

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
May 18, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 303
Helena, MT

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Members Present

Governor Steve Bullock
Attorney General Tim Fox
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Matthew Rosendale (via phone)
Secretary of State Corey Stapleton (via phone)
Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen

Members Absent

None

Testifying Staff

John Tubbs, DNRC Director
Shawn Thomas, DNRC Trust Lands Division Administrator
Bill Schenk, FWP, Lands Program Manager

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

Call to Order

00:00:01 Governor Bullock called the meeting to order.
00:00:24 Attorney General Fox moved to approve the April 23, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

0520-1 FWP: MOUNT HAGGIN WMA GRASSY MOUNTAIN ADDITION/FEE ACQUISITION

00:00:40 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:01:00 Governor Bullock
00:01:02 Bill Schenk, FWP Lands Program Manager
00:04:01 Governor Bullock
00:04:08 Mr. Schenk
00:04:09 Governor Bullock
00:04:18 Mark Lambrecht, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Director of Government Affairs
00:04:47 Governor Bullock
00:04:55 Dave Stone, Vice President, Anaconda Sportsman's Club
00:07:58 Governor Bullock
00:08:06 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation, Conservation Director

00:08:36 Governor Bullock

00:08:45 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0520-1. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:08:52 Governor Bullock

00:08:56 Superintendent Arntzen

00:09:25 Mr. Schenk

00:09:27 Superintendent Arntzen

00:09:28 Mr. Schenk

00:10:11 Superintendent Arntzen

00:10:12 Governor Bullock

00:10:23 Mr. Schenk

00:10:24 Governor Bullock

00:10:28 The motion to approve item 0520-1 carried unanimously.

0520-2 TIMBER SALES:

A. ALL DON

B. MOLLYWOOD

C. UPPER SWEDE

00:10:42 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:12:35 Governor Bullock

00:12:45 Secretary of State Stapleton moved to approve item 0520-2 A, B, C. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale and carried unanimously.

0520-3 GAS STORAGE LEASE GS-6000-20: NORTHWESTERN ENERGY

00:13:18 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:14:06 Governor Bullock

00:14:16 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0520-3. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

0520-4 LAND BANKING PARCELS: SET MINIMUM BID FOR SALE

A. HEIRMOSA RANCH, LLC. SALE # 1062

B. DANIEL ROARK SALE # 1063

C. FRED & GAYLE STOUT SALE # 1064

D. BARR & COLLEEN GUSTAFSON SALE # 1065

E. GERALD LEAR SALE # 1066

F. MEISSNER RANCHES, LLC. SALE # 1067

G. HAWKS ANGUS, INC. SALE # 1068,1069,1070

H. DIAMOND 4D, LLC. SALE # 1071

00:14:57 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.

00:16:58 Governor Bullock

00:17:18 Secretary of State Stapleton moved to approve item 0520-4 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Fox and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:17:37 Shawn Thomas, DNRC Division Administrator
00:17:38 Governor Bullock
00:17:39 Mr. Tubbs
00:17:43 Mr. Thomas
00:17:49 Mr. Tubbs
00:17:52 Mr. Thomas
00:18:02 Governor Bullock

00:18:19 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0520-4 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale and carried unanimously.

0520-5 LAND BANKING PARCELS: FINAL APPROVAL FOR SALE

00:18:43 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:19:17 Governor Bullock

00:19:29 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0520-5. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Fox and carried unanimously.

0520-6 CABIN & HOME SITES: PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR SALE

00:20:03 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:20:23 Governor Bullock

00:20:30 Superintendent Arntzen moved to approve item 0520-6. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale and carried unanimously.

0520-7 CABIN & HOME SITES: SET MINIMUM BID FOR SALE

- A. CHOUTEAU COUNTY
- B. FLATHEAD COUNTY
- C. PONDERA COUNTY

00:21:05 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:21:51 Governor Bullock

00:22:05 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0520-7. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:22:15 Governor Bullock
00:22:23 Mr. Tubbs
00:22:44 Governor Bullock
00:22:54 Attorney General Fox
00:22:57 Governor Bullock

0520-8 EASEMENTS
A. BIG ARM STATE PARK RECREATION EASEMENT

00:23:22 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:24:53 Governor Bullock

Public Comment

00:25:06 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation, Conservation Director
00:25:52 Governor Bullock

00:26:12 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 0520-8 A. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:26:20 Attorney General Fox
00:26:29 Mr. Tubbs
00:26:48 Mr. Schenk
00:29:00 Attorney General Fox
00:29:00 Governor Bullock
00:29:04 Mr. Tubbs
00:29:18 Governor Bullock
00:29:33 Secretary of State Stapleton
00:30:17 Mr. Tubbs
00:31:16 Governor Bullock
00:31:22 Mr. Schenk
00:32:53 Governor Bullock
00:32:54 Secretary of State Stapleton
00:33:04 Mr. Schenk
00:33:30 Mr. Tubbs
00:34:19 Superintendent Arntzen
00:34:20 Governor Bullock
00:34:20 Superintendent Arntzen
00:34:30 Mr. Tubbs
00:35:37 Superintendent Arntzen
00:35:39 Governor Bullock
00:35:40 Superintendent Arntzen
00:36:09 Attorney General Fox
00:36:24 Mr. Tubbs
00:36:29 Governor Bullock

00:36:43 The motion to approve item 0520-8 A carried unanimously.

0520-8 **EASEMENTS**
 B. STANDARD GRANT

00:37:00 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:37:37 Governor Bullock

00:37:50 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 0520-8B. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Fox and carried unanimously.

0520-9 FOREST MANAGEMENT BUREAU INITIATING THE MONTANA ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT

Withdrawn

General Public Comment

00:38:34 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation, Conservation Director
00:38:51 Governor Bullock
00:38:53 Mr. Tubbs
00:39:15 Mr. Gevock
00:39:20 Governor Bullock

Adjournment

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Steve Bullock
Steve Bullock, Governor

/s/ John E. Tubbs
John E. Tubbs, DNRC Director

