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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.

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**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  
Steve Bullock, Governor

/s/ John E. Tubbs  
John E. Tubbs, DNRC Director

**SIGN-IN SHEET**  
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**April 23, 2020 at 9:00 am**

NAME	AFFILIATION	E-MAIL	<i>Check to be added to the interested parties list.</i>
Carl Bergquist	Absent	carl@aksonhobby.com	
Jess Melin	NEER	jess.melin@neer.com	

Email [landboard@mt.gov](mailto:landboard@mt.gov) or indicate on this sign-in sheet if you would like to be placed on the Land Board interested parties list.

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