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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
March 21, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 303
Helena, MT

Please note: *The Land Board has adopted the audio recording of its meetings as the official record, as allowed by [2-3-212, MCA](#). These minutes provide an abbreviated summary of the Land Board discussion, public testimony, action taken, and other activities. The time designations listed are approximate and may be used to locate the referenced discussion on the audio recording of this meeting. Access to an electronic copy of these minutes and the audio recording is provided from the Land Board webpage at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/LandBoard>. The written minutes summary, along with the audio recordings, are listed by meeting date on the Land Board Archive webpage.*

Members Present

Governor Greg Gianforte
Attorney General Austin Knudsen
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Troy Downing
Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen
Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen

Members Absent

None

Testifying Staff

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director
Shawn Thomas, Trust Lands Division Administrator

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

Call to Order

00:00:00 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.
00:00:13 Commissioner Downing moved to approve the February 22, 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen and carried unanimously.
00:00:26 Governor Gianforte
00:00:28 Commissioner Downing
00:00:29 Governor Gianforte

Business Considered

0322-1 MT Heritage Preservation & Development Commission: Stonewall Hall Donation

00:00:37 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:01:35 Elijah Allen, Director of the Montana Heritage Commission
00:06:08 Governor Gianforte
00:07:25 Mrs. Kaster
00:07:34 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

00:07:46 Alison LeFever, Neal C LaFever Trust
00:10:25 Governor Gianforte
00:10:33 Representative Ken Walsh, House District 71
00:11:00 Governor Gianforte

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- 00:11:08 Justin Gatewood, Mayor, Virginia City
- 00:13:27 Governor Gianforte
- 00:13:34 Chere Jiusto, Executive Director, Preserve Montana
- 00:15:44 Governor Gianforte

- 00:16:05 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0322-1 MT Heritage Preservation & Development Commission: Stonewall Hall Donation. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

- 00:16:17 Commissioner Downing
- 00:16:54 Governor Gianforte

00:17:00 The motion to approve item 0322-1 carried unanimously.

0322-2 Timber Sale: Libby Unit Office

- 00:17:16 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
- 00:18:30 Governor Gianforte
- 00:18:50 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0322-2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing.

Public Comment

None

Board Discussion/Comments

- 00:18:59 Superintendent Arntzen
- 00:19:10 Governor Gianforte
- 00:19:11 Mrs. Kaster
- 00:19:19 Shawn Thomas
- 00:19:56 Superintendent Arntzen
- 00:19:58 Governor Gianforte

00:20:07 The motion to approve item 0322-2 carried unanimously.

0322-3 Oil and Gas Lease Sale: March 1, 2022

- 00:20:16 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
- 00:21:23 Governor Gianforte
- 00:21:27 Mrs. Kaster
- 00:21:29 Governor Gianforte
- 00:21:36 Mrs. Kaster
- 00:21:37 Governor Gianforte
- 00:21:42 Mrs. Kaster
- 00:21:43 Governor Gianforte
- 00:21:54 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0322-3. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.
- 00:22:05 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

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Board Discussion/Comments

00:22:10 Commissioner Downing
00:22:30 Governor Gianforte
00:22:32 Attorney General Knudsen

00:23:16 The motion to approve item 0322-3 carried unanimously.

0322-4A,B Cabin and Home Sites: Final Approval for Sale

00:23:28 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:23:41 Governor Gianforte
00:23:42 Mrs. Kaster
00:24:43 Governor Gianforte

00:24:54 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0322-4A and 0322-4B. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.

Public Comment

None

Board Discussion/Comments

00:25:11 Commissioner Downing
00:25:54 Governor Gianforte
00:25:59 Commissioner Downing
00:26:00 Governor Gianforte

00:26:06 The motion to approve 0322-4A,B passed with a vote of 4-1, Commissioner Downing opposed.

0322-5 Easements: Standard Grants

00:26:11 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:26:52 Governor Gianforte
00:27:03 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0322-5. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen and carried unanimously.

General Public Comment

None

Adjournment

00:27:44 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

SIGN-IN SHEET
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
March 21, 2022 at 9:00 am

NAME	AFFILIATION	E-MAIL	Check to be added to the interested parties list.
Marcus Strange	MT Wildlife Fed	MStrange@mtwf.org	✓
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Ray Shaw	Promoter of V City Shenidan mt	rshaw@3rivers.net	✓
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Cheve Jivsto	Preserve Montana	cheve@preservemontana.org	✓
John Gatewood	VIRGINIA CITY	GATEWOOD MAYOR @ 3RIVERS.NET	✓

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