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**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS  
July 17, at 9:00 a.m.  
Supreme Court Chambers, Mazurek Justice Building  
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, Administrator/State Forester

**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 June 19, 2023, minutes. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen and carried unanimously.

**Business Considered**

**0723-1A, B Timber Sales  
A. Coyote Green Doe  
B. Twin J**

00:00:32 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:00:42 Governor Gianforte  
00:00:43 Director Kaster  
00:01:44 Governor Gianforte

**Public Comment**

None

00:01:58 Secretary of State Jacobsen moved to approve item 0723-1A, B. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen.

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Board Discussion/Comments

00:02:08 Governor Gianforte  
00:02:13 Director Kaster  
00:02:20 Governor Gianforte

00:02:30 The motion to approve item 0723-1A, B carried unanimously.

**0723-2A, B Land Banking Parcel: Preliminary Approval for Sale**

**A. Gallatin County**

**B. Ravalli County**

00:02:35 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:02:46 Governor Gianforte  
00:02:47 Director Kaster  
00:03:35 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:03:47 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0723-2A, B. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

**0723-3A, B, C Cabin & Home Sites: Set Minimum Bid for Sale**

**A. Blaine County**

**B. Chouteau County**

**C. Judith Basin County**

00:04:13 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:04:22 Governor Gianforte  
00:04:23 Director Kaster

Public Comment

None

00:05:40 Secretary of State Jacobsen moved to approve item 0723-3A, B, & C. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:05:48 Commissioner Downing  
00:06:10 Director Kaster  
00:06:19 Governor Gianforte  
00:06:23 Shawn Thomas, Administrator/State Forester  
00:07:28 Commissioner Downing  
00:08:07 Governor Gianforte  
00:08:10 Attorney General Knudsen  
00:08:11 Governor Gianforte  
00:08:12 Attorney General Knudsen

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00:08:27 Mr. Thomas  
00:08:38 Governor Gianforte  
00:08:45 Mr. Thomas  
00:09:00 Governor Gianforte  
00:09:16 Mr. Thomas  
00:10:27 Governor Gianforte

00:10:51 The motion to approve item 0723-3A, B, & C carried with a vote of 4-1. Commissioner Downing opposed.

**0723-4 Cabin & Home Sites: Final Approval for Sale**

00:11:01 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:11:35 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:11:45 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0723-4. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:10:51 The motion to approve item 0723-4 carried with a vote of 4-1. Commissioner Downing opposed.

**0723-5 Easements**

00:12:03 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:12:41 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:12:49 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0723-5. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:13:00 Commissioner Downing  
00:13:15 Governor Gianforte  
00:13:22 Mr. Thomas  
00:13:56 Commissioner Downing  
00:13:59 Governor Gianforte

00:02:30 The motion to approve item 0723-5 carried unanimously.

**0723-6 Land Use License**

00:14:12 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:14:41 Governor Gianforte

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Public Comment

None

00:14:50 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0723-6. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

**0723-7 Real Estate Management Bureau Amending Administrative Rule**

00:15:07 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:16:00 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:16:08 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0723-7. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:16:18 Superintendent Arntzen

00:16:48 Governor Gianforte

00:16:49 Director Kaster

00:16:59 Superintendent Arntzen

00:17:00 Governor Gianforte

00:02:30 The motion to approve item 0723-7 carried unanimously.

**General Public Comment**

00:17:27 Keith Ingram, Representing Self

00:20:42 Governor Gianforte

00:21:38 Mr. Ingram

00:21:57 Governor Gianforte

00:22:38 Mr. Ingram

00:22:42 Governor Gianforte

00:22:51 Attorney General Knudsen

00:23:06 Governor Gianforte

**Adjournment**

00:23:14 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/  
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/  
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director