

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M.
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 317
HELENA, MT**

Members Present

Greg Gianforte, 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

None

Testifying Staff

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director
Brian Bramblett, DNRC Chief Legal Counsel

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – Sign-in-Sheet
Related Materials, Attachment 2 – Legal Litigation Memo

Call to Order

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

Adopt Proposed Agenda

00:00:53 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General moved to approve the January agenda. The motion was seconded Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State and carried unanimously.

Adopt Prior Months Meeting Minutes

00:01:09 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General moved to approve the December, minutes. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

0126-1 Timber Sales A, B, C & D

00:01:21 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

00:03:32 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General moved to approve item 0126-1 A, B, C & D. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments: N/A

0126-2 Commercial Lease: Moraine Parcel

00:03:48 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

00:04:44 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve item 0126-2. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General.

Board Discussion/Comments:

00:05:00 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:07:59 The motion to approve item 0126-2 carried unanimously.

0126-3 Easements

00:08:11 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

00:08:48 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General moved to approve item 0126-3. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments: N/A

0126-4 Informational Item: Legal Update

00:09:06 Greg Gianforte, Governor, gave an overview of the item.

00:09:50 Brian Bramblett, DNRC Chief Legal Counsel

Public Comment: N/A

Board Discussion/Comments: N/A

00:11:28 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance made a motion to update the current commercial lease template. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General.

00:11:59 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:12:04 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

00:12:35 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:13:10 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:13:19 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General

00:07:59 The motion to update the commercial lease template carried unanimously

General Public Comment

00:13:54 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:14:09 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State

00:14:09 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:14:13 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State

00:14:25 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:14:27 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General

00:14:30 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:14:39 Greg Gianforte, Governor

Adjournment

00:14:47 Adjournment

These summary minutes and the audio recording are a draft record and will become official upon Land Board approval at the next meeting.

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ _____ Date

Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ _____ Date

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

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SIGN-IN SHEET
JANUARY 20, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M.
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 303, HELENA, MT

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To: Montana State Board of Land Commissioners
From: Brian C. Bramblett, DNRC Chief Legal Counsel
Date: January 20, 2026
RE: Litigation Update

This Litigation Update does not include bankruptcy proceedings that include state trust land leases, permits, or land use licenses as an asset of the bankruptcy estate; or administrative hearings/contested case proceedings related to state trust land leases, permits, or land use licenses.

GENERAL LITIGATION

New cases filed since October 20, 2025:

American Prairie v. DNRC and Amanda Kaster

- Montana First Judicial District, Lewis and Clark County (DV-25-2025-0000732-WM)
- Issue: Application for writ of mandamus and declaratory judgment seeking to mandate DNRC approval of American Prairie request to graze bison on State Lease Nos. 8171 and 9361.
- Current Status: Mandamus show cause hearing scheduled for February 12, 2026.

Status of cases reported on October 20, 2025:

Williams Family Trust v. DNRC and Hensley

- Montana's First Judicial District, Broadwater County (DDV-2019-14).
- Issue: Judicial review proceeding and breach of contract claim filed by former lessee related to disputed improvement valuation and competitive bid process.
- Current Status: The parties filed cross-motions for summary judgment on January 9, 2026.

River Oxbow Ranch, et. al. v. Montana Land Board, DNRC, et al.

- Montana's Fifteenth Judicial District, Roosevelt County (DV-2021-47).
- Issue: Lawsuit for quiet title seeking to resolve riverbed and island ownership in Roosevelt County and seeking mesne profits for royalties paid to DNRC. Montana Land Board and DNRC filed a counterclaim.
- Current Status: On October 15, 2025, DNRC counsel filed a motion for joinder of



additional parties. The motion has been fully briefed and DNRC counsel filed a Notice of Submittal on December 9, 2025.

- The case is proceeding with the early stages of discovery.

Valley Garden Land and Cattle v. DNRC, AM Welles, and Riverside Contracting

- Montana's Fifth Judicial District, Madison County (DV 29-2024-0036).
- Issue: Lawsuit challenging asphalt plant on trust land parcel alleging violation of MEPA, §§77-3-201, et seq., public participation, Water Use Act and Montana Constitution.
- Current Status: Pretrial motions and briefing. Litigation is on hold pending the outcome of the gravel pit litigation (below). A status conference will take place prior to continuing.

Valley Garden Land and Cattle v. DNRC and AM Welles

- Montana's Fifth Judicial District, Madison County (DV 29-2023-0037).
- Issue: Lawsuit challenging gravel pit expansion on trust land parcel alleging violation of MEPA, §§77-3-201, et seq., public participation, Water Use Act and Montana Constitution.
- Current Status: Court denied Plaintiffs claims regarding MEPA, public participation and the Montana Constitution and denied Plaintiffs claim for attorney fees. The Court granted limited relief and ordered DNRC to charge additional rental fees for storage of offsite materials on state trust land. DNRC is resolving post-judgment issues.

