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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
November 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
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 Greg Gianforte
Attorney General Austin Knudsen (via zoom)
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Troy Downing (via zoom)
Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen (via zoom)
Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen

Members Absent

None

Testifying Staff

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director
Bill Schenk, FWP Lands Program Manager
Shawn Thomas, DNRC Administrator, Trust Lands Management Division
Dan Rogers, DNRC Bureau Chief, Forest Management Bureau

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

Call to Order

00:00:05 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.
00:00:31 Superintendent Arntzen moved to approve the October 18, 2021, minutes. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen and carried unanimously.

00:00:44 Commissioner Downing made a statement regarding his vote for the October Land Board agenda item 1021-5A,B opposed vote due to in his opinion lack of market influences. Although, Commissioner Downing does support and would have voted yes on item 1021-5B because these are vacant lots for sale and in his opinion these sales would have a true test of fair market forces.

00:01:22 Governor Gianforte
00:01:28 Mrs. Kaster
00:01:35 Governor Gianforte
00:01:38 Mrs. Kaster
00:01:42 Governor Gianforte
00:01:46 Mrs. Kaster
00:01:47 Governor Gianforte

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Business Considered

1121-1 DEPARTMENT OF FISH WILDLIFE & PARKS: PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR NEW BAD ROCK CANYON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

00:02:10 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:02:32 Bill Schenk, FWP Lands Program Manager
00:05:14 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

00:05:30 Paul Travis, Flathead Land Trust, Executive Director
00:07:43 Governor Gianforte
00:07:50 Steve Wright, Columbia Falls Aluminum, Environmental Manager
00:08:52 Governor Gianforte

00:09:01 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 1121-1.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:09:12 Governor Gianforte
00:09:13 Superintendent Arntzen
00:09:14 Attorney General Knudsen
00:09:16 Governor Gianforte
00:09:17 Superintendent Arntzen
00:09:52 Mr. Schenk
00:11:39 Superintendent Arntzen
00:12:02 Mr. Schenk
00:13:08 Governor Gianforte
00:13:17 Mr. Schenk
00:13:41 Governor Gianforte
00:13:47 Mr. Schenk
00:13:57 Governor Gianforte
00:14:54 Superintendent Arntzen
00:14:56 Governor Gianforte
00:15:02 Commissioner Downing
00:15:37 Governor Gianforte
00:15:40 Attorney General Knudsen
00:15:44 Governor Gianforte
00:15:45 Attorney General Knudsen
00:15:54 Governor Gianforte
00:15:54 Mr. Schenk
00:15:56 Attorney General Knudsen
00:16:34 Mr. Schenk
00:17:00 Governor Gianforte
00:17:02 Attorney General Knudsen
00:17:21 Governor Gianforte
00:17:24 Attorney General Knudsen
00:18:22 Mr. Wright
00:18:34 Attorney General Knudsen
00:18:38 Mr. Wright
00: 21:15 Governor Gianforte
00:21:19 Attorney General Knudsen
00:21:22 Governor Gianforte
00:21:37 Mr. Wright
00:21:58 Governor Gianforte

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00:22:10 The motion to approve item 1121-1 carried unanimously.

00:22:44 Superintendent Arntzen

00:23:21 Mrs. Kaster

00:23:24 Governor Gianforte

1121-2 TIMBER SALE: OLD PENNY

00:23:29 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:24:34 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:24:46 Superintendent Arntzen moved to approve item 1121-2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and carried unanimously .

Board Discussion/Comments

None

1121-3 EASEMENTS: STANDARD GRANT

00:25:22 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:26:02 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:26:16 Superintendent Arntzen moved to approve item 1121-3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

1121-4 INFORMATIONAL ITEM: 2021 STATE TRUST LANDS REPORT

00:26:55 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:27:13 Shawn Thomas, DNRC Administrator, Trust Lands Management Division

00:45:51 Governor Gianforte

00:45:57 Superintendent Arntzen

00:46:09 Mrs. Kaster

00:46:10 Superintendent Arntzen

00:47:25 Governor Gianforte

00:47:38 Superintendent Arntzen

00:47:40 Governor Gianforte

00:47:48 Superintendent Arntzen

00:48:03 Governor Gianforte

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1121-5 INFORMATIONAL ITEM: 2021 TRUST LANDS FIRE REPORT

00:48:08 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:48:28 Governor Gianforte
00:48:29 Dan Rogers, DNRC Bureau Chief, Forest Management Bureau
00:50:58 Governor Gianforte
00:51:15 Mr. Rogers
00:51:46 Governor Gianforte
00:51:48 Mr. Rogers
00:51:50 Governor Gianforte

General Public Comment

None

Adjournment

00:53:42 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

