

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
December 16, 2024, Year, 9:00 a.m.
Supreme Court Chambers, Mazurek Justice Building
Helena, MT

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Austin Knudsen, Attorney General

Testifying Staff

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director
Shawn Thomas, DNRC Forestry and Trust Lands Administrator

Attachments

Related Materials, Sign-in Sheet

Call to Order

00:00:03 Governor, Greg Gianforte called the meeting to order.
00:00:12 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance moved to approve the November minutes. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

1224-1 Fish Wildlife & Parks: Habitat Conservation Leases

00:00:24 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment:

None

00:01:50 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance moved to approve item 1224. The motion was seconded by Jacobsen, Secretary of State and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments: None

1224-2 Montana Great Outdoors Conservation Easement – Phase I

00:02:39 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment:

00:03:47 Jason Callahan, Policy and Communications Manager, Green Diamond
00:04:31 Peter Scott, Attorney – Citizens for Balance Use & WRH Nevada Properties
00:06:52 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance moved to approve agenda item 1224-2. The motion was seconded by Greg Gianforte, Governor.

Board Discussion/Comments:

00:07:13 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
00:07:56 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:08:48 Brian Bramblett, DNRC Chief Legal Counsel
00:08:57 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:09:09 Bill Shenk, Land and Water Administrator
00:10:21 Greg Gianforte, Governor
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00:10:32 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:10:34 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
00:10:36 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:10:42 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
00:12:45 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:12:56 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
00:13:11 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:13:21 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
00:13:29 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
00:14:24 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:14:24 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:14:49 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:14:51 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State
00:15:20 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:15:32 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
00:16:22 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:17:58 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
00:18:24 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:18:45 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
00:19:02 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:19:52 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
00:20:33 Greg Gianforte, Governor
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00:20:36 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
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00:21:33 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
00:21:52 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:22:54 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
00:23:00 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:23:14 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State
00:23:22 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:23:29 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State
00:23:37 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:24:39 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State
00:24:53 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:22:48 The motion to approve item 1224-2 carried 3-1.

1224-3 Timber Sales A & B

00:25:08 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: None

00:26:38 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve 1224-3 A & B. The motion was seconded by Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction and carried 4-0.

1224-4 Oil and Gas Lease

00:27:02 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: None

00:27:45 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve item 1224-4. The motion was seconded by Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction and carried 4-0.

Board Discussion/Comments: None

1224-5 Long Term Gravel Lease Form

00:28:22 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: None

00:29:16 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance moved to approve 1224-5. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State.

Board Discussion/Comments:

00:29:27 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction

00:29:36 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:29:45 Shawn Thomas, DNRC Forestry and Trust Lands Administrator

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00:32:44 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction

00:32:46 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:32:52 The motion to approve item 1224-5 carried unanimously.

1224-6 Cabin and Home Site: Preliminary Approval for Sale

00:33:03 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: None

00:34:04 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State 1224-6. The motion was seconded by Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction and carried 4-0.

Board Discussion/Comments: None

1224-7 Cabin and Home Site: Minimum Bid for Sale

00:34:47 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: None

00:35:31 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve 1224-7. The motion was seconded by Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance and carried 4-0

Board Discussion/Comments: None

1224-8 Land Banking: Final Approval for Sale

00:35:56 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: None

00:36:33 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve 1224-8. The motion was seconded by Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance and carried 4-0.

Board Discussion/Comments: None

1224-9 Easements

00:36:57 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: None

00:37:29 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction moved to approve 1224-9. The motion was seconded by Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance and carried 4-0

Board Discussion/Comments: None

General Public Comment

00:38:07 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:40:00 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:40:09 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction

00:41:44 Greg Gianforte, Governor

Adjournment

00:42:10 Greg Gianforte, Governor

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

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