

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES**

**April 21, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**

**Supreme Court Chambers, Mazurek Justice Building  
Helena, MT**

**Members Present**

Greg Gianforte, Governor  
Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Austin Knudsen, Attorney General \*Via Zoom  
James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State  
Dawnell Fuller, Land Board Secretary

**Members Absent**

None

**Testifying Staff**

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director  
Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

**Attachments**

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

**Call to Order**

00:00:15 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.

00:00:55 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve the March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction and carried unanimously.

00:01:24 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance moved to approve the April agenda. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State and carried unanimously.

**Business Considered**

**0425-1 Timber Sales: Eight Percent**

00:01:39 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

Motion:

00:02:27 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve item 0425-1. The motion was seconded by Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments: N/A

**0425-2 Cabin and Homesite: Final Approval for Sale A, B & C**

00:02:53 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

Motion:

00:05:01 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve item 0425-2A, B & C. The motion was seconded by Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments: N/A

**0425-3 Land Banking Parcel: Set Minimum Bid for Sale**

00:05:25 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

00:06:11 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator, gave additional information and department recommendations.

Public Comment:

00:10:14 Peter Heidmann, Lessee

00:11:54 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:11:58 Peter Heidmann, Lessee

00:12:02 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:12:07 Peter Heidmann, Lessee

Motion:

00:18:12 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve item 0425-3. The motion was seconded by James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance.

Board Discussion/Comments:

00:18:28 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:18:38 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

00:18:45 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:18:48 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:19:27 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:21:39 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:22:07 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:22:44 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:22:58 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:23:10 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:23:20 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:23:22 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:23:36 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:23:38 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:23:39 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:24:02 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:24:18 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:24:40 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:25:07 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:25:19 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:25:26 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:25:27 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:25:32 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

00:25:53 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator

00:26:36 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:27:12 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator  
00:27:54 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:28:14 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator  
00:28:38 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:28:40 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
00:28:51 Ryan Weiss, DNRC Trust Lands Deputy Administrator  
00:29:15 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
00:29:18 Greg Gianforte, Governor

Motion:

00:29:52 The motion to approve item 0425-3 carried unanimously.

**0425-4 Easements**

00:30:13 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

Motion:

00:30:55 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve item 0425-4. The motion was seconded by Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction and carried unanimously.

**0425-5 Water Rights Notification Process**

00:31:14 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

00:31:36 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance moved to approve item 0425-5. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State.

Public Comment:

00:32:32 Jocelyn Galt Cahill, Senior Ag Water Alliance

Board Discussion/Comments:

00:33:30 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
00:34:55 Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
00:35:28 Greg Gianforte, Governor

Motion:

00:35:37 The motion to approve item 0425-5 carried unanimously.

**Items of Interest Not on the Agenda**

*Motion: To receive a 2025 legislative brief by the DNRC.*

00:35:57 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
00:36:36 Greg Gianforte, Governor

Motion:

00:36:37 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance moved the motion and was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State.

*These abbreviated summary minutes and the audio recording will become the official adopted minutes at the next Land Board meeting when the board votes to officially approve them. Until then they are considered a draft.*

**Board Discussion/Comments:**

00:36:45 Greg Gianforte, Governor  
00:37:11 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
00:37:36 Greg Gianforte, Governor-offered amendment  
00:37:48 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
00:37:50 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:37:52 The motion and amendment approved and carried unanimously.

**General Public Comment: N/A**

**Adjournment**

00:38:18 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/  
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/  
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

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SIGN-IN SHEET  
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