jones Berger**

- 00:13:04 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:13:58 Ms. McCulloch moved to approve item 315-2. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously.

**315-3 Communitization Agreement: MBA Consultants 1-1 Well**

- 00:14:17 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:15:06 Ms. Lindeen moved to approve item 315-3. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fox, and carried unanimously.

**315-4 Oil and Gas Lease Sale (March 3, 2015)**

- 00:15:23 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:16:52 Mr. Fox moved to approve item 315-4. The motion was seconded by Ms. McCulloch.

Board Discussion/ Comments

- 00:17:00 Governor Bullock  
00:17:36 The motion to approve item 315-3 carried unanimously.

**315-5 Sale of Cabin and Home Sites: Preliminary Approval for Sale**

- 00:17:44 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:18:49 Ms. Lindeen moved to approve item 315-5. The motion was seconded by Ms. McCulloch.

Board Discussion/ Comments

- 00:18:52 Ms. Lindeen  
00:19:13 Mr. Thomas

00:21:26 Mr. Tubbs  
00:23:55 The motion to approve item 315-5 carried unanimously.

**315-6 Settlement Agreement: *Doan v. Sunny Slope Grazing Assn. et al.* (BDV-2012-702)**

00:24:06 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:24:47 Mr. Fox moved to approve item 315-6. The motion was seconded by Ms. McCulloch, and carried unanimously.

**315-7 Easements**

**A. Easements**

00:25:10 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:25:48 Ms. McCulloch moved to approve item 315-7A. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lindeen.

**Board Discussion/ Comments**

00:25:58 Governor Bullock  
00:26:07 Mr. Thomas  
00:26:21 The motion to approve item 315-3 carried unanimously.

**315-7 Easements**

**B. Easements: Pipeline**

00:26:49 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

**Public Comment**

00:28:07 Jim Keane, Senate District 38

**Board Discussion/ Comments**

00:30:18 Ms. Lindeen moved to approve item 315-7B. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fox.  
00:30:29 Mr. Fox  
00:30:53 Ms. Lindeen  
00:31:12 Ms. McCulloch  
00:31:45 Mr. Tubbs  
00:35:03 Mr. Thomas  
00:35:23 Ms. McCulloch  
00:35:36 Mr. Thomas  
00:35:44 Ms. Lindeen  
00:35:54 Mr. Thomas  
00:36:25 Ms. Lindeen  
00:37:01 Mr. Thomas  
00:37:05 Governor Bullock  
00:37:51 Mr. Tad True  
00:38:10 Mr. Ken Dockweiler  
00:39:17 Mr. True  
00:39:57 Ms. Lindeen  
00:40:28 The motion to approve item 315-7B carried unanimously.

**General Public Comment**

00:44:32 Jim Keane  
00:44:58 Governor Bullock  
00:45:04 Mr. Fox

**Adjournment**

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Steve Bullock  
Steve Bullock, Governor

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

