

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
March 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
Mazurek Justice Building, Supreme Court Chambers
Helena, MT

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Members Present

Governor Greg Gianforte
Attorney General Austin Knudsen
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Troy Downing
Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen

Members Absent

Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen

Testifying Staff

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

Attachments

None

Call to Order

00:00:05 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.
00:00:26 Secretary of State Jacobsen moved to approve the February 2023, minutes. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

0323-1 Timber Sales:
A. Brown's Ranch
B. Cripple Horse 12
C. Lower McKillop
D. Pasture Draw
E. Top Secret

00:00:42 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:00:50 Governor Gianforte
00:00:51 Mrs. Kaster
00:05:28 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:05:39 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0323-1A-E. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:05:47 The motion to approve item 0323-1A-E carried unanimously.

0323-2 Communitization Agreement: George #2H, Belinda #3H, and Jeri #4H

00:05:58 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:06:50 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:07:00 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0323-2. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:07:08 The motion to approve item 0323-2 carried unanimously.

0323-3 Oil and Gas Lease Sale (March 7, 2023):

00:07:20 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:07:56 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:08:05 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0323-3. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:08:10 The motion to approve item 0323-3 carried unanimously.

0323-4 Cabin and Home Site: Set Minimum Bid for Sale

00:08:24 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:08:48 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:08:56 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0323-4. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:09:14 The motion to approve item 0323-4 carried with a 3-1 vote with Commissioner Downing opposes.

0323-5 Cabin and Home Sites: Final Approval for Sale

A. Missoula County

B. Big Horn County

00:09:18 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:09:26 Governor Gianforte

00:09:27 Mrs. Kaster

00:10:39 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:10:51 Secretary of State Jacobsen moved to approve item 0323-5A&B. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:11:10 The motion to approve item 0323-5A&B carried with a 3-1 vote with Commissioner Downing opposes.

0323-6 Land Use License: Flathead County

00:11:15 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:11:38 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:11:47 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0323-6. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:12:06 The motion to approve item 0323-6 carried unanimously.

0323-7 Easements: Standard Grants

00:12:10 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:12:43 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:13:27 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0323-7. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:12:58 The motion to approve item 0323-7 carried unanimously.

These abbreviated summary minutes and the audio recording will become the official adopted minutes at the next Land Board meeting when the board votes to officially approve them. Until then they are considered a draft.

General Public Comment

None

Adjournment

00:13:40 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director