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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
June 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
Mazurek Justice Building, Supreme Court Chambers
Helena, MT

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Members Present

Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras
Attorney General Austin Knudsen
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Troy Downing
Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen
Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen

Members Absent

Governor Greg Gianforte

Testifying Staff

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director
Trevor Taylor, Minerals Management Bureau Chief

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

Call to Order

00:00:02 Lieutenant Governor Juras called the meeting to order.
00:00:28 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve the May 2023, minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

0623-1 DEQ: Land Acquisition – Belt Acid Mine Drainage Water Treatment Facility

00:00:45 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:01:47 Lieutenant Governor Juras

Public Comment

None

00:02:05 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0623-1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:02:11 Lieutenant Governor Juras
00:02:19 Attorney General Knudsen
00:02:44 Lieutenant Governor Juras
00:02:48 Bob Flesher, DEQ, Environmental Project Officer

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00:03:13 Attorney General Knudsen
00:03:14 Lieutenant Governor Juras
00:03:15 Attorney General Knudsen
00:03:17 Lieutenant Governor Juras
00:03:24 Superintendent Arntzen

00:03:37 Lieutenant Governor Juras, the motion to approve item 0623-1 passes unanimously.

00:03:43 Superintendent Arntzen
00:03:44 Lieutenant Governor Juras
00:03:45 Superintendent Arntzen
00:03:47 Lieutenant Governor Juras
00:03:48 Superintendent Arntzen

0623-2 Timer Sales:

A. Sand Coulee

B. Windy Woods

00:04:50 Mrs. Kaster
00:05:00 Lieutenant Governor Juras
00:05:03 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:06:21 Lieutenant Governor Juras

Public Comment

None

00:06:37 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0623-2A&B. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:06:47 Lieutenant Governor Juras
00:07:15 Superintendent Arntzen
00:07:27 Lieutenant Governor Juras
00:07:36 Superintendent Arntzen
00:07:38 Lieutenant Governor Juras
00:07:42 Secretary of State Jacobsen
00:07:48 Lieutenant Governor Juras
00:08:18 Attorney General Knudsen
00:08:57 Lieutenant Governor Juras

00:09:16 Lieutenant Governor Juras, the motion to approve item 0623-2A&B passes unanimously.

0623-3 Oil and Gas Lease Sale: (June 6, 2023)

00:09:19 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:10:03 Lieutenant Governor Juras

Public Comment

None

00:10:17 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0623-3. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen.

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Board Discussion/Comments

00:10:26 Lieutenant Governor Juras
00:10:35 Commissioner Downing
00:11:02 Mrs. Kaster
00:11:15 Mr. Taylor
00:11:53 Commissioner Downing
00:12:00 Mr. Taylor
00:12:03 Attorney General Knudsen

00:12:32 Lieutenant Governor Juras the motion to approve item 0623-3 passes unanimously.

0623-4 Cabin and Home Site Sales: Final Approval for Sale

00:12:52 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:13:39 Lieutenant Governor Juras

Public Comment

None

00:13:55 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0623-4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:14:05 Lieutenant Governor Juras
00:14:12 Commissioner Downing
00:14:32 Lieutenant Governor Juras

00:14:50 Lieutenant Governor Juras, the motion to approve item 0623-4 passes unanimously.

0623-5 Easements: Standard Grants

00:14:55 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:15:24 Lieutenant Governor Juras

Public Comment

None

00:15:38 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0623-5. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:15:50 Lieutenant Governor Juras, the motion to approve item 0623-5 passes unanimously.

0623-6 Land Use Licenses: Yellowstone and Ravalli Counties

00:16:12 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:16:46 Lieutenant Governor Juras

Public Comment

None

00:17:00 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0623-6. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.

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Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:03:37 Lieutenant Governor Juras, the motion to approve item 0623-1 passes unanimously.

0623-7 DNRC and BOARD of LAND COMMISSIONERS DEFENDANTS ON MISSOURI RIVER OWNERSHIP LITIGATION

00:17:28 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:18:12 Lieutenant Governor Juras

Public Comment

None

00:18:27 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0623-7. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:18:51 Lieutenant Governor Juras

00:18:56 Attorney General Knudsen, disclosure to vote.

00:19:19 Lieutenant Governor Juras, the motion to approve item 0623-7 passes with a 4-0.

General Public Comment

00:20:15 Lieutenant Governor Juras

00:20:41 Keith Ingram

00:28:46 Attorney General Knudsen

00:28:51 Keith Ingram

00:28:52 Attorney General Knudsen

00:29:49 Keith Ingram

00:32:16 Attorney General Knudsen

00:32:21 Keith Ingram

00:32:22 Lieutenant Governor Juras

00:33:14 Keith Ingram

00:33:19 Lieutenant Governor Juras

00:33:20 Keith Ingram

00:33:24 Attorney General Knudsen

00:33:25 Keith Ingram

00:33:26 Lieutenant Governor Juras

Adjournment

00:33:51 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/

Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor

/s/

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

SIGN-IN SHEET
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
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NAME	AFFILIATION	E-MAIL	<i>Check to be added to the interested parties list.</i>
Jeff Schmalenberg	DNRC	JSchmalenberg@mt.gov	
Jon Morgan	DEQ	JMorgan3@mt.gov	

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