MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
March 21, 2022, 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
- Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen
- Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen

Members Absent
None

Testifying Staff
- Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director
- Shawn Thomas, Trust Lands Division Administrator

Attachments
- Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

Call to Order
00:00:00 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.
00:00:13 Commissioner Downing moved to approve the February 22, 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen and carried unanimously.
00:00:26 Governor Gianforte
00:00:28 Commissioner Downing
00:00:29 Governor Gianforte

Business Considered

0322-1 MT Heritage Preservation & Development Commission: Stonewall Hall Donation
00:00:37 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:01:35 Elijah Allen, Director of the Montana Heritage Commission
00:06:08 Governor Gianforte
00:07:25 Mrs. Kaster
00:07:34 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment
00:07:46 Alison LeFever, Neal C LaFever Trust
00:10:25 Governor Gianforte
00:10:33 Representative Ken Walsh, House District 71
00:11:00 Governor Gianforte
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00:11:08 Justin Gatewood, Mayor, Virginia City
00:13:27 Governor Gianforte
00:13:34 Chere Jiusto, Executive Director, Preserve Montana
00:15:44 Governor Gianforte

00:16:05 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0322-1 MT Heritage Preservation & Development Commission: Stonewall Hall Donation. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen.

Board Discussion/Comments
00:16:17 Commissioner Downing
00:16:54 Governor Gianforte

00:17:00 The motion to approve item 0322-1 carried unanimously.

0322-2 Timber Sale: Libby Unit Office
00:17:16 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:18:30 Governor Gianforte
00:18:50 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0322-2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing.

Public Comment
None

Board Discussion/Comments
00:18:59 Superintendent Arntzen
00:19:10 Governor Gianforte
00:19:11 Mrs. Kaster
00:19:19 Shawn Thomas
00:19:56 Superintendent Arntzen
00:19:58 Governor Gianforte

00:20:07 The motion to approve item 0322-2 carried unanimously.

0322-3 Oil and Gas Lease Sale: March 1, 2022
00:20:16 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:21:23 Governor Gianforte
00:21:27 Mrs. Kaster
00:21:29 Governor Gianforte
00:21:36 Mrs. Kaster
00:21:37 Governor Gianforte
00:21:42 Mrs. Kaster
00:21:43 Governor Gianforte
00:21:54 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0322-3. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.
00:22:05 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment
None
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**Board Discussion/Comments**

00:22:10 Commissioner Downing
00:22:30 Governor Gianforte
00:22:32 Attorney General Knudsen

00:23:16 The motion to approve item 0322-3 carried unanimously.

**0322-4A,B  Cabin and Home Sites: Final Approval for Sale**
00:23:28 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:23:41 Governor Gianforte
00:23:42 Mrs. Kaster
00:24:43 Governor Gianforte

00:24:54 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0322-4A and 0322-4B. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.

**Public Comment**
None

**Board Discussion/Comments**

00:25:11 Commissioner Downing
00:25:54 Governor Gianforte
00:25:59 Commissioner Downing
00:26:00 Governor Gianforte

00:26:06 The motion to approve 0322-4A,B passed with a vote of 4-1, Commissioner Downing opposed.

**0322-5  Easements: Standard Grants**
00:26:11 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:26:52 Governor Gianforte
00:27:03 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0322-5. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen and carried unanimously.

**General Public Comment**
None

**Adjournment**
00:27:44 Adjournment

PRESIDENT ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte  /s/ Amanda Kaster
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