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**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS**  
**December 13, 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  
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  
Trevor Taylor, DNRC Bureau Chief, Mineral Management Bureau  
Shawn Thomas, DNRC Administrator, Trust Lands Management Division

**Attachments**

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

**Call to Order**

00:00:05 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.  
00:00:29 Commissioner Downing moved to approve the November 15, 2021, minutes. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

**Business Considered**

**1221-1 TIMBER SALE: BURR HAMILTON**

00:00:50 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:01:52 Governor Gianforte

**Public Comment**

None

00:02:07 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 1221-1. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

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**Board Discussion/Comments**

None

**1221-2 OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE (December 7, 2021)**

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

00:03:29 Governor Gianforte

**Public Comment**

None

00:03:38 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 1221-2. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.

**Board Discussion/Comments**

00:03:45 Governor Gianforte

00:03:59 Mrs. Kaster

00:04:10 Trevor Taylor DNRC, Minerals Management Bureau Chief

00:04:56 Governor Gianforte

00:04:59 Mr. Taylor

00:05:03 Governor Gianforte

00:05:12 Commissioner Downing

00:05:13 Governor Gianforte

00:05:14 Commissioner Downing

00:05:33 Governor Gianforte

00:05:41 Superintendent Arntzen

00:05:52 Governor Gianforte

00:05:55 The motion to approve item 1221-2 carried unanimously.

**1221-3 CABIN AND HOME SITE: SET MINIMUM BID FOR SALE**

**A. FLATHEAD COUNTY**

**B. SANDERS COUNTY**

00:06:03 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:06:13 Governor Gianforte

00:06:16 Mrs. Kaster

00:07:00 Governor Gianforte

**Public Comment**

None

00:07:10 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 1221-3 A, B. The motion was seconded by Secretary Jacobsen.

**Board Discussion/Comments**

00:07:23 Commissioner Downing

00:09:02 Governor Gianforte

00:09:24 The motion to approve item 1221-3 A,B carried with a 4-1 vote Commissioner Downing opposed.

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**1221-4 CABIN AND HOME SITE: FINAL APPROVAL FOR SALE**

00:09:34 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:10:18 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:10:27 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 1221-4. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:10:38 The motion to approve item 1221-4 carried with a 4-1 vote Commissioner Downing opposed.

**1221-5 EASEMENTS**

00:10:46 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:11:26 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:11:35 Superintendent Arntzen moved to approve item 1221-5. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

**1221-6 BIENNIAL CABIN SITE LEASE RATE REVIEW: (OCTOBER 2019- OCTOBER 2021)**

00:11:56 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:13:04 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:13:13 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 1221-6. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:13:26 Commissioner Downing  
00:14:20 Governor Gianforte  
00:14:22 Superintendent Arntzen  
00:14:48 Shawn Thomas DNRC Administrator, Trust Lands Management Division  
00:14:58 Superintendent Arntzen  
00:15:20 Mr. Thomas  
00:16:40 Superintendent Arntzen

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00:17:10 Mr. Thomas  
00:17:23 Governor Gianforte  
00:17:46 Mr. Thomas  
00:17:52 Governor Gianforte  
00:17:56 Superintendent Arntzen  
00:18:15 Mr. Thomas  
00:18:22 Governor Gianforte

00:18:25 The motion to approve item 1221-6 carried unanimously.

**General Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

00:19:02 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte  
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster  
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

