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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2026, AT 9:00 A.M.
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 303
HELENA, MT

Members Present
Greg Gianforte, Governor
Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State
Sonia Gavin, Land Board Secretary

Members Excused
Susan Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Testifying Staff
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director
Diedre Kloberdanz, DNRC Real Estate Management Bureau Chief
Brian Bramblett, DNRC Chief Legal Counsel

Call to Order
00:00:00 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.

00:01:00 Governor Gianforte moved to postpone action on agenda item 1026-2, Metalliferous Mining Lease Template to the November Land Board Agenda. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General, and carried unanimously.

Adopt Proposed Agenda
00:02:23 Governor Gianforte moved to adopt the October agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State, and carried unanimously.

Adopt Prior Months Meeting Minutes
00:02:44 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General, moved to approve the September minutes. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State, and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

1026-1 Timber Sales
00:02:54 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the items.

Public Comment: N/A

00:04:27 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General moved to approve items 1026-1. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State, and carried unanimously.

1026-2 Cabin and Homesites: Set Minimum Bid for Sale

00:04:44 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

00:05:36 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State, moved to approve items 1026-2. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General and carried unanimously.

1026-3 Land Banking Acquisition: Preliminary Approval for Purchase

00:05:52 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

00:06:41 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State, moved to approve items 1026-2. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General.
00:06:51 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General, requested clarification from DNRC Staff for the public
00:07:19 Diedre Kloberdanz, DNRC Real Estate Management Bureau Chief
00:08:47 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
00:09:06 Diedre Kloberdanz, DNRC Real Estate Management Bureau Chief
00:09:22 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:09:24 Diedre Kloberdanz, DNRC Real Estate Management Bureau Chief
00:09:31 The motion to approve item 1026-3 carried unanimously.

1026-4 Easements

00:09:41 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment:

00:10:24 Christy Clark, FWP Director

00:14:59 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General moved to approve items 1026-5. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State.
00:15:08 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
00:15:48 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
00:16:00 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:16:32 The motion to approve item 1026-4 carried unanimously.

1026-5 Outside Legal Counsel: Water Rights

00:16:39 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

00:17:20 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General moved to approve items 1026-5. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State.
00:17:27 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
00:17:51 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director
00:18:14 The motion to approve item 1026-5 carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

1026-6 Quarterly Litigation Update

00:18:24 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

00:18:50 Brian Bramblett, DNRC Chief Legal Counsel

Public Comment: N/A

General Public Comment:
N/A

Adjournment
00:20:56 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General, moved to adjourn.

PRESIDENT	ATTEST
/s/ Date	/s/ Date
Greg Gianforte, Governor	Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

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