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**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS**  
**August 26, 2020, 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 Steve Bullock  
Attorney General Tim Fox (via phone)  
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Matthew Rosendale  
Secretary of State Corey Stapleton (via phone)  
Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen (via phone)

**Members Absent**

None

**Testifying Staff**

John Tubbs, DNRC Director  
Dan Rogers, DNRC Forest Management Bureau Chief  
Shawn Thomas, DNRC Trust Lands Division Administrator

**Attachments**

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

**Call to Order**

00:00:01 Governor Bullock called the meeting to order.

00:00:17 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve the July 20, 2020, minutes. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Stapleton and carried unanimously.

**Business Considered**

- 0820-1**    **Timber Sales**  
          **A. Camp Creek**  
          **B. Lower Woodward**  
          **C. Slow Burr**  
          **D. Swift Smith Excaline**  
          **E. White Lion**

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00:00:46 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:03:08 Governor Bullock

00:03:23 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0820-1 A, B, C, D, E. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:03:36 Commissioner Rosendale  
00:03:37 Governor Bullock  
00:03:37 Commissioner Rosendale  
00:04:04 Mr. Tubbs  
00:04:15 Commissioner Rosendale  
00:04:17 Dan Rogers, DNRC Forest Management Bureau Chief  
00:04:43 Commissioner Rosendale  
00:04:55 Mr. Rogers  
00:05:11 Commissioner Rosendale  
00:05:15 Governor Bullock

00:05:36 The motion to approve item 0820-1 A, B, C, D, E carried unanimously.

**0820-2 Non-Metalliferous Gypsum Lease Application: GCC Three Forks, LLC**

00:05:46 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:06:34 Governor Bullock

00:06:43 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0820-2. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Stapleton.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:07:01 Commissioner Rosendale  
00:07:02 Governor Bullock  
00:07:03 Commissioner Rosendale  
00:07:27 Mr. Tubbs  
00:07:30 Commissioner Rosendale  
00:07:31 Mr. Tubbs  
00:07:32 Commissioner Rosendale  
00:07:36 Mr. Tubbs  
00:07:38 Commissioner Rosendale  
00:07:42 Governor Bullock

00:07:51 The motion to approve item 0820-2 carried unanimously.

**0820-3 Land Banking Parcels: Final Approval for Sale**

**A. Heirmosa Ranch, LLC. Sale # 1062**

**B. Daniel Roark Sale # 1063**

**C. Fred & Gayle Stout Sale # 1064**

**D. Barr & Colleen Gustafson Sale # 1065**

**E. Gerald Lear Sale # 1066**

**F. Meissner Ranches, LLC. Sale # 1067**

**G. Hawks Angus, Inc. Sale # 1068,1069,1070**

**H. Diamond 4D, LLC. Sale # 1071**

- 00:08:08 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:09:03 Commissioner Rosendale  
00:09:03 Mr. Tubbs  
00:10:46 Governor Bullock
- 00:11:00 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0820-3 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Fox and carried unanimously.

**0820-4 Easement Package (Excluding Big Elk Easement)**

- 00:11:46 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:11:56 Governor Bullock  
00:11:57 Mr. Tubbs  
00:11:57 Governor Bullock  
00:12:00 Mr. Tubbs  
00:12:21 Governor Bullock

**Public Comment**

- 00:12:32 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation, Program and Partnership Director  
00:12:56 Governor Bullock  
00:12:58 Mr. Strange  
00:12:59 Governor Bullock
- 00:13:28 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0820-4 excluding Big Elk Easement. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Stapleton and carried unanimously.

**0820-4 Easement (Big Elk Easement Only)**

- 00:14:18 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.  
00:15:17 Governor Bullock

**Public Comment**

- 00:15:24 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation, Program and Partnership Director  
00:15:56 Governor Bullock  
00:17:03 Bill Avey, Helena Lewis and Clark Nation Forest, Forester Supervisor  
00:18:38 Governor Bullock  
00:18:46 Mac White, McFarland White Ranch  
00:19:42 Governor Bullock
- 00:20:02 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0820-4 Big Elk Easement Only. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Fox.

**Board Discussion/Comments**

- 00:20:22 Governor Bullock  
00:20:29 Attorney General Fox  
00:20:32 Governor Bullock  
00:20:33 Attorney General Fox  
00:21:00 Mr. Tubbs  
00:21:17 Attorney General Fox

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00:21:17 Mr. Tubbs  
00:21:26 Attorney General Fox  
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00:22:05 Attorney General Fox  
00:22:23 Governor Bullock  
00:22:26 Superintendent Arntzen  
00:22:33 Governor Bullock  
00:22:34 Superintendent Arntzen  
00:23:23 Governor Bullock  
00:23:23 Superintendent Arntzen  
00:23:24 Governor Bullock  
00:23:28 Mr. Avey  
00:25:27 Governor Bullock  
00:25:28 Mr. Tubbs  
00:25:37 Superintendent Arntzen  
00:25:54 Governor Bullock

00:26:34 The motion to approve item 0820-4 Big Elk Easement Only carried unanimously.

**0820-5 Elmo State Park- Rescind State Park Designation**

00:26:46 Mr. Tubb gave an overview of the item.  
00:28:15 Governor Bullock

00:28:27 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0820-5. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Fox and carried unanimously.

**General Public Comment**

00:29:13 Shawn Thomas, DNRC, Trust Lands Division Administrator  
00:29:50 Governor Bullock

**Adjournment**

00:30:16 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/  
Steve Bullock, Governor

/s/  
John E. Tubbs, DNRC Director

