

BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS MEETING: MINUTES

September 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

State Capitol, Room 317, Helena, MT

Members Present

Greg Gianforte, Governor
Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State
Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Members Absent

None

Testifying Staff

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director
Ryan Weiss, Trust Lands, Deputy Division Administrator

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – Sign-in Sheet
Related Materials, Attachment 2 – General Public Comment Map

Call to Order

00:00:04 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.
00:00:24 Commissioner Downing moved to approve the August 2023, minutes. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

0923-1 Oil & Gas Lease Sale 8/31/23 – 09/06/23

00:00:37 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:01:19 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:01:31 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0923-1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

0923-2 Cabin & Home Sites – Set Minimum Bid for Sale

00:01:48 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:02:17 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:02:30 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0923-2. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

0923-3 Land Banking - Preliminary Approval for Sale

00:03:00 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:04:00 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:04:10 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0923-3. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:04:16 Attorney General Knudsen
00:04:26 Director Kaster
00:04:34 Attorney General Knudsen
00:04:51 Ryan Weiss, Trust Lands Deputy Division Administrator
00:06:09 Attorney General Knudsen
00:06:10 Governor Gianforte
00:06:13 Attorney General Knudsen
00:06:30 Mr. Weiss
00:07:12 Attorney General Knudsen
00:07:13 Governor Gianforte
00:07:14 Superintendent Arntzen
00:08:35 Governor Gianforte
00:08:36 Commissioner Downing
00:09:09 Governor Gianforte
00:09:10 Director Kaster
00:09:12 Mr. Weiss
00:09:53 Governor Gianforte
00:10:01 Mr. Weiss
00:10:08 Commissioner Downing
00:10:09 Governor Gianforte
00:10:10 Commissioner Downing
00:10:24 Mr. Weiss
00:10:51 Commissioner Downing
00:10:54 Governor Gianforte
00:10:55 Commissioner Downing
00:11:59 Mr. Weiss
00:12:54 Commissioner Downing
00:12 55 Governor Gianforte

00:13:02 The motion to approve item 0923-3 carried unanimously.

0923-4 Land Use License

00:13:10 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.

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.

00:13:48 Governor Gianforte
00:13:55 Attorney General Knudsen
00:13:58 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:14:07 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0923-4. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

0923-5 Easements

00:14:25 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:14:51 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:15:01 Secretary Jacobsen moved to approve item 0923-5. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

General Public Comment

00:15:34 Kerry White, Bozeman, Montana
00:15:50 Governor Gianforte
00:15:54 Mr. White
00:21:37 Governor Gianforte
00:22:17 Mr. White

Adjournment

00:22:31 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Proposed Missouri Headwaters Conservation Area: Land Ownership

Beaverhead, Deer Lodge, Madison & Silver Bow Counties, Montana

