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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
September 18, 2017, at 9:00 am
Supreme Court Chambers, Joseph P. Mazurek Building
215 North Sanders, 4th floor
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 Matthew Rosendale
Secretary of State Corey Stapleton
Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen

Members Absent

None

Testifying Staff

John Tubbs, DNRC Director
Darlene Edge, FWP Lands Program Manager
Vanna Boccadori, FWP Region 3 Wildlife Biologist
Bruce Whittenberg, MHS Director
Shawn Thomas, DNRC TLMD Administrator
Sonya Germann, DNRC TLMD Forest Management Bureau Chief

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet
Related Materials, Attachment 2 – Keogh Ranch Conservation Easement Amendment presentation
Related Materials, Attachment 3 – Stillwater-Lazy Swift map
Related Materials, Attachment 4 – 2017 Fire Season handout

Call to Order

00:00:00 Governor Bullock called the meeting to order.
00:00:09 Attorney General Fox moved to approve the August 21, 2017, minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale and carried unanimously.
00:00:18 Governor Bullock

Business Considered

0917-1 FWP: Keogh Ranch Conservation Easement Amendment

00:00:34 Mr. Tubbs
00:00:45 Ms. Edge gave an overview of the item.
00:05:36 Ms. Boccadori
00:10:38 Ms. Edge

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00:11:39 Governor Bullock

Public Comment

00:11:47 Mark Lambrecht, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Director of Government Affairs

00:12:27 Governor Bullock

00:12:42 Grant Godbolt

00:16:03 Governor Bullock

00:16:22 Diane Keogh-Fitzgerald

00:17:20 Governor Bullock

00:17:38 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0917-1. The motion was seconded by Governor Bullock.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:17:55 Commissioner Rosendale

00:18:45 Ms. Edge

00:18:59 Ms. Boccadori

00:19:00 Commissioner Rosendale

00:19:16 Ms. Boccadori

00:19:18 Commissioner Rosendale

00:19:31 Ms. Boccadori

00:19:41 Commissioner Rosendale

00:19:47 Ms. Boccadori

00:19:54 Commissioner Rosendale

00:19:56 Governor Bullock

00:20:00 Commissioner Rosendale

00:20:06 Governor Bullock

00:20:10 Commissioner Rosendale

00:20:23 Ms. Boccadori

00:20:25 Commissioner Rosendale

00:20:58 Ms. Boccadori

00:21:07 Ms. Edge

00:21:08 Commissioner Rosendale

00:21:26 Ms. Edge

00:21:28 Commissioner Rosendale

00:21:33 Ms. Edge

00:21:55 Commissioner Rosendale

00:22:08 Ms. Edge

00:22:30 Commissioner Rosendale

00:22:32 Ms. Edge

00:22:43 Commissioner Rosendale

00:23:11 Ms. Edge

00:23:15 Commissioner Rosendale

00:23:28 Ms. Edge

00:23:40 Commissioner Rosendale

00:23:55 Ms. Edge

00:23:57 Commissioner Rosendale

00:24:34 Ms. Edge

00:24:36 Commissioner Rosendale

00:25:16 Ms. Edge

00:25:31 Commissioner Rosendale

00:25:38 Ms. Edge

00:25:41 Commissioner Rosendale

00:25:42 Ms. Edge

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00:26:30 Commissioner Rosendale
00:26:48 Ms. Edge
00:26:54 Commissioner Rosendale
00:26:59 Ms. Edge
00:27:00 Commissioner Rosendale
00:27:02 Ms. Edge
00:27:08 Commissioner Rosendale
00:27:21 Ms. Edge
00:27:44 Commissioner Rosendale
00:28:08 Ms. Boccadori
00:28:34 Commissioner Rosendale
00:28:40 Governor Bullock
00:28:43 Attorney General Fox
00:29:20 Ms. Edge
00:29:38 Attorney General Fox
00:29:52 Ms. Edge
00:29:54 Attorney General Fox
00:30:05 Ms. Edge
00:30:08 Attorney General Fox
00:30:10 Ms. Edge
00:30:11 Attorney General Fox
00:30:24 Ms. Boccadori
00:30:55 Attorney General Fox
00:30:59 Governor Bullock
00:31:00 Secretary Stapleton
00:32:17 Ms. Edge
00:33:53 Secretary Stapleton
00:34:41 Ms. Keogh-Fitzgerald
00:34:44 Secretary Stapleton
00:34:48 Governor Bullock
00:34:51 Superintendent Arntzen
00:36:01 Ms. Edge
00:36:23 Superintendent Arntzen
00:36:51 Ms. Edge
00:37:34 Superintendent Arntzen
00:37:38 Governor Bullock
00:38:00 Ms. Keogh-Fitzgerald
00:38:08 Governor Bullock
00:39:00 Ms. Keogh-Fitzgerald
00:39:20 Governor Bullock
00:39:35 Ms. Keogh-Fitzgerald
00:40:11 Governor Bullock
00:40:15 Ms. Keogh-Fitzgerald
00:40:18 Governor Bullock
00:40:25 Ms. Edge
00:40:31 Governor Bullock
00:40:46 Cory Fitzgerald
00:43:16 Governor
00:43:26 Mr. Lambrecht
00:43:28 Governor Bullock
00:43:40 Mr. Lambrecht
00:43:50 Governor Bullock
00:44:02 Mr. Lambrecht

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00:44:16 Governor Bullock
00:44:24 Mr. Lambrecht
00:44:43 Governor Bullock
00:44:49 Mr. Lambrecht
00:45:08 Governor Bullock
00:45:11 Mr. Lambrecht
00:45:25 Governor Bullock
00:45:59 Mr. Lambrecht
00:46:00 Governor Bullock
00:46:08 Mr. Lambrecht
00:46:46 Governor Bullock
00:50:09 Commissioner Rosendale
00:55:18 Governor Bullock
00:55:30 The motion to approve item 0917-1 failed 2-3, Superintendent Arntzen, Commissioner Rosendale, and Secretary Stapleton dissenting.

