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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
April 19, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
Mazurek Justice Building, Supreme Court Chambers
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 Greg Gianforte
Attorney General Austin Knudsen
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Troy Downing
Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen
Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen (via zoom)

Members Absent

None

Testifying Staff

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director
Dan Rogers Bureau Chief, Forest Management Bureau
Shawn Thomas Division Administrator, Trust Lands Management Division
Lisa Axline Right of Way Section Supervisor, Real-estate Management Bureau
Trevor Taylor Bureau Chief, Minerals Management Bureau

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

Call to Order

00:00:01 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.
00:00:13 Commissioner Downing moved to approve the March 15, 2021, minutes. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

0421-1 TIMBER SALES:

A. Bottom Wood

B. Pearson Patch

C. Tongue Tyed Contract Harvest

00:00:32 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:03:24 Governor Gianforte

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00:03:39 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0421-1 A, B, C. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:03:54 Commissioner Downing
00:04:32 Mrs. Kaster
00:04:51 Dan Rogers, Bureau Chief Forest Management Bureau
00:06:28 Governor Gianforte
00:06:38 Mrs. Kaster
00:06:39 Governor Gianforte
00:07:02 Mrs. Kaster
00:07:03 Governor Gianforte
00:07:04 Commissioner Downing
00:07:16 Mr. Rogers
00:07:24 Governor Gianforte
00:07:26 Commissioner Downing
00:07:26 Governor Gianforte

0421-2 CABIN AND HOME SITE SALES: SET MINIMUM BID FOR SALE
Flathead County

00:07:41 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:08:16 Governor Gianforte

00:08:30 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0421-2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:08:40 Commissioner Downing
00:09:00 Mrs. Kaster
00:09:11 Shawn Thomas, Division Administrator, Trust Lands Management Division
00:09:33 Commissioner Downing
00:09:47 Mr. Thomas
00:09:56 Commissioner Downing
00:09:58 Governor Gianforte
00:10:00 Mr. Thomas
00:10:02 Governor Gianforte

0421-3 LAND BANKING PARCELS: SET MINIMUM BID FOR SALE
Beaverhead County

00:10:16 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:11:00 Governor Gianforte

00:11:08 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0421-3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and carried unanimously.

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0421-4 LAND BANKING PARCELS: FINAL APPROVAL FOR SALE

A. Rosebud County

B. Fergus County

00:11:39 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:13:24 Governor Gianforte

00:13:35 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0421-4 A, B. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:13:52 Secretary of State Jacobsen

00:14:08 Mrs. Kaster

00:14:20 Mr. Thomas

00:14:45 Governor Gianforte

00:14:46 Secretary of State Jacobsen

00:14:54 Mr. Thomas

00:15:03 Governor Gianforte

00:15:04 Mr. Thomas

00:15:16 Lisa Axline, Rights of Way Section Supervisor, Real-estate Management Bureau

00:15:47 Governor Gianforte

00:15:50 Mrs. Axline

00:16:00 Governor Gianforte

0421-5 EASEMENTS: STANDARD GRANT

00:16:17 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:17:24 Governor Gianforte

00:17:34 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0421-5. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and carried unanimously.

0421-6 RECIPROCAL ACCESS AGREEMENTS

A. Cook Creek (Rodney Green and Cook Creek LLC)

B. Alkali Creek (Dr. Morledge Family LLC and Morledge Alkali Creek LLC)

00:18:07 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:19:06 Governor Gianforte

00:19:19 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0421-6 A, B. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and carried unanimously.

0421-7 MINERALS MANAGEMENT RULE MAKING: RULES GOVERNING THE ISSUANCE OF OIL AND GAS LEASES ON STATE LANDS

00:19:47 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:20:27 Governor Gianforte

00:20:35 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0421-7. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen and carried unanimously.

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Board Discussion/Comments

00:20:45 Governor Gianforte
00:20:58 Attorney General Knudsen
00:21:17 Mrs. Kaster
00:21:30 Trevor Taylor, Minerals Management Bureau Chief
00:22:23 Attorney General Knudsen
00:22:30 Mr. Taylor
00:22:36 Attorney General Knudsen
00:22:39 Governor Gianforte
00:22:42 Mr. Taylor
00:22:43 Governor Gianforte
00:22:45 Mr. Taylor
00:22:56 Governor Gianforte
00:22:59 Commissioner Downing
00:23:08 Mrs. Kaster
00:23:09 Governor Gianforte

General Public Comment

None

Adjournment

00:23:45 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

