

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES**  
**October 21, 2024, 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

**Attachments**

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – Sign-in Sheet  
Related Materials, Attachment 2 – Litigation Update

**Call to Order**

00:00:17 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.  
00:00:28 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General moved to approve the September minutes. The motion was seconded by Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction and carried unanimously.

**Business Considered**

**1024-1 Fish Wildlife and Parks Conservation Easement**

00:00:42 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.

*Public Comment:*

00:02:33 Peter Scott, Attorney – Citizens for Balance Use & WRH Nevada Properties  
00:09:34 Jason Callahan, Policy and Communications Manager, Green Diamond  
00:12:45 Paul McKenzie, Vice President, General Manager, FH Stoltze Land & Lumber  
00:15:46 Mark Peck, Lincoln County Representative  
00:26:45 Kyle Schmauch, Private citizen  
00:31:00 Charlie Booher, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation  
00:32:20 Barry Dexter, Stimson Lumber  
00:34:20 Garrett Titus, Conservation Policy Specialist, Montana Wildlife Federation  
00:36:03 Dick Dolan, Northern Rockies Director, Trust for Public Land  
  
00:39:00 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, moved to approve agenda item 1024-1. The motion was seconded by Greg Gianforte, Governor.

*Board Discussion/Comments:*

00:39:23 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:39:37 Dustin Temple, Director, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
00:39:53 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:40:03 Alan Zackheim, Legal Counsel, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
00:41:20 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:41:24 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
00:41:30 Alan Zackheim, Legal Counsel, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
00:41:32 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
00:41:40 Alan Zackheim, Legal Counsel, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
00:41:44 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
00:41:45 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:41:48 Christy Jacobsen, Secretary of State  
00:42:01 Alan Zackheim, Legal Counsel, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
00:42:52 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:42:53 Austen Knudsen, Attorney General  
00:43:52 Alan Zackheim, Legal Counsel, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
00:45:15 Austen Knudsen, Attorney General  
00:45:48 Alan Zackheim, Legal Counsel, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
00:46:31 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:46:40 Alan Zackheim, Legal Counsel, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
00:46:50 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:47:02 Alan Zackheim, Legal Counsel, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
00:47:25 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:47:26 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
00:48:02 Alan Zackheim, Legal Counsel, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
00:49:12 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:49:42 Alan Zackheim, Legal Counsel, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
00:49:48 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
00:50:24 Alan Zackheim, Legal Counsel, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
00:50:28 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
00:50:35 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:50:39 Eric Schallan, Real Asset Sales Director, Green Diamond  
00:52:10 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:52:11 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
00:53:50 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:54:01 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
00:54:04 Dustin Temple, Director, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
00:54:25 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:55:45 Alan Zackheim, Legal Counsel, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
00:57:03 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:57:04 Alan Zackheim, Legal Counsel, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
00:57:07 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:57:17 Alan Zackheim, Legal Counsel, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
00:57:19 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:58:41 Austen Knudsen, Attorney General  
01:00:26 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:00:30 Christy Jacobson, Secretary of State  
01:03:06 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:03:24 Christy Jacobson, Secretary of State

01:03:25 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:03:45 Dustin Temple, Director, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
01:03:55 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:04:00 Christy Jacobson, Secretary of State  
01:04:19 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:04:21 Austen Knudsen, Attorney General  
01:04:23 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:04:39 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
01:04:50 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:04:51 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
01:06:10 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:06:24 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
01:06:30 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:06:31 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
01:06:38 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:06:46 Peter Scott, Attorney – Citizens for Balance Use & WRH Nevada Properties  
01:08:49 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:09:00 Peter Scott, Attorney – Citizens for Balance Use & WRH Nevada Properties  
01:09:03 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:09:21 Peter Scott, Attorney – Citizens for Balance Use & WRH Nevada Properties  
01:09:38 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:09:44 Austen Knudsen, Attorney General  
01:10:06 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
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01:11:06 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:11:10 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
01:12:07 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:13:07 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
01:13:19 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:13:38 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
01:13:48 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:13:57 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
01:14:09 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:14:24 Dustin Temple, Director, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
01:14:48 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:14:56 Dustin Temple, Director, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
01:15:08 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:15:25 Dustin Temple, Director, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
01:15:30 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:15:40 Dustin Temple, Director, Fish Wildlife and Parks  
01:15:41 Austen Knudsen, Attorney General  
01:16:26 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
01:16:34 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction

01:17:04 Greg Gianforte, Governor

01:17:15 The amended motion to approve item 1024-1 FWP Conservation Easement carried 3-2.

**1024-2 Timber Sales**

01:17:35 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.

*Public Comment:*

01:19:13 Paul McKenzie, Vice President, General Manager, FH Stoltze Land & Lumber

01:19:31 *Austen Knudsen, Attorney General* moved to approve item 1024-2. The motion was seconded by *Christy Jacobson, Secretary of State* and carried 5-0

*Board Discussion/Comments: N/A*

**1024-3 Easements**

01:19:46 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.

*Public Comment: N/A*

01:20:18 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance moved to approve item 1024-3. The motion was seconded by Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction and carried 5-0

**1024-4 Informational Item - Litigation Update**

01:20:39 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.

*Public Comment: N/A*

*Board Discussion/Comments: N/A*

**General Public Comment**

01:21:53 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction

01:21:58 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

01:22:00 *Greg Gianforte, Governor*

01:22:28 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**Adjournment**

01:22:38 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte  
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster  
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

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SIGN-IN SHEET  
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