

MINUTES
THE STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 5, 2017

These minutes memorialize the action taken at the meeting and provide a summary of the discussions. The audio recording provides a full record of the proceedings.

Opening:

The regular meeting of the State Board of Land Commissioners (SBLC) was called to order by Chairman Mead at 10:55 a.m. on October 5, 2017 at the Herschler Bldg., Room 1699.

Board Members Present:

Matthew H. Mead, Governor
Edward Murray, Secretary of State
Cynthia Cloud, State Auditor
Mark Gordon, State Treasurer
Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Office of State Lands and Investments (OSLI) Staff Members Present:

Bridget Hill, Director
Susan Child, Deputy Director
Jason Crowder, Assistant Director
Bill Crapser, State Forester
Machá Ledet

Mackenzie Williams – Attorney General’s Office

A. Minutes

1. August 10, 2017 State Board of Land Commissioners Meeting

Auditor Cloud moved to approve the August 10, 2017 State Board of Land Commissioners minutes. Secretary Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Board Action: Approved

(Board Vote: Mead, Murray, Cloud, Gordon, and Balow voting Aye)

B. Reports

Director Hill addressed standard reports to the Board.

Director Hill presented to the Board the following board matters that were amenable for treatment on a consent list: Board Matters D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4, D-5, D-6; E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5, E-6, E-7; F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, F-5, F-6, F-7; G-1, G-2; H-1, H-2; I-1, and I-2 and noted that all relevant information within these board matters had been presented to the Board, in advance, for review.

Secretary Murray moved to approve the consent list: D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4, D-5, D-6; E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5, E-6, E-7; F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, F-5, F-6, F-7; G-1, G-2; H-1, H-2; I-1, and I-2. Treasurer Gordon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

(Board Vote: Mead, Murray, Cloud, Gordon, and Balow voting Aye)

Secretary Murray moved to accept the Director’s recommendations for all board matters presented on the consent list. Superintendent Balow seconded the motion. The motion carried.

(Board Vote: Mead, Murray, Cloud, Gordon, and Balow voting Aye)

D. Surface Lease Matters

1. Consider Assignments of Grazing and Agricultural Lease and Special Use Lease
2. Consider Grazing and Agriculture Sublease Agreements
3. Consider Applications for Construction of Improvements
4. Consider Renewal Application for Special Use Lease, Lease No. SU-126, Belle Fourche Pipeline Company, Campbell County, Wyoming
5. Consider Renewal Application for Special Use Lease, Lease No. SU-317, Washakie County, Washakie County, Wyoming

6. Consider Amendment of Existing Special Use Lease, Lease No. SU-662, Haystack Coal Company, Uinta County, Wyoming
Board Action: Approved
(Mead, Murray, Cloud, Gordon, and Balow voting Aye)

E. Oil and Gas Matters

1. Consider State of Wyoming Oil and Gas Lease Term Extension for Anschutz Exploration Corporation
2. Consider State of Wyoming Oil and Gas Lease Term Extension for EOG Resources, Inc.
3. Consider Application from EOG Y Resources, Inc. for Suspension of Operations
4. Consider Application from Principle Petroleum Partners, LLC for Suspension of Operations
5. Consider Application from Proven Petroleum, Inc. for Suspension of Operations
6. Consider Application from Signal Hill Company, LLC for Suspension of Operations
7. Consider Results of the September 11, 2017 State of Wyoming Online Oil and Gas Lease Auction
Board Action: Approved
(Mead, Murray, Cloud, Gordon, and Balow voting Aye)

F. Miscellaneous Mineral Matters

1. Consider Renewal Application for Bentonite Lease
2. Consider Renewal Application for Coal Lease
3. Consider Applications for Metallic and Non-Metallic Lease
4. Consider Renewal Applications for Metallic and Non-Metallic Lease
5. Consider Renewal Applications for Sand, Gravel, Aggregate and Borrow Material Lease
6. Consider Renewal Applications for Sand, Gravel, Aggregate and Borrow Material Lease
7. Consider Applications for Sand, Gravel, Aggregate and Borrow Material Lease
Board Action: Approved
(Mead, Murray, Cloud, Gordon, and Balow voting Aye)

G. Easements and Temporary Use Permit Matters

1. Consider Applications for Easement
2. Consider Applications for Temporary Use Permit
Board Action: Approved
(Murray, Cloud, Gordon, and Balow voting Aye)

H. Miscellaneous Land Matters

1. Consider Trust Land Preservation and Enhancement Account Project – Little Snake River Conservation District
2. Consider Trust Land Preservation and Enhancement Account Project – Park County Weed and Pest District
Board Action: Approved
(Mead, Murray, Cloud, Gordon, and Balow voting Aye)

I. Forestry Matters

1. Consider Trust Land Preservation and Enhancement Account Project – Corral Creek
2. Consider Trust Land Preservation and Enhancement Account Project – Garden Creek
Board Action: Approved
(Mead, Murray, Cloud, Gordon, and Balow voting Aye)

End of board matters approved under consent list.

C. Policy Matters - None

I. Forestry Matters

3. Permit Sales – *Information Only*

Board Action: No action; Information only

Walk-In Matter

1. Consider the Results of the Highway 14 2 Timber Sale Forest Product Auction

Director Hill recommended the Board approve the proposed forest products sale to Cowboy Timber subject to the following terms; the timber sale of mixed conifer saw timber sold for \$7.50 per ton saw timber, for a total bid of \$14,212.00. Upon final Board approval, the sale will be properly documented by a forest products contract. Cowboy Timber shall be obligated to a two year written contract covering cutting and removal operations. A slash disposal deposit of \$750.00 shall be collected upon signing of the forest products contract. Cowboy Timber shall provide a performance bond in the amount of \$1,421.00 upon award of the sale.

Secretary Murray moved to approve the Director’s recommendation. Treasurer Gordon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Board Action: Approved
(Mead, Murray, Cloud, Gordon, and Balow voting Aye)

Other Forestry Matters

Bill Crapser, State Forester, stated that this has been his fourteenth year as Wyoming’s State Forester and reported to the Board that his term has expired as the President of the NASF. Mr. Crapser introduced Aaron Lumley as the new Assistant State Forester-Assistance Forestry. Mr. Crapser reported about wildfires in the State of Wyoming, noting ten of those fires have qualified for the emergency suppression account. Mr. Crapser also reported that the State Helitack responded to forty-nine fires, which is a record number of fires, the Smoke Buster crews were on thirty-two fires and four floods. Mr. Crapser stated that twenty-one of our employees were on out-of-state fire assignments in Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon and over one hundred county firefighters were on out-of-state fire assignments over the summer.

Adjournment:

The State Board of Land Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m. on October 5, 2017. The next State Board of Land Commissioners meeting will be December 7, 2017, 8:00 a.m. at the Wyoming Department of Transportation’s Auditorium.

Minutes submitted by: Machá Ledet, Executive Assistant

Approved by: _____
Bridget Hill
Secretary of the State Board of Land Commissioners

***NOTE: Please see the minutes of the following meeting for possible clarifications to discussions.**

Minutes were approved at the State Board of Land Commissioners meeting on December 7, 2017.