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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

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- 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. Tubbs 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
Steve Bullock, Governor

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

