

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
April 21, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
Supreme Court Chambers, Mazurek Justice Building
Helena, MT

Members Present

Greg Gianforte, Governor
Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Austin Knudsen, Attorney General *Via Zoom
James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State
Dawnell Fuller, Land Board Secretary

Members Absent

None

Testifying Staff

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

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

Call to Order

00:00:15 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.

00:00:55 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve the March 17th, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction and carried unanimously.

00:01:24 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance moved to approve the April agenda. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

0425-1 Timber Sales: Eight Percent

00:01:39 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

Motion:

00:02:27 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve item 0425-1. The motion was seconded by Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments: N/A

0425-2 Cabin and Homesite: Final Approval for Sale A, B & C

00:02:53 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

Motion:

00:05:01 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve item 0425-2A, B & C. The motion was seconded by Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments: N/A

0425-3 Land Banking Parcel: Set Minimum Bid for Sale

00:05:25 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

00:06:11 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator, gave additional information and department recommendations.

Public Comment:

00:10:14 Peter Heidmann, Lessee

00:11:54 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:11:58 Peter Heidmann, Lessee

00:12:02 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:12:07 Peter Heidmann, Lessee

Motion:

00:18:12 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve item 0425-3. The motion was seconded by James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance.

Board Discussion/Comments:

00:18:28 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:18:38 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

00:18:45 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:18:48 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:19:27 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:21:39 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:22:07 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:22:44 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:22:58 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:23:10 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:23:20 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:23:22 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:23:36 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:23:38 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:23:39 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:24:02 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:24:18 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:24:40 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:25:07 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:25:19 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:25:26 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:25:27 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:25:32 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:25:53 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:26:36 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:27:12 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator
00:27:54 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:28:14 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator
00:28:38 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:28:40 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
00:28:51 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator
00:29:15 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
00:29:18 Greg Gianforte, Governor

Motion:

00:29:52 The motion to approve item 0425-3 carried unanimously.

0425-4 Easements

00:30:13 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

Motion:

00:30:55 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve item 0425-4. The motion was seconded by Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction and carried unanimously.

0425-5 Water Rights Notification Process

00:31:14 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

00:31:36 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance moved to approve item 0425-5. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State.

Public Comment:

00:32:32 Jocelyn Galt Cahill, Senior Ag Water Alliance

Board Discussion/Comments:

00:33:30 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
00:34:55 Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
00:35:28 Greg Gianforte, Governor

Motion:

00:35:37 The motion to approve item 0425-5 carried unanimously.

Items of Interest Not on the Agenda

Motion: To receive a 2025 legislative brief by the DNRC.

00:35:57 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
00:36:36 Greg Gianforte, Governor

Motion:

00:36:37 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance moved the motion and was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State.

Board Discussion/Comments:

00:36:45 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:37:11 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
00:37:36 Greg Gianforte, Governor-offered amendment
00:37:48 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
00:37:50 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:37:52 The motion and amendment approved and carried unanimously.

General Public Comment: N/A

Adjournment

00:38:18 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte, Governor 5/20/25
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director 5/20/25
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

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