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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
April 23, 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
Shauna Simpson, DNRC Land Board Secretary
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.
00:00:10 Commissioner Rosendale
00:00:11 Governor Bullock
00:00:30 Secretary of State Stapleton
00:00:32 Ms. Simpson
00:00:33 Superintendent Arntzen
00:00:34 Governor Bullock
00:00:46 Attorney General Fox
00:00:51 Mr. Tubbs
00:01:00 Governor Bullock
00:01:03 Ms. Simpson
00:01:16 Governor Bullock

00:01:21 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve the March 16, 2020, minutes. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Fox and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

0420-1 TIMBER SALES

- A. Garnet Creek**
- B. Gird Creek**
- C. South of Blanchard**

00:01:47 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:03:34 Governor Bullock

00:03:47 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0420-1 A, B, C. The motion was seconded Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

0420-2 COMMUNITIZATION AGREEMENT

- A. Elaine 34X-21BXC Well**
- B. Jacobson 7-41H Well**
- C. Pine 12-1 1H Well**
- D. Prewitt 21-25-4H Well**

00:04:24 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:05:43 Governor Bullock

00:05:55 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0420-2 A, B, C, D. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale. and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:06:07 Commissioner Rosendale
00:06:09 Governor Bullock
00:06:11 Commissioner Rosendale
00:06:40 Mr. Tubbs
00:06:47 Commissioner Rosendale
00:06:48 Mr. Tubbs
00:06:55 Commissioner Rosendale
00:06:56 Mr. Tubbs
00:07:28 Commissioner Rosendale
00:07:56 Mr. Tubbs
00:08:34 Governor Bullock

00:08:40 The motion to approve item 0420-2 A, B, C, D carried unanimously.

0420-3 NON-DISTURBANCE AGREEMENT: GB ENERGY PARK LLC

00:08:55 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:09:50 Governor Bullock

00:10:01 Secretary of State Stapleton moved to approve item 0420-3. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:10:09 Governor Bullock
00:10:12 Commissioner Rosendale
00:10:26 Governor Bullock

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00:10:37 The motion to approve item 0420-3 carried unanimously.

0420-4 LAND BANKING PARCELS: PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR SALE

- A. **Rosebud County**
- B. **Beaverhead County**
- C. **Fergus County**

00:11:04 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:12:26 Governor Bullock

00:12:39 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0420-4 A, B, C. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Stapleton and carried unanimously.

0420-5 CABIN AND HOME SITE SALES: PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR SALE

00:13:17 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:14:01 Governor Bullock

00:14:13 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0420-5. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:14:26 Governor Bullock

00:14:54 Attorney General Fox

00:14:56 Governor Bullock

00:14:58 Attorney General Fox

00:15:25 Governor Bullock

00:15:33 Commissioner Rosendale

00:15:40 Governor Bullock

00:15:47 The motion to approve item 0420-5 carried unanimously.

0420-6 COMMERCIAL LEASE: PROPOSED WIND DEVELOPMENT

00:15:57 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:17:07 Governor Bullock

00:17:08 Mr. Tubbs

00:17:10 Governor Bullock

Public Comment

00:17:20 Jess Melin, NextEra Energy Resources, Director

00:17:52 Governor Bullock

00:18:00 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0420-6. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Fox.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:18:08 Governor Bullock

00:18:10 Commissioner Rosendale

00:18:55 Mr. Tubbs

00:18:57 Governor Bullock

00:10:03 The motion to approve item 0420-6 carried unanimously.

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0420-7 EASEMENTS

A. Standard Grants

00:19:16 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:19:53 Governor Bullock

00:20:08 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0420-7 A. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Stapleton.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:20:20 Governor Bullock
00:20:21 Commissioner Rosendale
00:20:22 Governor Bullock
00:20:23 Commissioner Rosendale
00:20:44 Mr. Thomas, Division Administrator, Trust Lands
00:21:26 Commissioner Rosendale
00:21:26 Mr. Thomas
00:22:07 Commissioner Rosendale
00:22:40 Mr. Thomas
00:23:11 Commissioner Rosendale
00:23:13 Mr. Tubbs
00:23:24 Commissioner Rosendale
00:23:25 Mr. Tubbs
00:23:37 Governor Bullock

00:23:42 The motion to approve item 0420-7A carried unanimously.

0420-7 EASEMENTS

B. Acknowledgement of Pre-Existing Easement

00:24:01 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:24:33 Governor Bullock
00:24:36 Mr. Tubbs
00:25:02 Governor Bullock

00:25:13 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0420-7 B. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Stapleton and carried unanimously.

General Public Comment

00:25:52 Mr. Thomas
00:26:45 Governor Bullock

Adjournment

00:27:16 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/
Steve Bullock, Governor

/s/
John E. Tubbs, DNRC Director

