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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
October 17, 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
Ryan Weiss, DNRC Real Estate Management Bureau Chief

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

Call to Order

00:00:34 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.
00:00:42 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve the September 2022, minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Downing and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

1022-1 Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks: Purchase of Property for Big Snowy Mountain Wildlife Management Area

00:00:54 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:02:13 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

00:02:42 Mike Mueller, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
00:06:18 Governor Gianforte
00:06:22 Craig Aasved, Shodiar Children’s Hospital, CEO
00:08:43 Governor Gianforte
00:08:49 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation
00:09:32 Governor Gianforte
00:09:40 Scott Laird, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
00:10:49 Governor Gianforte
00:10:55 Anne Jolliff, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

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00:11:52 Governor Gianforte
00:11:59 Noah Marion, Wild Montana
00:12:18 Governor Gianforte
00:12:25 Grant Parker, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
00:12:56 Governor Gianforte
00:13:03 Ross Morgan, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association
00:17:30 Governor Gianforte
00:17:38 Will Gravely, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association
00:20:02 Governor Gianforte

00:20:17 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 1022-1. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.
00:20:29 Governor Gianforte
00:21:09 Mrs. Kaster
00:21:20 Bill Schenk, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
00:23:04 Governor Gianforte

Board Discussion/Comments

00:23:40 Superintendent Arntzen
00:23:40 Governor Gianforte
00:23:41 Superintendent Arntzen
00:24:09 Mr. Schenk
00:24:56 Superintendent Arntzen
00:24:57 Governor Gianforte
00:24:57 Superintendent Arntzen
00:25:57 Governor Gianforte
00:25:58 Superintendent Arntzen
00:26:28 Mr. Schenk
00:27:37 Superintendent Arntzen
00:27:40 Governor Gianforte
00:27:41 Superintendent Arntzen
00:28:55 Governor Gianforte
00:28:58 Commissioner Downing
00:30:01 Governor Gianforte
00:30:02 Attorney General Knudsen
00:30:03 Governor Gianforte
00:30:05 Attorney General Knudsen
00:30:32 Mr. Schenk
00:30:34 Governor Gianforte
00:30:44 Attorney General Knudsen
00:33:05 Governor Gianforte
00:34:56 Attorney General Knudsen
00:35:29 Mr. Schenk
00:36:02 Governor Gianforte
00:36:19 Hank Warsech, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Director
00:37:57 Governor Gianforte
00:38:12 Mr. Warsech
00:38:20 Governor Gianforte
00:38:23 Superintendent Arntzen
00:38:24 Governor Gianforte
00:38:26 Superintendent Arntzen
00:39:14 Governor Gianforte

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00:39:15 The motion to approve item 1022-1 carried with a vote of 4-1 with Attorney General Knudsen opposed.

1022-2 Timber Sales:

A. Chalk Buttes

B. Low Lion

00:39:31 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:39:45 Governor Gianforte
00:39:46 Mrs. Kaster
00:41:17 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:41:27 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 1022-2. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:41:37 The motion to approve item 1022-2 carried unanimously.

1022-3 Cabin and Home Site: Set Minimum Bid for Sale

A. Golden Valley County

B. Meagher County

00:41:49 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:42:02 Governor Gianforte
00:42:03 Mrs. Kaster
00:42:37 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:42:48 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 1022-3. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:42:57 Commissioner Downing
00:43:19 Mrs. Kaster
00:43:28 Ryan Weiss, Real Estate Management Bureau Chief
00:43:48 Commissioner Downing
00:43:50 Governor Gianforte
00:43:52 Commissioner Downing
00:43:57 Mr. Weiss
00:44:06 Commissioner Downing
00:44:09 Governor Gianforte

00:44:09 The motion to approve item 1022-3 carried with a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Downing opposed.

1022-4 Easements: Standard Grants

00:44:18 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:44:34 Governor Gianforte

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Public Comment

None

00:44:48 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 1022-4. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:44:56 The motion to approve item 1022-4 carried unanimously.

General Public Comment

None

Adjournment

00:45:26 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director