

BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS MEETING: MINUTES
October 16, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Supreme Court Chambers, Mazurek Justice Building
Helena, MT

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Austin Knudsen, Attorney General

Testifying Staff

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director
Shawn Thomas, Division Administrator, Trust Lands/Forestry
Dan Rogers, Bureau Chief, Forest Management Bureau

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet
Related Materials, Attachment 2 – 2023 Trust Land Burned Acres

Call to Order

00:00:12 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.
00:00:27 Commissioner Downing moved to approve the September 2023, minutes. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

1023-1 Timber Sale: Soup or Cilly

00:00:52 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:01:31 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:01:42 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 1023-1.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:02:00 Superintendent Arntzen
00:02:01 Governor Gianforte
00:02:31 Shawn Thomas, Division Administrator Forestry/Trust Lands
00:03:08 Superintendent Arntzen
00:03:10 Governor Gianforte

00:03:18 The motion to approve item 1023-1 carried unanimously.

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1023-2 Cabin and Home Sites: Set Minimum Bid for Sale

00:03:21 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:03:47 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:03:57 Superintendent Arntzen moved to approve item 1023-2

Board Discussion/Comments

00:04:05 Commissioner Downing
00:04:22 Governor Gianforte

00:04:25 The motion to approve item 1023-2 carried unanimously.

1023-3 Cabin and Home Sites: Final Approval for Sale

A. Blaine County

B. Chouteau County

00:04:32 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:04:41 Governor Gianforte
00:04:42 Mrs. Kaster
00:05:35 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:05:44 Secretary of State Jacobsen moved to approve item 1023-3 A, B. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried with a 3-1 vote with Commissioner Downing Opposed.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

1023-4 Land Use License

00:06:06 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:06:35 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:06:42 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 1023-4.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:06:53 Governor Gianforte
00:06:57 Commissioner Downing
00:06:58 Governor Gianforte

00:07:09 The motion to approve item 1023-4 carried unanimously.

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1023-5 Easements

00:07:17 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:07:43 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:07:54 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 1023-5. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

1023-6 Approval to Proceed with Amending the Cabin and Home Site Land Banking Rules

00:08:11 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:08:50 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:09:01 Secretary of State Jacobsen moved to approve item 1023-6. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

1023-7 Request for Approval to Finalize Rulemaking

00:09:19 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:09:53 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:10:03 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 1023-7. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

1023-8 Informational Item: Trust Lands Post Fire Season Briefing

00:10:34 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:11:02 Mr. Thomas
00:14:11 Governor Gianforte
00:14:21 Mr. Thomas
00:14:30 Dan Rogers, Bureau Chief, Forest Management Bureau
00:18:46 Governor Gianforte
00:18:51 Commissioner Downing
00:19:22 Mr. Rogers

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00:19:29 Mr. Thomas
00:20:39 Commissioner Downing
00:20:49 Mr. Thomas
00:20:50 Governor Gianforte
00:20:51 Superintendent Arntzen
00:20:52 Governor Gianforte
00:21:05 Superintendent Arntzen
00:21:06 Mr. Thomas
00:21:19 Superintendent Arntzen
00:21:21 Governor Gianforte

General Public Comment

00:21:32 Governor Gianforte

Adjournment

00:22:52 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

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