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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
Monday, May 20, 2019 at 9:00 am
Supreme Court Chambers, Mazurek Justice Building
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

Shawn Thomas, DNRC Trust Lands Administrator
Dan Rogers, DNRC Forest Management Bureau Chief
Jessica Hoag, DNRC Property Management Section Supervisor

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

Call to Order

00:10:01 Governor Bullock called the meeting to order.
00:10:21 Attorney General Fox moved to approve the April 15, 2019, minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

- 0519-1 Timber Sales**
- A. Kozy Korner**
Benefits: Public Buildings, Pine Hills
Location Missoula County
 - B. Clear View North**
Benefits: Common Schools, MSU 2nd
Location: Missoula County
 - C. Swift Divide**
Benefits: Common Schools
Location: Flathead County
 - D. Lupfer Morrill**
Benefits: MSU Morrill, Public Buildings, State Normal School
Location: Flathead County

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E. Pipe Creek

Benefits: Common Schools

Location: Lincoln County

00:10:33 Mr. Thomas gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment

00:12:40 Governor Bullock

00:12:48 Randy Knowles, Great Falls resident

00:13:15 Governor Bullock

00:13:23 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0519-1A-E. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:13:33 Governor Bullock

00:13:36 Attorney General Fox

00:13:39 Mr. Thomas

00:14:09 Attorney General Fox

00:14:11 Governor Bullock

00:14:29 Mr. Thomas

00:15:14 Governor Bullock

00:15:16 Attorney General Fox

00:15:18 Governor Bullock

00:15:18 Attorney General Fox

00:15:42 Mr. Thomas

00:16:07 Governor Bullock

00:16:10 Superintendent Arntzen

00:16:10 Governor Bullock

00:16:11 Superintendent Arntzen

00:16:23 Mr. Thomas

00:16:31 Governor Bullock

00:16:33 Superintendent Arntzen

00:16:35 Mr. Rogers

00:17:13 Governor Bullock

00:17:20 The motion to approve item 0519-1A-E carried unanimously.

0519-2 Agriculture and Grazing Leases: Competitive Bid Hearings

A. Lease No. 5871 – Bret & Denise Conover (Lessee) /Ted McFarland (Bidder)

Benefits: Common Schools

Location: Yellowstone County

00:17:35 Mr. Thomas gave an overview of the item.

00:19:05 Secretary of State Stapleton moved to approve item 0519-2A. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

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B. Lease No. 6109 – Patrick Foster (Lessee) /Tempel Farm (Bidder)

Benefits: Common Schools

Location: Hill County

- 00:19:41 Mr. Thomas gave an overview of the item.
00:20:24 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0519-2B. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Fox and carried unanimously.

0519-3 Commercial Lease: Proposed Solar Development

Benefits: Pine Hills

Location: Beaverhead County

- 00:20:58 Mr. Thomas gave an overview of the item.
00:23:11 Governor Bullock
00:23:13 Mr. Thomas

Public Comment

- 00:24:47 Governor Bullock
00:24:59 Mr. Mike Maginley, Beaverhead County Commissioner
00:32:25 Governor Bullock
00:32:34 Mr. Jim Hagenbarth, Hagenbarth family and lessee
00:38:45 Governor Bullock
00:38:59 Brian Fadie, Clean Energy Program Director, Montana Environmental Information Center
00:41:01 Governor Bullock
00:41:10 Harold Hoem, Butte Resident
00:44:08 Governor Bullock
00:44:23 Myrna Carpita, Concerned Beaverhead County Citizen
00:44:29 Governor Bullock
00:44:33 Mrs. Carpita
00:52:27 Governor Bullock
00:52:40 James Carpita, Concerned Beaverhead County Citizen
00:53:45 Governor Bullock
00:53:56 Jared McKee, Clenera, LLC
00:55:37 Governor Bullock
00:53:37 Mr. McKee
00:55:44 Governor Bullock
00:55:57 Grace Marchesseault, Cottonwood Cattle Ranch Inc., Lessee
01:00:03 Governor Bullock
01:00:14 Cheryl Wallar, Resident
01:00:18 Governor Bullock
01:00:20 Ms. Wallar
01:00:24 Governor Bullock
01:00:28 Ms. Wallar
01:02:36 Governor Bullock
01:02:46 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association
01:04:41 Governor Bullock
01:04:47 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
01:05:37 Governor Bullock
01:05:48 Romeo Marchesseault, Lessee
01:06:58 Governor Bullock

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01:07:14 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0519-3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale.

