

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 19, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Supreme Court Chambers, Mazurek Justice Building**  
**Helena, MT**

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

None

**Testifying Staff**

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

**Attachments**

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet  
Related Materials, Attachment 2 – Fish Wildlife & Parks, Habitat Conservation Lease-FAQ

**Call to Order**

00:00:08 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.  
00:00:15 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance moved to approve the July 15th, minutes. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General and carried unanimously.

**Business Considered**

**0824-1 Department of Military Affairs: Sale of Anaconda Readiness Center**

00:00:45 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.

*Public Comment:*

00:01:33 Mimi Wolok, Montana Department of Military Affairs

00:02:10 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance moved to approve item 0824-1. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General and carried unanimously.

*Board Discussion/Comments:* N/A

**0824-2 Fish Wildlife & Parks: Informational Item - Conservation Leases**

00:02:30 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:02:50 Dustin Temple, FWP Director

*Public Comment:*

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00:06:12 Karli Johnson, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

*Board Discussion/Comments:*

00:07:18 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General  
00:07:36 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
00:08:29 Bill Schenk, FWP Land and Water Program Manager  
00:10:08 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
00:10:24 Bill Schenk, FWP Land and Water Program Manager  
00:10:58 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
00:11:34 Bill Schenk, FWP Land and Water Program Manager  
00:13:18 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:13:34 Bill Schenk, FWP Land and Water Program Manager

**0824-3 Fish Wildlife & Parks: Habitat Conservation Leases**

00:13:49 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.

*Public Comment:*

00:14:37 Ellie Brighton, Montana Stockgrowers Association  
  
00:15:43 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance moved to approve item 0824-3. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General and carried unanimously.

*Board Discussion/Comments:*

00:15:58 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:16:20 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General  
  
00:16:39 The motion to approve item 0824-3 carried unanimously.

**0824-4 Timber Sales: Llama Tracks**

00:16:45 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.

*Public Comment: N/A*

00:17:43 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General moved to approve item 0824-4. The motion was seconded by Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction and carried unanimously.

*Board Discussion/Comments:*

00:17:52 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General  
00:18:13 Shawn Thomas, Forestry & Trust Lands Division Administrator  
00:19:10 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General

**0824-5 Easements**

00:19:25 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.

*Public Comment: N/A*

00:20:10 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General moved to approve item 0824-5. The motion was seconded by Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance and carried unanimously.

*Board Discussion/Comments: N/A*

**0824-6 Request to Proceed with Rulemaking to Amend Recreational Use Rules**

00:20:28 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.

*Public Comment: N/A*

00:21:23 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance moved to approve item 0824-6. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General and carried unanimously.

*Board Discussion/Comments: N/A*

**General Public Comment**

N/A

**Adjournment**

00:21:57 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte  
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster  
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

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