

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
November 18, 2024, 9:00 a.m.  
Supreme Court Chambers, Mazurek Justice Building  
Helena, MT**

**Members Present**

Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor  
Austin Knudsen, Attorney General  
Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State

**Members Absent**

Gianforte, Governor  
Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**Testifying Staff**

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

**Attachments**

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – Sign-in sheet

**Call to Order**

00:00:01 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor called the meeting to order.

00:00:17 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General moved to approve the October minutes. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State and carried unanimously.

00:02:22 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor (continue)

00:02:35 Director Kaster introduction of Land Board Secretary

**Business Considered**

**1124-1 Timber Sales A, B, C, & D**

00:02:54 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

00:05:17 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General moved to approve item 1124-1A, B, C, & D. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State.

Board Discussion/Comments: N/A

00:05:32 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor the motion to approve item 1124-1 carried unanimously.

### **1124-2 Cabin and Home Site: Final Approval for Sale**

00:05:44 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

00:06:30 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve item 1124-2. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General.

Board Discussion/Comments: N/A

00:06:41 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor the motion to approve item 1124-2 carried unanimously.

### **1124-3 Land Exchange Preliminary Approval**

00:06:53 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

00:08:20 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve item 1124-3. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General.

Board Discussion/Comments: N/A

00:08:36 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor the motion to approve item 1124-3 carried unanimously.

### **1124-4 Easements**

00:08:38 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

00:09:15 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General moved to approve item 1124-4. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State.

Board Discussion/Comments: N/A

00:09:19 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor the motion to approve item 1124-4 carried unanimously.

### **1124-5 Renewable Energy**

00:09:33 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment:

00:10:55 Ross Feehan, NextEra Energy Representative

00:11:26 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve item 1124-4. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General.

Board Discussion/Comments:

00:11:45 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General

00:12:25 Ross Feehan, NextEra Energy Representative  
00:12:59 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State  
00:13:17 Ross Feehan, NextEra Energy Representative  
00:14:00 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State  
00:14:15 Ross Feehan, NextEra Energy Representative  
00:15:00 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor  
00:15:04 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General  
00:15:21 Ross Feehan, NextEra Energy Representative  
00:15:54 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General  
00:15:56 Ross Feehan, NextEra Energy Representative  
00:15:59 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor  
00:16:03 Ross Feehan, NextEra Energy Representative  
00:16:26 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State  
00:16:56 Ross Feehan, NextEra Energy Representative  
00:17:44 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State  
00:17:54 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor  
00:17:56 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State  
00:18:07 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor  
00:18:17 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State  
00:18:46 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor  
00:18:55 Ross Feehan, NextEra Energy Representative  
00:19:21 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor  
00:20:02 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General  
00:21:05 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director  
00:21:23 Shawn Thomas, DNRC Forestry & Trust Lands Division Administrator  
00:21:51 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State  
00:22:02 Shawn Thomas, DNRC Forestry & Trust Lands Division Administrator  
00:22:34 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor  
00:23:12 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State  
00:23:39 Ross Feehan, NextEra Energy Representative  
00:24:15 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor  
00:24:21 Ross Feehan, NextEra Energy Representative  
00:24:28 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor  
00:24:30 Ross Feehan, NextEra Energy Representative  
00:24:52 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State  
00:24:59 Ross Feehan, NextEra Energy Representative  
00:25:19 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State  
00:25:39 Ross Feehan, NextEra Energy Representative  
00:25:52 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General  
00:26:07 Ross Feehan, NextEra Energy Representative  
00:26:31 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor  
00:27:15 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
00:28:07 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor  
00:28:09 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General  
00:28:42 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor  
00:28:44 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State  
00:29:09 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor  
00:29:25 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General  
00:29:31 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor  
00:29:32 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
00:29:40 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General  
00:29:43 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor  
00:29:54 The motion to carry Item 1124-4 to future Land Board meeting carried unanimously.

**1124-6 Land Board Presentation**

00:30:34 Director Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:30:42 Ryan Wiess, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator  
00:40:01 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor

Board Discussion/Comments:

00:40:23 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State  
00:41:11 Ryan Wiess, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator  
00:40:23 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State  
00:30:42 Ryan Wiess, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator  
00:42:11 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor

**Adjournment**

00:42:31 Adjournment moved by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General the motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Kristen Juras  
Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster  
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

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**NAME**    **AFFILIATION**    **E-MAIL**    *Check to be added to the interested parties list.*

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