

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
May 19, 2025 AT 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
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

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – Sign-in Sheet

Call to Order

00:00:08 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.

00:00:42 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance moved to approve the April minutes. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General and carried unanimously.

00:01:06 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance moved to approve the May agenda. The motion was seconded Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

0525-1 Timber Sales A, B, C, D & E

00:01:30 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the items.

Public Comment: N/A

00:04:41 Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction moved to approve item 0525-1A, B, C, D & E. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments: N/A

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0525-2 Communitization Agreement A, B & C

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

Public Comment: N/A

00:07:26 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General moved to approve item 0525-2A, B & C. The motion was seconded by Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments: N/A

0525-3 Easements

00:07:47 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

00:08:43 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State moved to approve item 0525-3. The motion was seconded by Austin Knudsen, Attorney General and carried unanimously.

Board Discussion/Comments: N/A

0525-4 Land Board Approval to Seek Outside Legal Counsel (Executive Session)

00:09:08 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

00:09:14 Greg Gianforte, Governor moved to go into executive session.

00:09:53 Greg Gianforte, Governor resumes public meeting.

00:10:06 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General moved to approve item 0525-4. The motion was seconded by Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Public Comment: N/A

Board Discussion/Comments:

00:11:06 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General

00:11:53 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:12:14 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State

00:12:25 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General

00:12:30 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

00:12:43 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:12:52 The motion to approve item 0525-4 carried unanimously.

General Public Comment *N/A*

Adjournment

00:13:13 Adjournment

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PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ _____ Date _____
Greg Gianforte, Governor

/s/ _____ Date _____
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

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