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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
February 21, 2023, 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

None

Call to Order

00:00:33 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.
00:00:39 Commissioner Downing moved to approve the January 2023, minutes. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

0223-1 Timber Sales: Burr 4 and After

00:00:55 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:02:03 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:02:17 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0223-1. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

None
00:02:27 The motion to approve item 0223-1 carried unanimously.

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0223-2 Land Banking Acquisition: Approval for Purchase

00:02:40 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:03:45 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:03:55 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0223-2. The motion was seconded by Attorney Secretary of State Jacobsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

00:04:04 Governor Gianforte
00:04:06 Commissioner Downing
00:04:08 Governor Gianforte
00:04:09 Commissioner Downing
00:04:47 Mrs. Kaster
00:04:53 Governor Gianforte
00:04:54 Mr. Thomas
00:05:15 Commissioner Downing
00:05:18 Governor Gianforte
00:05:19 Commissioner Downing
00:05:27 Governor Gianforte
00:05:29 Attorney General Knudsen
00:06:22 Governor Gianforte
00:06:24 Commissioner Downing
00:06:25 Superintendent Arntzen
00:06:26 Governor Gianforte
00:06:27 Superintendent Arntzen
00:06:35 Mrs. Kaster
00:06:36 Superintendent Arntzen
00:06:41 Mr. Thomas
00:06:43 Superintendent Arntzen
00:07:33 Mr. Thomas
00:08:59 Superintendent Arntzen
00:09:08 Mr. Thomas
00:10:06 Governor Gianforte
00:10:16 Mr. Thomas
00:10:18 Governor Gianforte
00:10:21 Attorney General Knudsen
00:10:41 Governor Gianforte
00:10:42 Superintendent Arntzen
00:10:45 Governor Gianforte
00:10:46 Superintendent Arntzen
00:10:53 Mr. Thomas
00:11:04 Superintendent Arntzen
00:11:05 Governor Gianforte

00:11:05 The motion to approve item 0223-2 carried unanimously.

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0223-3 Cabin and Home Site Sales:

00:11:18 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:11:48 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:12:00 Secretary of State Jacobsen moved to approve item 0223-3. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:12:15 The motion to approve item 0223-3 carried with a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Downing opposed.

0223-4 Easements:

A. Standard Grants

B. Palisades Easement Exchange

00:12:21 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.
00:12:33 Governor Gianforte
00:12:34 Mrs. Kaster
00:13:16 Governor Gianforte

Public Comment

None

00:13:27 Commissioner Downing moved to approve item 0223-4. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen.

Board Discussion/Comments

None

00:13:37 The motion to approve item 0223-4 carried unanimously.

Adjournment

00:14:12 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director