Held, et al. v. State

- Montana Supreme Court (DA 25-0809).
- Issue: Lawsuit challenging MEPA exception for GHG, in part, as it relates to trust land leases that directly or indirectly result in increased CO₂E. The Montana Supreme Court affirmed and remanded to resolve Plaintiffs' attorney fees claim. The district court awarded approximately \$2,800,000 in attorney fees.
- Current Status: Attorney fees awarded by district court being appealed.

McDonnel, et. al. v State, Montana Land Board and DNRC

- Montana's Eighteenth Judicial District, Gallatin County (DV-16-2024).
- Issue: Lawsuit alleging nuisance, negligence, breach of fiduciary duty and seeking permanent injunction filed by multiple landowners located near a trust land parcel used for public shooting.
- Current Status: Closed. Voluntarily dismissed without prejudice.

WATER COURT LITIGATION

The water right cases listed below include all water right litigation to which the Montana State Board of Land Commissioners (MBLC) is a party. Ownership objections to water rights with point(s) of diversion (POD) on private land and place(s) of use (POU) on state trust land are identified as: **Ownership (POD on private land/POU on state trust land)**.

New cases consolidated since October 20, 2025:

CASE 41F-0198-R-2025

- Claimant: Valley Garden Land & Cattle LLC
- Objectors: Valley Garden Land & Cattle LLC; MBLC; US BOR
- Issue: **Ownership (POD on private land/POU on state trust land)**. MBLC objected to Claim Nos. 41F 45985-00, 41F 45986-00, and 41F 101042-00 on August 18, 2023. Each of these claims are for irrigation with a POD on private land and 20 acres of irrigation on state trust land (POU 21). The objection requests either coownership or creation of an implied claim for POU 21. This objection predates the MBLC motion requiring prior approval.
- Current Status: The Water Court extended the settlement deadline to January 16, 2026.
- KLH Advisors was substituted as counsel for this matter on January 13, 2026.

CASE 41I-0200-R-2025

- Claimant: Catlin Ranch LP
- Objector: MBLC
- Issue: MBLC objected to Claim No. 41I 130122-00 on August 11, 2022. This claim is for livestock direct from source with one or more PODs and POUs located on state trust land. Water is not diverted from a POD on private land for any of the POUs on state trust land. The objection requests that the Water Court create an implied right for the MBLC with PODs and POUs on the state trust land.
- Current Status: The Water Court extended the settlement deadline to January 16, 2026.

Status of cases reported on October 20, 2025:

CASE 43QJ-0121-R-2025

- Claimant: B&E Pinkerton LLC
- Objector: MBLC
- Issue: MBLC objected to Claim No. 43QJ 30143660 on March 24, 2025. This claim is for livestock direct from source with POD 1 and POU 1 on state trust land. The objection maintains that the state trust land should not be included because there is no water source on the state trust land and requests refinement to remove the state trust land.
- Current Status: The Water Court recently set a February 3, 2026, settlement deadline.

CASE 41J-0007-I-2025

- Claimant: Dana Ranch Co. Inc.
- Objector: MBLC
- Issue: The Water Court consolidated MBLC's objections to Claim Nos. 41J 30135969 and 41J 30136117 on March 10, 2025. Both claims are for livestock direct from source with all PODs and POU's on state trust land.
- Current Status: The parties requested an extension of the settlement deadline.

CASE 41J-0008-I-2025

- Claimant: Galt Ranch LP
- Objector: MBLC
- Issue: MBLC objected to Claim No. 41J 30134505 on March 10, 2025. This claim is for livestock direct from source that identifies state trust land for POU 6 and POD 6. The objection seeks to have the legal description for POD 6 and POU 6 refined to remove the STL based on the determination there is no water source on the STL in this location.
- Current Status: The parties requested an extension of the settlement deadline. KLH Advisors was substituted as counsel for this matter on January 13, 2026.

CASE 41J-0010-I-2025

- Claimant: Sieben Livestock Co.
- Objector: MBLC
- Notice of Intent to Appear: US DOI BLM
- Issue: The Water Court consolidated MBLC's objections to Claim Nos. 41J 30129340, 41J 30129384, and 41J 30129421 on March 10, 2025. All three claims are for livestock direct from source with one or more PODs and POU's located on state trust land. Water is not diverted from a POD on private land for any of the POU's on state trust land. The objections request that the Water Court create implied rights for the MBLC with PODs and POU's on the state trust land.
- Current Status: The Water Court set a February 3, 2026, settlement deadline.