Board Discussion/Comments

01:07:27 Governor Bullock
01:07:30 Attorney General Fox
01:08:15 Mr. McKee
01:08:26 Attorney General Fox
01:08:40 Mr. McKee
01:09:20 Attorney General Fox
01:09:22 Governor Bullock
01:09:23 Attorney General Fox
01:09:52 Mr. McKee
00:10:12 Attorney General Fox
01:10:14 Governor Bullock
01:10:14 Attorney General Fox
01:10:57 Mr. McKee
01:12:37 Attorney General Fox
01:12:38 Governor Bullock
01:12:50 Mr. McKee
01:12:51 Governor Bullock
01:12:54 Mr. McKee
01:12:55 Governor Bullock
01:13:01 Mr. McKee
01:13:06 Governor Bullock
01:13:06 Mr. McKee
01:13:17 Governor Bullock
01:13:28 Mr. McKee
01:13:29 Governor Bullock
01:13:34 Commissioner Rosendale
01:13:50 Mr. McKee
01:15:15 Commissioner Rosendale
01:15:17 Governor Bullock
01:15:17 Commissioner Rosendale
01:15:27 Mr. McKee
01:15:54 Commissioner Rosendale
01:15:58 Governor Bullock
01:15:58 Commissioner Rosendale
01:15:58 Governor Bullock
01:15:58 Mr. McKee
01:16:02 Governor Bullock
01:16:02 Mr. McKee
01:16:05 Commissioner Rosendale
01:16:28 Mr. Thomas
01:16:30 Commissioner Rosendale
01:16:35 Mr. Thomas
01:16:35 Commissioner Rosendale
01:16:39 Mr. Thomas
01:16:44 Commissioner Rosendale
01:16:49 Mr. Thomas
01:16:50 Commissioner Rosendale
01:17:00 Mr. Thomas
01:17:02 Commissioner Rosendale

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01:17:04 Governor Bullock
01:17:04 Commissioner Rosendale
01:17:38 Mr. Thomas
01:18:16 Commissioner Rosendale
01:18:44 Mr. Thomas
01:18:45 Commissioner Rosendale
01:18:58 Mr. Thomas
01:19:16 Commissioner Rosendale
01:19:32 Superintendent Arntzen
01:19:33 Governor Bullock
01:19:47 Mr. Thomas
01:19:56 Commissioner Rosendale
01:20:08 Mr. Thomas
01:20:15 Commissioner Rosendale
01:20:18 Mr. Thomas
01:20:23 Commissioner Rosendale
01:20:28 Mr. Thomas
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01:20:51 Commissioner Rosendale
01:20:52 Governor Bullock
01:21:02 Mrs. Jessica Hoag
01:21:10 Commissioner Rosendale
01:21:13 Mrs. Hoag
01:21:14 Commissioner Rosendale
01:21:17 Governor Bullock
01:21:18 Commissioner Rosendale
01:21:38 Mr. Thomas
01:21:51 Commissioner Rosendale
01:22:01 Mr. Thomas
01:22:03 Commissioner Rosendale
01:22:04 Governor Bullock
01:22:07 Superintendent Arntzen
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01:25:55 Mr. McKee
01:26:13 Superintendent Arntzen
01:26:15 Governor Bullock
01:26:18 Secretary of State Stapleton

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01:32:51 Governor Bullock
01:33:32 Mr. Thomas
01:34:15 Governor Bullock
01:34:17 Attorney General Fox
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01:41:40 Attorney General Fox
01:42:12 Governor Bullock
01:42:15 Superintendent Arntzen
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01:42:31 Mr. Thomas
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01:43:02 Mr. Thomas
01:43:19 Governor Bullock

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01:45:01 Governor Bullock
01:45:18 Superintendent Arntzen
01:45:35 Mr. Thomas
01:45:59 Superintendent Arntzen
01:46:00 Attorney General Fox
01:46:20 Superintendent Arntzen
01:46:25 Governor Bullock
01:46:25 Superintendent Arntzen
01:47:03 Governor Bullock
01:47:08 Superintendent Arntzen
01:47:08 Governor Bullock
01:47:15 Attorney General Fox
01:48:34 Governor Bullock
01:48:36 Commissioner Rosendale
01:49:32 Governor Bullock

01:52:32 The motion to approve item 0518-3 carried unanimously.

01:52:41 Governor Bullock, five-minute recess.

01:59:41 Governor Bullock, reconvenes

0519-4 Land Banking Parcels: Preliminary Approval for Sale
Benefits: Common Schools
Location: Custer and Rosebud Counties

02:00:02 Mr. Thomas gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment

02:01:13 Governor Bullock
02:01:18 Mr. Knowles

02:02:48 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0519-4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale and carried unanimously.

0519-5 Land Banking Parcels: Final Approval for Sale
Benefits: Common Schools, Public Buildings
Location: Teton County

02:03:13 Mr. Thomas gave an overview of the item.
02:03:54 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0519-5. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Stapleton and carried unanimously.

0519-6 Disclaimer of Interest: Ennis Public Park
Benefits: N/A
Location: Madison County

02:04:19 Mr. Thomas gave an overview of the item.
02:06:25 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0519-6. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

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0519-7 Easements

Benefits: Capitol Buildings, Common Schools, Public Land Trust – Navigable Rivers

Location: Broadwater, Chouteau, Gallatin, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Madison, Park, Phillips, Prairie Counties

02:06:54 Mr. Thomas gave an overview of the item.

02:08:01 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0519-7. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Stapleton and carried unanimously.

General Public Comment

02:08:28 Mr. Knowles

Adjournment

02:15:15 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Steve Bullock
Steve Bullock, Governor

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

