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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
August 15, 2022, 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
Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen
Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen

Members Absent

None

Testifying Staff

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director
Shawn Thomas, Trust Land Division Administrator

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

Call to Order

00:01:23 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.
00:01:36 Commissioner Downing moved to approve the July 2022, minutes. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

0822-1 DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS, PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR ADDITION TO MT.HAGGIN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

00:01:56 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:02:40 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

00:03:18 Mike Mueller, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
00:08:52 Governor Gianforte
00:09:01 Don Drake, Whitehall Resident
00:10:10 Governor Gianforte
00:10:19 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation
00:11:17 Governor Gianforte
00:11:26 Gary Ouldhouse, President Anaconda Sportsman's Club
00:12:01 Governor Gianforte

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- 00:12:09 Ann Jolliff, Montana Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
- 00:13:42 Governor Gianforte
- 00:13:48 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited
- 00:14:43 Governor Gianforte
- 00:14:52 Grant Godbolt, Jefferson Valley Sportsmen's Association
- 00:16:00 Governor Gianforte
- 00:16:08 Rich Day, Butte Resident
- 00:16:33 Governor Gianforte

- 00:16:46 Secretary if State Jacobsen moved to approve item 0822-1. The motion was seconded by Governor Gianforte.

Board Discussion/Comments

- 00:17:04 Attorney General Knudsen
- 00:17:17 Shawn Thomas, Trust Land Division Administrator
- 00:17:19 Attorney General Knudsen
- 00:17:43 Mr. Thomas
- 00:17:56 Mimi Wolok, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
- 00:19:23 Governor Gianforte
- 00:19:25 Attorney General Knudsen
- 00:20:03 Mrs. Wolok
- 00:21:01 Governor Gianforte
- 00:21:50 Commissioner Downing
- 00:22:38 Mrs. Wolok
- 00:23:30 Commissioner Downing
- 00:24:14 Mrs. Wolok
- 00:25:32 Governor Gianforte
- 00:25:38 Mrs. Wolok
- 00:26:00 Governor Gianforte
- 00:26:07 Mrs. Wolok
- 00:26:11 Governor Gianforte
- 00:26:14 Commissioner Downing
- 00:26:15 Governor Gianforte
- 00:26:24 Mrs. Wolok
- 00:26:38 Governor Gianforte
- 00:26:53 Mrs. Wolok
- 00:27:04 Governor Gianforte
- 00:27:10 Mrs. Wolok
- 00:27:11 Commissioner Downing
- 00:27:12 Governor Gianforte
- 00:27:13 Commissioner Downing
- 00:28:09 Governor Gianforte
- 00:29:33 Attorney General Knudsen
- 00:32:15 Governor Gianforte
- 00:32:19 Superintendent Arntzen
- 00:33:22 Governor Gianforte
- 00:33:26 Carl Hamming Planning Director Anaconda Deer Lodge County
- 00:33:30 Superintendent Arntzen
- 00:34:09 Mr. Hamming
- 00:35:35 Governor Gianforte
- 00:35:45 Mr. Hamming
- 00:35:48 Superintendent Arntzen
- 00:35:58 Mr. Hamming

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- 00:36:15 Governor Gianforte
00:37:57 Commissioner Downing
00:38:09 Governor Gianforte
00:38:27 Commissioner Downing
00:38:28 Governor Gianforte
00:38:32 Attorney General Knudsen
00:38:34 Governor Gianforte
00:38:41 Commissioner Downing moved to approve motion caveat of the 60-day period or written confirmation of the removal of the Right of 1st Removal.
00:38:58 Secretary of State Jacobsen seconded the motion.
- 00:39:00 Governor Gianforte
00:39:03 Attorney General Knudsen
00:39:46 Governor Gianforte clarifies that the motion is to amend the proposal in front of the board to include the conditions that the Right of 1st Removal be extinguished either through the 60-day notice or written confirmation from the holder of the Right of 1st Refusal
00:39:52 Commissioner Downing
00:39:53 Governor Gianforte
- 00:40:14 The amended motion to approve item 0822-1 carried unanimously.
- 00:40:29 Superintendent Arntzen
00:41:36 Governor Gianforte
00:41:50 Superintendent Arntzen
- 00:41:50 Governor Gianforte moved item 0822-1 which carried with a 3-2 vote with Attorney General Knudsen and Superintendent Arntzen opposing.

0822-2 TIMBER SALES: ASHLEY SCHOOLHOUSE

- 00:42:18 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:43:24 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

- 00:43:38 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0822-2. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.
00:43:45 The motion to approve item 0822-2 carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

- 00:43:57 Superintendent Arntzen

0822-3 CABIN AND HOME SITE: FINAL APPROVAL FOR SALE

- 00:44:03 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:44:51 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

- 00:45:01 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0822-3. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.

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Board Discussion/Comments

00:45:09 Commissioner Downing
00:45:28 Governor Gianforte

00:45:35 The motion to approve item 0822-3 carried unanimously.

0822-4 EASEMENTS: STANDARD GRANTS

00:45:39 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:46:17 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:46:24 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0822-4. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:46:39 The motion to approve item 0822-4 carried unanimously.

General Public Comment

None

Adjournment

00:47:04 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

