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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
December 19, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.
Mazurek Justice Building, Supreme Court Chambers**

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, DNRC Trust Land Division Administrator

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

Call to Order

00:00:01 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.
00:00:09 Commissioner Downing moved to approve the November 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

1222-1 Timber Sales: Hoover

00:00:25 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:01:20 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:01:35 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 1222-1. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.
00:01:44 Governor Gianforte

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Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:01:54 The motion to approve item 1222-1 carried unanimously.

1222-2 Oil and Gas Lease Sale (December 6, 2022)

00:01:58 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:02:38 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:02:48 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 1222-2. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.

00:02:58 Governor Gianforte

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:03:05 The motion to approve item 1222-2 carried unanimously.

1222-3 Cabin and Home Sites: Set Preliminary Bid for Sale

00:03:09 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:04:05 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:04:18 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 1222-3. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.

00:04:24 Governor Gianforte

Board Discussion/Comments

00:04:05 Commissioner Downing

00:04:36 Governor Gianforte

00:04:44 The motion to approve item 1222-3 carried with a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Downing opposed.

1222-4 Cabin and Home Sites: Set Minimum Bid for Sale

00:04:50 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:05:22 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:05:33 Secretary of State Jacobsen moved to approve item 1222-4. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.

00:05:45 Governor Gianforte

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Board Discussion/Comments

00:05:46 Commissioner Downing
00:06:17 Governor Gianforte
00:06:26 The motion to approve item 1222-4 carried with a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Downing opposed.

1222-5 Cabin and Home Sites: Final Approval for Sale

A. Flathead County

B. Sanders County

00:06:31 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the items.
00:06:40 Governor Gianforte
00:06:41 Mrs. Kaster
00:08:08 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:08:19 Superintendent Arntzen moved to approve item 1222-5. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen.
00:08:25 Governor Gianforte

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:08:34 The motion to approve item 1222-5 carried with a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Downing opposed.

1222-6 Easements: Standard Grants

00:08:39 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the items.
00:09:02 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:09:59 Superintendent Arntzen
00:10:52 Governor Gianforte
00:10:58 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 1222-6. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.
00:11:03 Governor Gianforte

Board Discussion/Comments

00:11:04 Commissioner Downing
00:11:40 Mrs. Kaster
00:11:52 Mr. Thomas
00:13:15 Governor Gianforte
00:13:27 Mr. Thomas
00:13:28 Commissioner Downing
00:14:00 Governor Gianforte

00:14:07 The motion to approve item 1222-6 carried unanimously.

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1222-7 Minerals Management Bureau (MMB) Disclaimer of Interest: Jefferson Springs Ranch, LLC

00:14:12 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the items.
00:15:18 Governor Gianforte
00:15:34 Mrs. Kaster
00:15:36 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:15:44 The motion to approve item 1222-7 carried unanimously.

General Public Comment

None

Adjournment

00:15:21 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director