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BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS MEETING: MINUTES

November 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Supreme Court Chambers, Mazurek Justice Building

Helena, MT

Members Present

Greg Gianforte, Governor

Austin Knudsen, Attorney General

Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

Christi Jacobson, Secretary of State

Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Members Absent

None

Testifying Staff

Brian Bramblett, DNRC Chief Legal Counsel

Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

Call to Order

00:00:01 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.

00:00:23 Commissioner Downing moved to approve the October 2023, minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Business Considered

1123-1 DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS WILDCAT BEND PURCHASE

00:00:40 Mr. Bramblett gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment

00:02:25 Mike Talia, Attorney & Volunteer Director of Montana's Outdoor Legacy Foundation

00:03:00 Angie Grove, Chairman of Citizens Advisory Council

00:06:48 Troy Downing, State Auditor moved to approve item 1123-1. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobson, Secretary of State.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:06:59 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General

00:07:19 Bill Schenk, FWP

00:07:25 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General

00:08:10 Bill Schenk, FWP

00:08:15 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General

00:08:37 Bill Schenk, FWP

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00:09:05 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
00:09:08 Bill Schenk, FWP
00:10:27 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:10:40 Bill Schenk, FWP
00:10:51 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:10:52 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
00:11:12 Bill Schenk, FWP
00:11:15 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
00:11:24 Bill Schenk, FWP
00:11:40 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:11:56 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
00:11:57 Brian Bramblett, DNRC, Chief Legal Counsel
00:12:26 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
00:12:39 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:13:15 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
00:13:42 Bill Schenk, FWP
00:14:38 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:14:44 Bill Schenk, FWP
00:15:11 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:15:31 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
00:16:12 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:16:14 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
00:16:48 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:16:55 Brian Bramblett, DNRC, Chief Legal Counsel
00:17:05 Ryan Weiss, DRNC, Trust Lands Deputy Administrator
00:17:11 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:17:25 Ryan Weiss, DRNC, Trust Lands Deputy Administrator
00:17:26 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:17:30 Ryan Weiss, DRNC, Trust Lands Deputy Administrator
00:17:56 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:18:06 Ryan Weiss, DRNC, Trust Lands Deputy Administrator
00:18:18 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:18:31 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
00:18:45 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:19:52 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
00:20:13 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:20:45 Brian Bramblett, DNRC, Chief Legal Counsel
00:21:24 Greg Gianforte, Governor
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00:21:48 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:21:49 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
00:22:07 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:22:08 Troy Downing, State Auditor
00:22:20 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:22:18 Troy Downing, State Auditor
00:22:28 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:22:40 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
00:23:12 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
00:23:13 Greg Gianforte, Governor

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00:24:28 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:24:32 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
00:25:15 Angie Grove, legislatively appointed, Citizens Advisory Council, Chair
00:27:04 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
00:27:15 Angie Grove, legislatively appointed, Citizens Advisory Council, Chair
00:27:48 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:28:00 The motion to approve item 1123-1 carried 4 to 1.

1123-2 TIMBER SALES

- A. NORTH COUP CANYON
- B. POTOMAC FLATS

00:28:08 Mr. Bramblett gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment

None

00:29:55 Christi Jacobson, Secretary of State moved to approve item 1123-2. The motion was seconded by Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and carried 5 - 0.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

1123-3 CABIN AND HOME SITE SALES: SET MINIMUM BID FOR SALE

00:30:15 Mr. Bramblett gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment

None

00:30:53 Christi Jacobson, Secretary of State, moved to approve item 1123-3. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General, and carried 4-1 with opposition from Troy Downing, State Auditor.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

1123-4 CABIN AND HOME SITE SALES: FINAL APPROVAL FOR SALE

- A. JUDITH BASIN COUNTY
- B. POWDER RIVER COUNTY

00:31:10 Mr. Bramblett gave an overview of the item.

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Public Comment

None

00:32:40 Christi Jacobson, Secretary of State, moved to approve item 1123-4. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General, and carried 4-1 with opposition from Troy Downing, State Auditor.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

1123-5 EASEMENTS

00:32:54 Mr. Bramblett gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment

None

00:33:43 Troy Downing, State Auditor, moved to approve item 1123-5. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General, and carried 5-0.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

1123-6 INFORMATIONAL ITEM: TRUST LANDS MANAGEMENT FY 2023 REVIEW

00:34:08 Mr. Bramblett gave an overview of the item.

00:34:22 Ryan Weiss, DRNC, Trust Lands Deputy Administrator presents before the Land Board.

General Public Comment

None

Adjournment

00:44:26 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

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