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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
Monday, September 17, 2018 at 9:00 am
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 Matthew Rosendale
Secretary of State Corey Stapleton
Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen

Members Absent

None

Testifying Staff

John Tubbs, DNRC Director
Monte Mason, DNRC Minerals Management Bureau Chief
Shawn Thomas, DNRC Trust Lands Administrator

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet
Related Materials, Attachment 2 – Randall Knowles letter dated September 14, 2018

Call to Order

00:15:14 Governor Bullock called the meeting to order.
00:15:21 Attorney General Fox moved to approve the August 20, 2018, minutes. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

0918-1 Timber Sales

A. Bend Timber Sale
Benefits: Common Schools
Location: Sanders County

B. KM Ranch Fuels Reduction Project
Benefits: Public Buildings and MSU Morrill
Location: Flathead County

C. Skookum Creek Timber Salvage Sale
Benefits: Common Schools
Location: Sanders County

D. Upper Ewing OSR Timber Sale
Benefits: Common Schools
Location: Flathead County

00:15:45 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:18:20 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0918-1A-D. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale and carried unanimously.

0918-2 <u>Oil and Gas Lease Sale (September 5, 2018)</u>
Benefits: Common Schools
Location: Fallon, Richland, Teton and Toole counties
00:18:41 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:19:15 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0918-2. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.

<u>Board Discussion/Comments</u>
00:19:30 Governor Bullock
00:19:43 Mr. Mason
00:20:19 Governor Bullock

00:20:27 The motion to approve item 0918-2 carried unanimously.

0918-3 <u>Indemnity Selections: Final Approval Phase II</u>
Benefits: Common Schools
Location:Richland, Prairie, and Custer Counties
00:20:38 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:22:10 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0918-3. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Fox.

<u>Board Discussion/Comments</u>
00:22:24 Commissioner Rosendale
00:22:33 Mr. Tubbs
00:22:43 Mr. Thomas
00:23:33 Commissioner Rosendale
00:23:34 Mr. Thomas
00:23:39 Mr. Tubbs
00:24:27 Governor Bullock

00:24:55 The motion to approve item 0918-3 carried unanimously.

0918-4 <u>Land Donation: Final Approval for Stillwater Swift Creek Land Donation from Trust for Public Lands and funded by Bonneville Power Administration</u>
Benefits: Common Schools
Location:Flathead County
00:25:04 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:26:09 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0918-4. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.

<u>Board Discussion/Comments</u>
00:26:24 Governor Bullock

00:27:03 The motion to approve item 0918-4 carried unanimously.

0918-5 <u>Cabin and Home Sites: Set Minimum Bid for Sale</u>
<u>A. Flathead County</u>
Benefits: Common Schools, Montana Tech
Location:Flathead County

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00:27:10 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:27:44 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0918-5A. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Fox and carried unanimously.

B. Missoula County
Benefits: Montana Tech
Location: Missoula County
00:28:11 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:29:22 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0918-5B. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale.

Board Discussion/Comments
00:29:35 Governor Bullock
00:29:36 Secretary Stapleton
00:29:37 Governor Bullock
00:29:38 Secretary Stapleton
00:29:53 Mr. Tubbs
00:30:54 Governor Bullock

00:31:01 The motion to approve item 0918-5B carried unanimously.

0918-6 Easements
Benefits: Common Schools, Montana Tech, Public Land Trust and Pine Hills School
Location: Cascade, Chouteau, Musselshell, Pondera, Rosebud, Teton and Valley
00:31:10 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:32:11 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0918-6. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Fox and carried unanimously.

General Public Comment
None

Adjournment
00:33:08 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

/s/
Steve Bullock, Governor

ATTEST

/s/
John E. Tubbs, DNRC Director

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Related Materials
Attachment 1

SIGN-IN SHEET
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
September 17, 2018 at 9:00 am

NAME	AFFILIATION	E-MAIL	*Check to be added to the interested parties list.*
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RICHARD DOLAN	TPL		
Jerry Sorensen	Weyerhaeuser		
Nick Gerock	MWF		

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Related Materials
Attachement 2

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September 14, 2018

Montana Land Board
September 18th meeting
Helena, Montana

Dear Land Board Members and Mr. Chairman;

On July 20, 2015, at 10 minutes and 30 seconds into the Land Board meeting, the Consent Agreement in the matter of: Salmond Ranch Company, Inc., v. All Known Persons, et al., Cause No. DV-12-45, Mont. Ninth Judic. Distr. Ct., in Teton County was adopted by this board. Within that action item was the Land Board's promise to pursue a reciprocal easement between Montana DNRC and the Bureau of Land Management, aka BLM. To date DNRC has failed to keep this promise.

Many a politician has espoused their support of public land. I have learned to listen carefully to see if those same politicians [public servants] also mean Public Access to Public Land. To date not one politician has step forward to keep the promise made on July 20, 2015.

I assume that it is harder to gain the public trust than it is to diminish it. A giant step forward will be made by the public servant who keeps the promise made July 20, 2015 by starting the process to secure this reciprocal easement.

Sincerely,

Randy

Randall Knowles