MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
March 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
Mazurek Justice Building, Supreme Court Chambers
Helena, MT

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Members Present
Governor Greg Gianforte
Attorney General Austin Knudsen
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Troy Downing
Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen
Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen

Members Absent
None

Testifying Staff
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director
Dan Rogers, DNRC Bureau Chief, Forest Management Bureau
Trevor Taylor, DNRC Bureau Chief, Minerals Management Bureau
Shawn Thomas, DNRC Division Administrator, Trust Lands Management Division

Attachments
Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

Call to Order
00:00:01 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.
00:00:09 Commissioner Downing moved to approve the February 16, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

0321-1  TIMBER SALES
A. HART CREEK
B. STRYKER BULL
00:00:34 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:00:47 Governor Gianforte
00:00:48 Mrs. Kaster
00:02:35 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment
00:02:47 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association
00:05:07 Governor Gianforte
00:05:20 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0321-1 A, B. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and carried unanimously.

**Board Discussion/Comments**

00:05:38 Superintendent Arntzen
00:06:30 Dan Rogers, DNRC Forestry Bureau Chief
00:09:34 Superintendent Arntzen
00:09:40 Mr. Rogers
00:10:35 Governor Gianforte
00:10:36 Superintendent Arntzen
00:10:37 Governor Gianforte
00:10:40 Commissioner Downing
00:11:03 Mr. Rogers
00:12:29 Commissioner Downing
00:12:32 Governor Gianforte

**0321-2 OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE (MARCH 2, 2021)**

00:12:51 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:13:38 Governor Gianforte

00:13:54 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0321-2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and carried unanimously.

**Board Discussion/Comments**

00:14:05 Commissioner Downing
00:14:39 Mrs. Kaster
00:15:09 Trevor Taylor, DNRC Minerals Management Bureau
00:16:53 Governor Gianforte
00:16:59 Mr. Taylor
00:17:10 Governor Gianforte
00:17:12 Commissioner Downing
00:17:14 Governor Gianforte
00:17:14 Commissioner Downing
00:17:53 Mr. Taylor
00:18:43 Commissioner Downing
00:18:46 Governor Gianforte
00:18:46 Commissioner Downing
00:19:01 Mr. Taylor
00:19:09 Commissioner Downing
00:19:10 Governor Gianforte
00:19:33 Mrs. Kaster
00:19:33 Governor Gianforte
00:19:35 Attorney General Knudsen
00:20:23 Governor Gianforte

**0321-3 LAND BANKING PARCELS: PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR SALE**

00:20:42 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:21:30 Governor Gianforte

00:21:40 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0321-3. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.
These abbreviated summary minutes and the audio recording will become the official adopted minutes at the next Land Board meeting when the board votes to officially approve them. Until then they are considered a draft.

**Board Discussion/Comments**
00:21:52 Commissioner Downing
00:22:06 Mrs. Kaster
00:22:15 Shawn Thomas, Division Administrator Trust Lands Management Division
00:23:05 Commissioner Downing
00:23:18 Mr. Thomas
00:23:33 Commissioner Downing
00:23:33 Mr. Thomas
00:23:37 Commissioner Downing
00:23:46 Mr. Thomas
00:24:03 Commissioner Downing
00:24:04 Governor Gianforte

**0321-4 CABIN AND HOME SITES: SET MINIMUM BID FOR SALE**
00:24:16 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:24:50 Governor Gianforte
00:25:02 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0321-4. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.

**Board Discussion/Comments**
00:25:15 Commissioner Downing
00:25:35 Mrs. Kaster
00:25:46 Mr. Thomas
00:27:22 Governor Gianforte
00:27:33 Mr. Thomas
00:28:02 Governor Gianforte
00:28:10 Commissioner Downing
00:29:09 Mr. Thomas
00:29:29 Governor Gianforte
00:29:37 Commissioner Downing
00:30:02 Mr. Thomas
00:30:47 Commissioner Downing
00:30:49 Governor Gianforte
00:30:52 The motion to approve item 0321-4 carried with a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Downing Opposed.

**0321-5 EASEMENTS**
00:31:08 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:32:34 Governor Gianforte
00:32:46 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0321-5. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and carried unanimously.

**Board Discussion/Comments**
00:32:55 Attorney General Knudsen
00:32:55 Governor Gianforte
00:32:56 Attorney General Knudsen
00:33:17 Mrs. Kaster
00:33:26  Mr. Thomas
00:33:56  Governor Gianforte
00:34:00  Commissioner Downing
00:34:16  Mr. Thomas
00:35:09  Commissioner Downing
00:35:11  Governor Gianforte

General Public Comment
None

Adjournment
00:35:55  Adjournment

PRESIDENT                     ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte             /s/ Amanda Kaster
Greg Gianforte, Governor      Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director
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