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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
Monday, September 19, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 303
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
Monte Mason, DNRC Minerals Management Bureau Chief

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – Sign-in Sheet
Related Materials, Attachment 2 – Randall Knowls testimony

Call to Order

00:00:02 Governor Bullock called the meeting to order.
00:00:10 Ms. Juneau moved to approve the August 15, 2016, minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lindeen and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

916-1 Oil and Gas Lease Sale (September 7, 2016):

00:00:22 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:00:38 Governor Bullock

00:00:48 Mr. Fox moved to approve item 916-1. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lindeen.
Governor Bullock

Board Discussion/Comments

00:00:55 Ms. McCulloch
00:01:09 Mr. Tubbs
00:01:17 Mr. Mason
00:01:29 Ms. McCulloch
00:01:31 Governor Bullock
00:01:37 Mr. Mason

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00:01:45 Mr. Tubbs
00:01:50 Governor Bullock

00:01:55 The motion to approve item 916-1 carried unanimously.

916-2 Sale of Cabin and Home Sites: Final Approval for Sale

A. Sale 769

B. Sale 784

00:02:12 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:02:47 Governor Bullock

00:02:56 Ms. Lindeen moved to approve item 916-2. The motion was seconded by Ms. Juneau.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:03:07 Ms. McCulloch
00:03:22 Mr. Tubbs
00:03:45 Governor Bullock

00:03:51 The motion to approve item 916-2 carried unanimously.

916-3 Sale of Cabin and Home Site: Set Minimum Bid for Sale – Sale 817

00:03:59 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:04:20 Governor Bullock

00:04:35 Ms. McCulloch moved to approve item 916-3. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fox and carried unanimously.

916-4 Avalanche Irrigation District

00:04:57 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:05:39 Governor Bullock
00:05:49 Dennis Williams
00:06:57 Governor Bullock

00:07:14 Ms. Lindeen moved to approve item 916-4. The motion was seconded by Ms. McCulloch.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:07:25 Governor Bullock
00:07:40 Mr. Tubbs
00:08:20 Governor Bullock

00:08:32 The motion to approve item 916-4 carried unanimously.

916-5 Easements

00:08:43 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:09:03 Governor Bullock
00:09:11 Randall Knowles
00:10:17 Governor Bullock

00:10:24 Ms. McCulloch moved to approve item 916-5. The motion was seconded by Ms. Juneau and carried unanimously.

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Public Comment

00:10:53 Randall Knowles

Adjournment

00:13:54 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/
Steve Bullock, Governor

/s/
John E. Tubbs, DNRC Director

DRAFT

Public access to public lands is a fundamental part of what it means to be a Montanan. For the dollars that will be spent on the staff of the Proposed office of OUTDOOR RECREATION I feel confident that access could be purchased to thousands of acres of DNRC land. If access to 20 sections of the Dana Ranch can be purchased for less than \$500, imagine what could be purchased for \$30,000. Montana does not need another bureaucrat on the public dole. What Montana needs is more access. Access will increase the value of DNRC lands and the attractiveness of Montana to workers and employers. The easement request today by Mr. Shiels is a good example. Not only does Mr. Shiels need an easement but Nature Conservancy also needs or needed an easement. Reciprocal easements with each party, ^{who are adjoining neighbors} would provide additional access to thousands of acres of National Forest. This area, near Lincoln, Montana, is a prime elk hunting area. Much access to the National forest, in this area, has been lost due to purchases by out-of-staters who do NOT embrace Montana's heritage of public access to public lands. A very short easement through Mr. Shiels property opens up thousands of acres of National Forest. A majority of the public access battles in Montana have been championed by Montana sportsmen and women. On the PLWA web site there is a map of most of the access battles, about 25, some of which involved DNRC land – The assistance

from the state of Montana, BLM, or USFS is sadly absent. A great majority of the money, time, and energy for these battles has been private and perhaps it should be, BUT a little assistance, such as reciprocal easements, would be greatly appreciated by the voters. I am also saddened that representatives for the citizens of Montana are not present at the current Forest Service master plan meetings. If access is to be maintained or increased NOW is the time. Participation by representatives of DNRC, FWP, HWY, Tourism, and other agencies would be beneficial to the maintenance of Montana's heritage, access to public lands.

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| Hughes Creek Road | Mitchell Slough | Salmond Road |
| Boadle Road | German Gulch Road | Modesty Gulch Road |
| Perkins Gulch | Tenderfoot Road South Fork | Bullwhacker Road |
| Mabee Road | Swimming Woman Road | Sixteen Mile |
| Seyler Lance | Madison County Bridge | Old Yellowstone Trail South County Rd |
| | Lily Pad -LakeLodgepole Creek Road | |
| Jellison Road | Cherry Creek | Fiddle Creek Bridge |
| Bundy Bridge | Old Bozeman Military Road | Arrow Island |
| Alexander Road | State Section 20 | Scenic View Terry |

Randall Knudsen
 9-19-2016
 Great Falls, MT