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**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS**  
**April 17, 2023, 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

**Members Absent**

None

**Testifying Staff**

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director  
Shawn Thomas, DNRC Forestry and Trust Land Administrator

**Attachments**

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

**Call to Order**

00:00:02 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.  
00:00:23 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve the March 2023, minutes. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen and carried unanimously.

**Business Considered**

**0423-1 Gas Storage Lease: WBI Energy Transmission, INC.**

00:00:40 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:01:47 Governor Gianforte  
  
00:02:00 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0423-1. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.

**Public Comment**

None

**Board Discussion/Comments**

None

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00:02:17 The motion to approve item 0423-1 was carried unanimously.

**0423-2 Land Use Lease: Park and Yellowstone Counties**

00:02:20 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:02:44 Governor Gianforte

00:02:56 Secretary of State Jacobsen moved to approve item 0423-2. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen.

**Public Comment**

None

**Board Discussion/Comments**

None

00:03:05 The motion to approve item 0423-2 was carried unanimously.

**0423-3 Commercial Lease Agreement: Gallatin County**

00:03:16 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:04:50 Governor Gianforte

00:05:04 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0423-3. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.

**Public Comment**

None

**Board Discussion/Comments**

00:05:10 Governor Gianforte

00:05:14 Commissioner Downing

00:05:16 Governor Gianforte

00:05:18 Commissioner Downing

00:05:47 Governor Gianforte

00:06:15 Attorney General Knudsen

00:06:20 Governor Gianforte

00:06:24 Mr. Thomas

00:06:31 Attorney General Knudsen

00:07:04 Mr. Thomas

00:08:06 Attorney General Knudsen

00:08:08 Governor Gianforte

00:08:09 Mr. Thomas

00:08:39 Governor Gianforte

00:08:42 Superintendent Arntzen

00:09:09 Mr. Thomas

00:09:49 Superintendent Arntzen

00:09:50 Governor Gianforte

00:09:51 Superintendent Arntzen

00:10:00 Mr. Thomas

00:10:08 Superintendent Arntzen

00:10:09 Governor Gianforte

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00:10:17 The motion to approve item 0423-3 carried unanimously.

**0423-4 Easements: Standard Grants**

00:10:31 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:11:01 Governor Gianforte

00:11:10 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0423-4. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.

Public Comment

None

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:11:15 The motion to approve item 0423-4 was carried unanimously.

General Public Comment

None

Adjournment

00:11:54 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/

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Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/

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Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

