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**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS**  
**December 21, 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  
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Matthew Rosendale (via phone)  
Secretary of State Corey Stapleton (via zoom)  
Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen (via phone)

**Members Absent**

None

**Testifying Staff**

John Tubbs, DNRC, Director  
Bill Schenk, FWP, Lands Program Manager  
Shawn Thomas, DNRC, Trust Lands Division Administrator

**Attachments**

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

**Call to Order**

00:00:03 Governor Bullock called the meeting to order.  
00:00:31 Attorney General Fox moved to approve the November 16, 2020, minutes. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

**Business Considered**

**1220-1 DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS, PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR NEW MONTEBELLO FISHING ACCESS SITE:**

00:01:05 Mr. Tubbs  
00:01:08 Governor Bullock  
00:01:14 Bill Schenk, FWP, gave an overview of the item.  
00:04:24 Governor Bullock  
00:04:32 Mr. Schenk  
00:04:43 Governor Bullock  
00:04:43 Mr. Schenk  
00:04:51 Governor Bullock

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Public Comment

00:05:03 Mitch King, Montana Outdoor Legacy Foundation, Executive Director  
00:05:23 Governor Bullock

00:05:30 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 1220-1.  
00:05:34 Governor Bullock  
00:05:37 Commissioner Rosendale  
00:05:38 Governor Bullock

Board Discussion/Comments

00:05:41 Attorney General Fox  
00:05:42 Governor Bullock  
00:05:42 Attorney General Fox  
00:06:06 Governor Bullock  
00:06:11 Superintendent Arntzen  
00:06:49 Governor Bullock  
00:06:53 Mr. Schenk  
00:07:25 Superintendent Arntzen  
00:07:29 Governor Bullock  
00:07:35 Mr. Schenk  
00:08:19 Governor Bullock  
00:08:21 Attorney General Fox  
00:08:23 Governor Bullock  
00:08:31 Mr. Schenk  
00:08:32 Governor Bullock  
00:08:34 Mr. Schenk  
00:08:36 Attorney General Fox  
00:08:39 Governor Bullock

00:09:05 The motion to approve item 1220-1 carried unanimously.

**1220-2 DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS, PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR NEW SOMERS BEACH STATE PARK:**

00:09:29 Mr. Schenk gave an overview of the item.  
00:14:08 Governor Bullock

Public Comment

00:14:18 Andrea Sliter - Goudge, Representing the Sliter Family  
00:16:18 Governor Bullock

00:16:35 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 1220-2. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:16:49 Attorney General Fox  
00:17:25 Superintendent Arntzen  
00:18:27 Governor Bullock  
00:18:38 Mrs. Sliter- Goudge  
00:19:03 Governor Bullock  
00:19:04 Mrs. Sliter- Goudge  
00:19:15 Governor Bullock

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**1220-3 OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE: (DECEMBER 1, 2020)**

00:20:15 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:20:58 Governor Bullock

00:21:11 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 1220-3. The motion was seconded by and Secretary Stapleton and carried unanimously.

**1220-4 LAND BANKING PARCELS: SET MINIMUM BID FOR SALE**

**A. ROSEBUD COUNTY**

**B. FERGUS COUNTY**

00:21:52 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:22:50 Governor Bullock

00:23:02 Secretary Stapleton moved to approve item 1220-4 A,B. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale and carried unanimously.

**1220-5 LAND BANKING PARCELS: FINAL APPROVAL FOR SALE**

00:23:39 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:24:19 Governor Bullock

00:24:38 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 1220-5. The motion was seconded by Secretary Stapleton and carried unanimously.

**1220-6 CABIN AND HOME SITES: FINAL APPROVAL FOR SALE**

**A. POWELL COUNTY**

**B. SANDERS COUNTY**

00:25:09 Mr. Tubbs

00:25:14 Governor Bullock

00:25:16 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:25:47 Governor Bullock

**Public Comment**

00:25:54 Mr. Tubbs

00:26:18 Governor Bullock

00:26:45 Attorney General Fox

00:26:47 Governor Bullock

00:26:50 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item. The motion was seconded by Secretary Stapleton and carried unanimously.

**1220-7 EASEMENTS: STANDARD GRANT**

00:27:25 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:27:46 Governor Bullock

00:27:57 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 1220-7. The motion was seconded by Secretary Stapleton and carried unanimously.

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**1220-8 RECIPROCAL ACCESS AGREEMENT – SPP#2**

00:28:29 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:29:20 Governor Bullock

00:29:29 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 1220-8. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale and carried unanimously.

**Board Discussion/Comments**

00:29:48 Governor Bullock

**1220-9 COMMERCIAL LEASE: PROPOSED WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT**

00:30:20 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:31:01 Governor Bullock

00:31:15 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 1220-9. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale and carried unanimously.

**1220-10 INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT PLAN FIVE – YEAR REPORT**

00:31:49 Mr. Tubbs

00:32:11 Shawn Thomas, DNRC, Trust Lands Division Administrator gave an overview of the item.

**Board Discussion/Comments**

00:35:35 Governor Bullock

00:35:43 Secretary Stapleton

00:35:45 Governor Bullock

00:35:47 Secretary Stapleton

00:36:17 Mr. Thomas

00:36:48 Mr. Tubbs

00:36:55 Mr. Thomas

00:37:28 Secretary Stapleton

00:38:47 Mr. Thomas

**General Public Comment**

00:39:43 Jennifer Anders, Governor Bullock Staffer

00:40:55 Governor Bullock

00:41:02 Melissa Schlichting, DOJ, Attorney General Staffer

00:41:06 Governor Bullock

00:41:10 Ms. Schlichting

00:41:56 Governor Bullock

00:41:57 Attorney General Fox

00:41:57 Governor Bullock

00:42:00 Attorney General

00:43:25 Governor Bullock

00:43:29 Mr. Thomas

00:47:35 Attorney General Fox

00:47:36 Governor Bullock

00:47:40 Mr. Schenk

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00:48:23 Governor Bullock  
00:48:23 Attorney General Fox  
00:48:28 Patrick Beddow, OPI, Superintendent Staffer  
00:49:23 Governor Bullock  
00:49:25 Mr. Tubbs  
00:49:36 Governor Bullock  
00:49:36 Mr. Tubbs  
00:50:37 Governor Bullock

**Adjournment**

00:57:23 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Steve Bullock  
Steve Bullock, Governor

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

