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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 17, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.  
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 303  
HELENA, MT**

**Members Present**

Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor  
Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Austin Knudsen, Attorney General  
James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State  
Dawnell Fuller, Land Board Secretary

**Members Absent**

Greg Gianforte, Governor

**Testifying Staff**

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

**Attachments**

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – Sign-in-Sheet

**Call to Order**

00:00:00 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor called the meeting to order.

**Adopt Proposed Agenda**

00:00:55 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General moved to approve the November agenda. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State and carried unanimously.

**Adopt Prior Months Meeting Minutes**

00:01:17 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve the October minutes. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General and carried unanimously.

**Business Considered**

**1125-1 Fish, Wildlife & Parks: Habitat Conservation Leases**

00:01:34 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment:

00:02:24 Christy Clark, Fish, Wildlife and Parks Director

00:04:49 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General moved to approve item 1125-1. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State.

Board Discussion/Comments:

00:05:00 Austin Knudsen, Attorney

00:05:37 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor

00:05:58 The motion to approve item 1125-1 carried unanimously.

**1125-2 Timber Sales A & B**

00:06:07 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

00:07:33 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve item 1125-2 A & B. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments: N/A

**1125-3 Cabin and Homesite: Final Approval for Sale**

00:07:55 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

00:08:52 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve item 1125-3. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General.

Board Discussion/Comments:

00:08:58 Austin Knudsen, Attorney

00:09:14 The motion to approve item 1125-3 and carried unanimously

**1125-4 Easements A & B**

00:09:21 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

00:10:46 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve item 1125-4 A & B. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments: N/A

**1125-5 Commercial Lease Agreement: Moraine Parcel (Withdrawn)**

**1125-6 Biennial Cabin Site Lease Rate Review**

00:11:09 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

00:12:09 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General moved to approve item 1125-6. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State.

Board Discussion/Comments:

00:12:22 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor

00:12:45 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:13:20 The motion to approve item 1125-6 carried unanimously.

00:13:21 Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction entered public meeting via zoom.

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**1125-7 Approval to File Objections on Water Rights (Executive Session)**

00:13:32 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

The Land Board assembled into executive session at 9:26 AM pursuant to MCA 2-3-203(4), to discuss litigation strategy. The public portion of the meeting resumed at 9:48 AM.

00:15:04 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve item 1125-7. The motion was seconded by James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance and carried 4-1.

Board Discussion/Comments: N/A

**General Public Comment: N/A**

**Adjournment**

00:16:02 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte      Date: 12/15/2025  
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster      Date: 12/15/2025  
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

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## **SIGN-IN SHEET**

November 17, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M  
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 303, HELENA, MT

**NAME**

## AFFILIATION

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