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**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS**  
**September 19, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.**  
**State Capitol, Room 303**  
**Helena, MT**

**Please note:** *The Land Board has adopted the audio recording of its meetings as the official record, as allowed by [2-3-212, MCA](#). These minutes provide an abbreviated summary of the Land Board discussion, public testimony, action taken, and other activities. The time designations listed are approximate and may be used to locate the referenced discussion on the audio recording of this meeting. Access to an electronic copy of these minutes and the audio recording is provided from the Land Board webpage at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/LandBoard>. The written minutes summary, along with the audio recordings, are listed by meeting date on the Land Board Archive webpage.*

**Members Present**

Governor Greg Gianforte  
Attorney General Austin Knudsen  
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Troy Downing  
Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen  
Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen

**Members Absent**

None

**Testifying Staff**

Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director  
Shawn Thomas, DNRC Trust Land Division Administrator

**Attachments**

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet

**Call to Order**

00:00:33 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.  
00:00:40 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve the August 2022, minutes. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen and carried unanimously.

**Business Considered**

**0922-1 Oil and Gas Lease Sale (September 7, 2022)**

00:01:00 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:01:44 Governor Gianforte

**Public Comment**

None

00:01:57 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0922-1. The motion was seconded by Superintendent Arntzen.

**Board Discussion/Comments**

None

00:02:01 The motion to approve item 0922-1 carried unanimously.

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**0922-2 Cabin and Home Site: Set Minimum Bid**

- A. Echo Lake**
- B. McGregor Lake**
- C. Olney Townsite**
- D. Mudd Creek**

00:02:17 Mrs. Kaster presents A through D.  
00:02:27 Commissioner Downing moves to separate A from B through D  
00:02:31 Governor Gianforte  
00:02:34 Commissioner Downing  
00:02:44 Governor Gianforte  
00:03:10 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the items A through D.  
00:04:16 Governor Gianforte

**Public Comment**

None

00:04:31 Secretary of State Jacobsen moved to approve item 0922-2. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen.

**Board Discussion/Comments**

00:04:42 Commissioner Downing  
00:05:50 Governor Gianforte  
00:06:13 Shawn Thomas, DNRC Trust Land Division Administrator  
00:06:34 Governor Gianforte  
00:06:45 Mr. Thomas  
00:06:47 Governor Gianforte  
00:06:57 Commissioner Downing  
00:07:48 Governor Gianforte  
00:08:33 Commissioner Downing  
00:09:14 Governor Gianforte  
00:09:19 Attorney General Knudsen  
00:10:04 Governor Gianforte  
00:10:05 Commissioner Downing  
00:10:22 Governor Gianforte  
00:10:32 Commissioner Downing  
00:10:32 Governor Gianforte  
00:10:54 The motion to approve item 0922-2 carried with a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Downing opposed.

**0922-3 Cabin and Home Site: Final Approval for Sale**

00:11:07 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.  
00:11:57 Governor Gianforte

**Public Comment**

None

00:12:08 Attorney General Knudsen moved to approve item 0922-3. The motion was seconded by Secretary of State Jacobsen.

**Board Discussion/Comments**

None

00:12:28 The motion to approve item 0922-3 carried unanimously.

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**0922-4 Easements:**

**A. Standard Grants**

**B. Easement Exchange Agreement – Forrey Creek (Application 19401)**

00:12:33 Mrs. Kaster gave an overview of the item.

00:14:06 Governor Gianforte

**Public Comment**

00:14:12 Wally Wilkinson, Flathead River Ranch

00:15:50 Governor Gianforte

00:16:10 Secretary of State Jacobsen moved to approve item 0922-4. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Knudsen.

**Board Discussion/Comments**

00:16:20 Attorney General Knudsen

00:16:43 Shawn Thomas, DNRC Trust Land Division Administrator

00:17:24 Governor Gianforte

00:17:33 Mr. Thomas

00:17:34 Governor Gianforte

00:17:35 Mr. Thomas

00:17:39 Governor Gianforte

00:18:08 Mr. Thomas

00:18:25 Attorney General Knudsen

00:18:41 Governor Gianforte

00:18:43 Commissioner Downing

00:18:54 Governor Gianforte

00:20:12 Mr. Thomas

00:20:39 Governor Gianforte

00:20:44 Mr. Thomas

00:20:56 Governor Gianforte

00:21:00 Mr. Thomas

00:21:04 Governor Gianforte

00:21:05 Mr. Thomas

00:21:36 Governor Gianforte

00:21:38 Secretary of State Jacobsen

00:21:46 Governor Gianforte

00:21:50 Attorney General Knudsen

00:21:51 Governor Gianforte

00:22:56 Commissioner Downing

00:23:29 Governor Gianforte

00:23:33 Mr. Thomas

00:24:09 Governor Gianforte

00:24:15 Mr. Thomas

00:24:18 Commissioner Downing

00:24:21 Governor Gianforte

00:24:53 The motion to approve item 0922-4 carried unanimously.

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**General Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

00:25:03 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Greg Gianforte  
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ Amanda Kaster  
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

