

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS**  
**September 21, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.**  
**State Capitol, 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 (TLMD) Administrator  
Sonya Germann, TLMD Forest Management Bureau Chief  
Monte Mason, DNRC TLMD Minerals Management Bureau Chief

**Attachments**

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – Sign-in sheet  
Related Materials, Attachment 2 – Executive Summary – 2015 Sustainable Yield Calculation

**Call to Order**

00:00:03 Governor Bullock called the meeting to order.  
00:00:22 Ms. Lindeen moved to approve the August 17 and August 31, 2015, minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. McCulloch and carried unanimously.

**Business Considered**

**915-1 Timber Sale: Pistol Peet**

00:00:32 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:01:34 Mr. Fox moved to approve item 915-1. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lindeen and carried unanimously.

**915-2 Oil and Gas Lease Sale (September 1, 2015)**

00:01:59 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:02:45 Ms. McCulloch moved to approve item 915-2. The motion was seconded by Ms. Juneau.

**Board Discussion/Comments**

00:02:53 Governor Bullock  
00:03:13 Mr. Mason

00:03:31 Mr. Tubbs

00:03:43 The motion to approve item 915-2 carried unanimously.

**915-3 Indemnity Selections: Selected Land Parcels**

00:03:49 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:05:16 Governor Bullock

00:05:28 Mr. Tubbs

00:05:41 Governor Bullock

00:05:43 A motion was made by Ms. Lindeen to approve item 915-3. The motion was seconded by Ms. McCulloch.

00:05:50 Ms. Lindeen

00:05:51 Ms. Juneau

00:06:13 Mr. Thomas

00:07:51 Mr. Tubbs

00:08:17 Governor Bullock

00:08:21 Ms. McCulloch

00:08:33 Mr. Tubbs

00:09:12 Ms. McCulloch

00:09:25 Mr. Tubbs

00:09:39 Governor Bullock

00:09:50 The motion to approve item 915-3 carried unanimously.

**915-4 Land Banking Parcel: Set Minimum Bid for Sale**

00:10:03 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:11:22 Governor Bullock

00:11:31 A motion was made by Ms. Lindeen to approve item 915-4. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fox.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:11:48 Mr. Fox

00:12:50 Mr. Thomas

00:13:26 Governor Bullock

00:13:32 Ms. McCulloch

00:13:55 Mr. Thomas

00:14:36 Ms. McCulloch

00:15:07 Mr. Thomas

00:15:26 Governor Bullock

00:15:54 The motion to approve item 915-4 carried unanimously.

**915-5 Sale of Cabin and Home Sites: Set Minimum Bid for Sale – Sales 759 and 760**

00:16:08 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:17:05 Governor Bullock

Public Comment

00:17:12 Randall Knowles

00:18:41 A motion was made by Ms. McCulloch to approve item 915-5. The motion was seconded by Ms. Juneau.

Board Discussion/Comments

- 00:18:50 Ms. Lindeen
- 00:19:03 Ms. Juneau
- 00:19:17 Mr. Tubbs
- 00:20:55 Mr. Thomas
- 00:21:13 Governor Bullock
- 00:21:19 Mr. Thomas
- 00:21:36 Governor Bullock
- 00:21:59 Mr. Thomas
- 00:22:03 The motion to approve item 915-5 carried unanimously.

**915-6 DNRC Report: 2015 Sustainable Yield Calculation**

- 00:22:15 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
- 00:23:07 Ms. Germann
- 00:30:07 Governor Bullock
  
- 00:30:19 A motion was made by Ms. Lindeen to approve item 915-6. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fox.

Board Discussion/Comments

- 00:30:31 Ms. McCulloch
- 00:31:38 Governor Bullock
- 00:31:43 Ms. Germann
- 00:32:05 Governor Bullock
  
- 00:32:48 The motion to approve item 915-6 carried unanimously.

**915-7 Proposed Settlement Agreement: *MONTRUST v. State of Montana et al.*, BDV-12-39, 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District**

- 00:33:14 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
- 00:35:04 Governor Bullock
- 00:35:29 Mr. Tubbs

Public Comment

- 00:36:09 Viv Hammill, Montana University System Chief Legal Counsel
- 00:37:09 Margaret Morgan, Montana State Leaseholders Association
- 00:37:39 Governor Bullock
  
- 00:38:05 A motion to approve the updated, September 18, 2015, recommendation for item 916-7 was made by Ms. McCulloch. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fox.

Board Discussion/Comments

- 00:38:25 Ms. Lindeen
- 00:39:12 Governor Bullock
- 00:39:22 The motion to approve the updated, September 18, 2015, recommendation for item 916-7 carried unanimously.

**915-8 Easements**

- 00:39:38 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of item 915-8.
- 00:40:16 A motion to approve item 915-8 was made by Ms. Lindeen. The motion was seconded by Ms. McCulloch and carried unanimously.

- 00:41:03 Mr. Tubbs gave a status update on implementation of the Governor's [Executive Order 12-2015](#), which provides for the implementation of the Montana sage grouse conservation strategy.
- 00:42:17 Governor Bullock

**General Public Comment**

- 00:42:33 Mr. Knowles

**Adjournment**

- 00:52:35 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Steve Bullock  
Steve Bullock, Governor

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