CASE 41J-0009-I-2025

- Claimant: Springdale Colony
- Objector: MBLC
- Issue: MBLC objected to Claim No. 41J 30135075 on March 10, 2025. This claim is for livestock direct from source with POD5 and POU 5 located on state trust land. Water is not diverted from a POD on private land for a POU on state trust land. The objection requests that the Water Court create an implied right for the MBLC with POD 5 and POU 5 on the state trust land.
- Current Status: The Water Court recently set a February 20, 2026, settlement deadline. KLH Advisors was substituted as counsel for this matter on January 13, 2026.

CASE 43QJ-0125-R-2025

- Claimant: Kennedy Properties LLC
- Objector: MBLC
- Issue: The case involves objections to Claim No. 43QJ 197394-00 and Claim No. 43QJ 197424-00..

MBLC objected to Claim No. 43QJ 197394-00 on March 24, 2025. **Ownership (POD on private land/POU on state trust land).** The claim is for sprinkler/flood irrigation diverted by pump with a POD off state trust land and one POU on state trust land. The MBLC approved this objection before it was filed.

MBLC objected to Claim No. 43QJ 197424-00 on March 24, 2025. This claim is for livestock direct from source with POD 1 and POU 1 located on state trust land. Water is not diverted from a POD on private land for POU 1 on state trust land for this claim. The objection requests that the Water Court create an implied right for the MBLC for POD 1 and POU 1 on the state trust land.

- Current Status: The Water Court extended the settlement deadline to February 9, 2026. KLH Advisors was substituted as counsel for this matter on January 13, 2026.

CASE 41S-2087-R-2025

- Claimant: Montana Holdings, Inc.
- Objector: MBLC
- Issue: MBLC objected to Claim No. 41S 101545-00 on September 23, 2022. This claim is for groundwater diverted by a well with the POD and POU on state trust land. MBLC owns Claim No. 41S 21653-00 for this tract of state trust land. Accordingly, the objection seeks to have Claim No. 41S 101545-00 dismissed as redundant.
- Current Status: The Water Court set a February 6, 2026, deadline for MBLC to file additional supporting documents. KLH Advisors was substituted as counsel for this matter on January 13, 2026.

CASE 41S-2088-R-2025

- Claimants: Amanda A. Peck; Robert W. Peck; MBLC
- Objector: MBLC
- Issue: MBLC filed a self-objection to Claim No. 41S 101592-00, on September 23, 2022. This claim is for sprinkler/flood irrigation diverted by pump. The objection seeks to amend the maximum acres and flow rate for the water right.
- Current Status: The Water Court set a deadline of February 6, 2026 for MBLC to indicate how the objection should be resolved. KLH Advisors was substituted as counsel for this matter on January 13, 2026.

CASE 41S-2136-R-2025

- Claimant: Stevensons Diamond Dot Inc.
- Objector: MBLC
- Issue: MBLC objected to Claim No. 41S 14310-00 on September 23, 2022. This claim is for groundwater diverted by well with the POD, POU, and source on state trust land. MBLC Claim No. 41S 21553-00 is for this tract of state trust land. Accordingly, the objection seeks to have Claim No. 41S 101545-00 dismissed as redundant.
- Current Status: The Water Court set a settlement deadline of February 6, 2026. KLH Advisors was substituted as counsel for this matter on January 13, 2026.

CASE 41S-2127-R-2025

- Claimant: Spring Creek Hutterian Society
- Objector: MBLC
- Issue: MBLC objected to Claim No. 41S 139550-00 on September 23, 2022. This claim is for irrigation with a POD on private land and 14 acres of irrigation on state trust land (POU 9). The objection requests either co-ownership or creation of an implied claim for POU 9. This objection predates the MBLC motion requiring prior approval.
- Current Status: The Water Court set a settlement deadline of February 6, 2026. KLH Advisors was substituted as counsel for this matter on January 13, 2026.

CASE 41F-0197-R-2025

- Claimant: Valley Garden Land & Cattle LLC
- Objector: Valley Garden Land & Cattle LLC; MBLC
- Issue: MBLC objected to Claim No. 41F 45973-00 on August 18, 2023. This claim is for livestock direct from source with POD 4 and POU 4 on state trust land. Water is not diverted from a POD on private land for a POU on state trust land. The objection requests that the Water Court create an implied right for the MBLC with POD 4 and POU 4 on the state trust land.
- Current Status: The Water Court extended the settlement deadline to February 3, 2026. KLH Advisors was substituted as counsel for this matter on January 9, 2026.

