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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
September 20, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 303
Helena, MT

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Members Present

Governor Greg Gianforte
Attorney General Austin Knudsen
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Troy Downing (via zoom)
Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen
Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen

Members Absent

None

Testifying Staff

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director
Ryan Weiss, DNRC Bureau Chief, Real Estate Management Division

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

Call to Order

00:00:02 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.
00:00:12 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve the August 23, 2021, minutes. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

0921-1 TIMBER SALES: WEST COAL

00:00:31 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:02:06 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:02:19 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0921-1. The motion was seconded by Secretary Jacobsen and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

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0921-2 OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE: (SEPTEMBER 8, 2021)

00:02:53 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:04:01 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:04:13 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0921-2. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:04:26 Commissioner Downing
00:04:48 Governor Gianforte

0921-3 LAND DONATION: SPERRY GRADE

00:05:08 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:06:48 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:07:05 Superintendent Arntzen moved to approve item 0921-3.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:07:15 Governor Gianforte
00:07:16 Secretary Jacobsen
00:07:16 Commissioner Downing
00:07:22 Governor Gianforte
00:07:34 Attorney General Knudsen
00:07:45 Mrs. Kaster
00:07:52 Attorney General Knudsen
00:08:57 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Bureau Chief, Real Estate Management Division
00:09:39 Attorney General Knudsen
00:10:10 Mr. Weiss
00:10:54 Governor Gianforte
00:11:08 Mr. Weiss
00:11:09 Governor Gianforte
00:11:22 Mr. Weiss
00:11:35 Attorney General Knudsen
00:11:26 Governor Gianforte
00:11:26 Attorney General Knudsen
00:12:10 Mr. Weiss
00:12:25 Attorney General Knudsen
00:12:25 Governor Gianforte
00:12:40 Mr. Weiss
00:12:45 Governor Gianforte
00:13:00 Mr. Weiss
00:13:18 Governor Gianforte
00:13:54 Superintendent Arntzen
00:14:14 Mr. Weiss
00:14:23 Superintendent Arntzen
00:14:35 Mr. Weiss

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00:14:49 Superintendent Arntzen
00:14:51 Mr. Weiss
00:14:57 Superintendent Arntzen
00:14:58 Governor Gianforte

00:15:15 The motion to approve item 0921-3 carried unanimously.

0921-4 CABIN AND HOMESITE SALES: SET MINIMUM BID FOR SALE

00:15:11 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:15:49 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:16:03 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0921-4.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:16:16 Commissioner Downing
00:16:57 Governor Gianforte

00:17:16 The motion to approve item 0921-4 carried with a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Downing Opposed.

0921-5 EASEMENTS: STANDARD GRANT

00:17:27 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:18:22 Governor Gianforte
00:18:22 Mrs. Kaster
00:18:27 Governor Gianforte

00:18:37 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0921-5. The motion was seconded by Secretary Jacobsen and carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Board Discussion/Comments

None

General Public Comment

None

Adjournment

00:19:13 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

SIGN-IN SHEET
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