0917-2 Montana Historical Society: West Farm Road

00:55:39 Mr. Tubbs
00:55:57 Mr. Whittenberg gave an overview of the item.
00:57:53 Governor Bullock
00:57:59 Secretary Stapleton moved to approve item 0917-2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale and carried unanimously.

0917-3 Timber Sales

A. Line Cub Limited Access

B. Ike-Wallace

C. Crater Mountain

D. Antice Knobs #2

00:58:37 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the items.
01:01:06 Governor Bullock

Public Comment

01:01:16 Bryan Lorengo, Montana Logging Association Safety Management Consultant

01:02:26 Governor Bullock
01:02:35 Attorney General Fox moved to approve items 0917-3A through 0917-3D. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale.

Board Discussion/Comments

01:02:45 Commissioner Rosendale
01:02:54 Mr. Tubbs
01:03:06 Governor Bullock
01:03:14 Commissioner Rosendale
01:03:44 Mr. Thomas
01:05:19 Commissioner Rosendale
01:05:27 Ms. Germann
01:05:53 Commissioner Rosendale
01:05:56 Governor Bullock

01:06:04 The motion to approve items 0917-3A through 0917-3D carried unanimously.

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0917-4 Oil and Gas Lease Sale: September 6, 2017

- 01:06:07 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
- 01:06:46 Governor Bullock
- 01:06:52 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0917-4. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

0917-5 Cabin and Home Sites: Set Minimum Bid for Sale

- 01:07:12 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
- 01:07:49 Governor Bullock
- 01:07:55 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0917-5. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale and carried unanimously.

0917-6 Land Banking Acquisition: Preliminary Approval for Purchase – EZ Farm

- 01:08:12 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
- 01:09:25 Governor Bullock
- 01:09:27 Mr. Tubbs
- 01:09:37 Governor Bullock
- 01:09:44 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0917-5. The motion was seconded by Governor Bullock.

Board Discussion/Comments

- 01:09:57 Commissioner Rosendale
- 01:12:18 Governor Bullock
- 01:12:30 Commissioner Rosendale
- 01:13:01 Governor Bullock
- 01:13:05 Secretary Stapleton
- 01:13:09 Governor Bullock

Public Comment

- 01:13:19 Gordon Smedsrud, Tiber Agency Real Estate, Inc.
- 01:14:54 Secretary Stapleton
- 01:15:01 Mr. Smedsrud

Board Discussion/Comments

- 01:15:23 Secretary Stapleton
- 01:15:37 Governor Bullock
- 01:15:41 Mr. Tubbs
- 01:15:45 Secretary Stapleton
- 01:15:50 Mr. Tubbs
- 01:16:38 Secretary Stapleton
- 01:16:55 Mr. Tubbs
- 01:17:16 Mr. Smedsrud
- 01:17:39 Attorney General Fox
- 01:18:34 Mr. Smedsrud
- 01:18:39 Attorney General Fox
- 01:19:21 Governor Bullock
- 01:19:25 Commissioner Rosendale
- 01:19:29 Governor Bullock
- 01:19:33 Commissioner Rosendale
- 01:19:52 Mr. Tubbs
- 01:20:01 Commissioner Rosendale
- 01:20:09 Mr. Tubbs
- 01:20:14 Mr. Thomas

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01:21:34 Superintendent Arntzen
01:22:08 Mr. Thomas
01:22:26 Superintendent Arntzen
01:22:27 Governor Bullock
01:22:31 Mr. Thomas
01:24:16 Governor Bullock
01:24:18 Commissioner Rosendale
01:24:28 Mr. Thomas
01:24:34 Governor Bullock
01:24:55 The motion to approve item 0917-6 failed 2-3, Superintendent Arntzen, Commissioner Rosendale, and Secretary Stapleton dissenting.

0917-7 Land Banking Acquisition: Final Approval for Purchase – Lazy Creek, Phases 1 & 2

01:25:00 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
01:25:18 Mr. Thomas
01:28:44 Governor Bullock

Public Comment

01:29:00 Dick Dolan, The Trust for Public Land Northern Rockies Director

01:30:24 Governor Bullock
01:30:31 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0917-7. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Fox.
01:30:42 Governor Bullock
01:31:00 The motion to approve item 0917-7 carried unanimously.

0917-8 Proposed Commercial Lease Agreement: Bright View Professional Center, Lot 3

01:31:03 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
01:31:48 Governor Bullock
01:31:54 Secretary Stapleton moved to approve item 0917-8. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale and carried unanimously.

0917-9A Easements: Regular Easements

01:32:21 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
01:32:41 Governor Bullock
01:32:49 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0917-9A. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

0917-9B Easements: Amendment to the Stillwater-Lazy Swift Easement Exchange

01:33:18 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
01:33:50 Governor Bullock
01:33:56 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0917-9B. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Fox and carried unanimously.

Informational Briefing: 2017 Fire Season

01:34:32 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the scope and costs of the 2017 fire season, the impact of fire activity to state trust lands, and the general process for identifying potential fire salvage timber sales.

01:39:58 Governor Bullock
01:39:59 Attorney General Fox
01:40:22 Governor Bullock
01:40:29 Attorney General Fox

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01:40:32 Governor Bullock

General Public Comment

01:42:39 Ben Paulsten

01:44:23 Governor Bullock

01:44:25 Mr. Tubbs

01:44:51 Governor Bullock

Adjournment

01:45:00 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/
Steve Bullock, Governor

/s/
John E. Tubbs, DNRC Director

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