CASE 41S-2089-R-2025

- Claimant: MBLC
- Objector: FWP
- Issue: FWP objected to Claim No. 41S 21699-00 on April 17, 2023. FWP seeks co-ownership of water right because place of use extends onto FWP land.
- Current Status: The Water Court extended the settlement deadline to February 24, 2026.

CASE 43QJ-0250-R-2025

- Claimant: MBLC
- Objector: MBLC
- Issue: MBLC filed a self-objection to Claim Nos. 43QJ 47490-00 and 43QJ 30106803 on March 24, 2025. The objections ask the Water Court to correct legal land description errors.
- Current Status: MBLC filed a *Motion to Resolve MBLC Objections, Resolve Issue Remark and Verified Motion to Amend Claim 43QJ 47490-00* on December 10, 2025. MBLC is waiting for a decision from the Water Court.

CASE 41F-0202-R-2025

- Claimants: Peter McDermott; MBLC; Sean P. Lang 2009 Irrevocable Trust
- Objectors: US DOI BOR; Peter McDermott; Howard Blakely; Yolanda Blakely; John P. Zuelke; John P. Scully.
- Issue: MBLC co-owns Claim Nos. 41F 132840-00, 41F 132841-00, and 41F 132842-00. BOR's objection maintains the water rights were not perfected or have been abandoned.
- Current Status: The Water Court extended the settlement deadline to March 18, 2026. KLH Advisors was substituted as counsel for this matter on January 13, 2026.

CASE 40O-0001-I-2024

- Claimant: Buggy Creek Livestock LLLP
- Objectors: MBLC; US BIA; US BLM
- NOIA: Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes of Fort Peck
- Issue: MBLC objected to Claim No. 40O 30136580, which is a livestock direct from source claim with one or more PODs and POUs on state trust land. Water is not diverted from a POD on private land for a POU on state trust land. The objection requests that the Water Court create an implied right for the MBLC with PODs and POUs on the state trust land.
- Current Status: The Water Court extended the settlement deadline to February 16, 2026.

CASE 40O-0061-I-2024

- Claimant: Antelope Ranch Inc.
- Objector: MBLC
- Issue: MBLC objected to Claim Nos. 40O 30134608 and 40O 30134611 which are for livestock direct from source with one or more PODs and POUs on state trust land. Water is not diverted from a POD on private land for any of the POUs on state trust land. The objections request that the Water Court create implied rights for the MBLC with PODs and POUs on the state trust land.
- Current Status: A scheduling conference was held on December 16, 2025. The parties reported that settlement documents would be filed soon.

CASE 40O-0082-I-2024

- Claimant: Cornwell Ranch
- Objectors: MBLC; US BLM
- Issue: MBLC objected to Claim Nos. 40O 30135293, 40O 30136082, 40O 30136084, 40O 30137032, 40O 30137036, 40O 30137766, and 40O 30137772 which are for livestock direct from source with one or more PODs and POUs on state trust land. Water is not diverted from a POD on private land for any of the POUs on state trust land. The objections request that the Water Court create implied rights for the MBLC with PODs and POUs on the state trust land.
- Current Status: Parties are currently exploring stipulated resolution of objections. KLH Advisors was substituted as counsel for this matter on January 13, 2026.

CASE 41E-0200-R-2024

- Claimants: DPHHS; MBLC; Lori Norby; Anita and Edward McCauley; North Fork Trust
- Objectors: Edward K. McCauley; Anita L. McCauley; BLM
- Counter-objectors: Lori Norby; Pallister Joint Living Trust
- Issue: Claim Nos. 41E 27437, 41E 27438, 41E 30884, 41E 93869, and 41E 94068 contain DNRC issue remarks questioning the type of historical right, priority date, and flow rate, among other issue remarks. MBLC is listed as co-owner of 41E 27438.
- Current Status: This case was placed on a hearing track on May 15, 2025. MBLC disclosed initial witness and exhibit lists on October 3, 2025. The discovery deadline is March 31, 2026. The deadline to file pre-trial motions is May 8, 2026. KLH Advisors was substituted as counsel for this matter on January 13, 2026.

CASE 41K-0029-R-2023

- Claimant: Broken O Land & Livestock
- Objectors: Broken O Land & Livestock; US BLM; MBLC
- Issue: **Ownership (POD on private land/POU on state trust land)**. MBLC objected to Claim Nos. 41K 96112, 41K 187156, 41K 187157, and 41K 30103793 (flood/ditch/sprinkler irrigation) based on POU's on state trust land. This objection predates the MBLC motion requiring prior approval. The objection asks the Water Court to create an implied claim for the POU's located on state trust land.
- Current Status: This matter has been placed on a hearing track. The discovery deadline is April 16, 2026. KLH Advisors was substituted as counsel for this matter on January 13, 2026.

CASE 40A-0363-R-2022

- Claimant: McFarland White Ranch Inc.; MBLC
- Objector: McFarland White Ranch Inc.; MBLC
- Issue: **Ownership (POD on private land/POU on state trust land)**. MBLC objected to Claim Nos. 40A 211602 and 40A 211604 filed by McFarland White Ranch Inc. with a POD on private land and a POU on state trust land. McFarland White Ranch Inc. objected to MBLC being listed as co-owner on Claim Nos. 40A 30002022 and 40A 110020 (sprinkler irrigation) with a POU on state trust land. This objection predates the MBLC motion requiring prior approval.
- Current status: In 2022, MacFarland White Ranch Inc. filed a motion and statement agreeing that MBLC is co-owner of all four rights. Issues unrelated to state ownership are still being resolved.

CASE 41S-0071-R-2024

- Claimant: MBLC
- Objector: MBLC
- Issue: Self-objection to resolve issue remarks on Claim Nos. 41S 18155-00, 41S 18200-00, 41S 21653-00, 41S 42853-00, 41S 47789-00, 41S 47811-00, 41S 47835-00, 41S 47843-00, 41S 47850-00, 41S 101593-00, 41S 101594-00, 41S 112271-00, 41S 215296-00, and 41S 30029050.
- Current Status: MBLC filed verified motions to amend the claims to resolve these self-objections on January 6, 2025, and is waiting on court approval.

CASE 40O-0071-I-2024

- Claimant: Buggy Creek Livestock LLLP
- Objectors: MBLC; US BLM
- Issue: MBLC objected to Claim Nos. 40O 30136577 and 40O 30136625 which are for livestock direct from source with one or more PODs and POU's on state trust land. Water is not diverted from a POD on private land for any of the POU's on state trust land. The objections request that the Water Court create implied rights for the MBLC with PODs and POU's on the state trust land.

- Current Status: The parties are awaiting Water Court approval of a settlement agreement creating an implied water rights owned by MBLC for the portions of Claim 40O 30136625 and 40O 30136577 appurtenant to state trust land.

CASE 40O-0080-I-2024

- Claimant: Cornwell Ranch
- Objector: MBLC
- Issue: MBLC objected to Claim Nos. 40O 30136085 and 40O 30137029 which are for livestock direct from source with one or more POD and POU on state trust land. Water is not diverted from a POD on private land for any of the POUs on state trust land. The objections request that the Water Court create implied rights for the MBLC with PODs and POUs on the state trust land.
- Current Status: The parties are awaiting Water Court approval of the Master's Report (December 18, 2025) creating implied water rights owned by MBLC for the portions of Claim 40O 30136085 and 40O 30137029 appurtenant to state trust land.

CASE 41F-0133-R-2025

- Claimants: HRMT Land LLC; MBLC
- Issue: MBLC Claim No. 41F 30106559 and HRMT Land LLC Claim No. 41F 30114717 (stock watering) contain a DNRC issue remark regarding potential overlap of the POUs.
- Current Status: Waiting for Water Court approval of the Master's Report approving a settlement agreement pursuant to which MBLC will file a statement of non-interest on the HRMT Land LLC claim because MBLC already has a water right for the POU.

CASE 41I-0151-R-2025

- Claimant: Galzagorry
- Objector: MBLC
- Issue: Galzagorry Inc. Claim No. 41I 30132306 (stock watering) contains a DNRC issue remark regarding location of the POUs on both state trust land and private land. The POD for this claim is on state trust land.
- Current Status: The parties entered a stipulation creating an implied water rights owned by MBLC for the portions of Claim 41I 30132306 appurtenant to state trust land.

CASE 40O-0070-I-2024

- Claimant: Buggy Creek Livestock LLLP
- Objector: MBLC
- Issue: MBLC objected to Claim Nos. 40O 30136576, 40O 30136588, and 40O 30163348 which are for livestock direct from source with one or more PODs and POUs on state trust land. Water is not diverted from a POD on private land for any of the POUs on state trust land. The objections request that the Water Court create implied rights for the MBLC with PODs and POUs on the state trust land.
- Current Status: Closed. The Water Court issued an order adopting the Master's Report on December 29, 2025. That order generates an implied water right owned by MBLC for the portion of Claim 40O 30136579 appurtenant to state trust land. The order also names MBLC as the owner of 40O 30136588 and 40O 30136648, for which the POU and POD are on state trust land.