BEFORE THE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE STATE OF MONTANA BOARD MEETING) AUGUST 23, 2024) TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS (VIA ZOOM) August 23, 2024 9:00 a.m. BEFORE CHAIRMAN DAVID SIMPSON, BOARD MEMBERS JON REITEN, JOSEPH SMITH, JULIA ALTEMUS, STACY AGUIRRE, JENNIFER RANKOSKY, and AMANDA KNUTESON PREPARED BY: LAURIE CRUTCHER, RPR COURT REPORTER, NOTARY PUBLIC lauriecrutcher@gmail.com

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1	<u>ATTENDEES</u> :
2	Board Members Present:
3	Chair Dave Simpson; Vice Chair Stacy Aguirre; Board Members Julia Altemus, Amanda Knuteson,
	Jennifer Rankosky, Jon Reiten, and Joe Smith.
4	<u>Board Attorney Present</u> : Terisa Oomens
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6	DEQ Personnel Present: Board Secretary: Sandy Moisey Scherer
-	DEQ Director: Sonja Nowakowski
7	DEQ Communications: Rebecca Harbage DEQ Waste Remediation: Deb Sutliff
8	DEQ Legal: Catherine Armstrong, Kirsten Bowers,
9	Sarah Christopherson, Loryn Johnson, Sam King, Kurt Moser, Abby Sherwood, and Kaitlin Whitfield
1.0	DEQ Air, Energy and Mining: Whitney Bausch, Ruby
10	Hopkins, Dan Walsh
11	Other Parties Present:
12	Laurie Crutcher, Crutcher Court Reporting Elena Hagen, Montana DOJ Agency Legal Services
	Bureau
13	Vicki Marquis, Mark Stermitz - Crowley Fleck Graham Coppes - Ferguson & Coppes PLLC
14	Kim Wilson - Morrison Sherwood Wilson & Deola
15	Samuel Yemington - Holland & Hart Todd Briggs - Westmoreland
13	David Smith - MT Contractors Association
16	Frank Tabish - LHC MT Representative Steve Gunderson
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18	Ruth Angeletti Tracie Gibbons
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3 WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were 1 2 had: * * * * * 3 4 (Board Member Aguirre not present) 5 CHAIR SIMPSON: Good morning, everyone. Welcome to the August meeting of this most august 6 7 board. Sandy, would you take the roll, please. MS. MOISEY-SCHERER: Yes, sir. Chair 8 9 Simpson. 10 CHAIR SIMPSON: Here. MS. MOISEY-SCHERER: Vice Chair Aguirre. 11 12 (No response) 13 MS. MOISEY-SCHERER: Board Member 14 Altemus. BOARD MEMBER ALTEMUS: Good morning. 15 Here. 16 17 MS. MOISEY-SCHERER: Board Member 18 Knuteson. 19 BOARD MEMBER KNUTESON: Good morning. 20 Here. 21 MS. MOISEY-SCHERER: Good morning. 22 Board Member Rankosky. 23 BOARD MEMBER RANKOSKY: Here. 24 MS. MOISEY-SCHERER: Board Member 25 Reiten.

4 BOARD MEMBER REITEN: 1 Here. 2 MS. MOISEY-SCHERER: Board Member Smith. BOARD MEMBER SMITH: 3 Here. 4 MS. MOISEY-SCHERER: We have a quorum. 5 CHAIR SIMPSON: Thank you, Sandy. Could we also list those who are in on the call at this 6 7 point, please. MS. MOISEY-SCHERER: Yes, sir. 8 Laurie 9 Crutcher, Court Reporter; Mark Stermitz. 10 MR. STERMITZ: Yes. Here. 11 MS. MOISEY-SCHERER: Steve Gunderson. 12 MR. GUNDERSON: Here. 13 MS. MOISEY-SCHERER: Board Attorney Oomens; Kaitlin Whitfield, DEQ; Catherine 14 15 Armstrong, DEQ; CJC416; David Wilson; Deb Sutliff; 16 Elena Hagen; Kirsten Bowers; Kurt Moser; Loryn 17 Johnson; Rebecca Harbage; Ruby Hopkins; Ruth 18 Angeletti; Sam King; Samuel Yemington; Sarah 19 Christopherson; Director Sonja Nowakowski. 20 (Vice Chair Aguirre present) 21 MS. MOISEY-SCHERER: Vice Chair Stacy 22 Aquirre just arrived. Let me promote her to 23 panelist. And Todd Briggs; and Vicki Marquis just 24 arrived as well. 25 CHAIR SIMPSON: Thank you very much.

5 1 Welcome, everyone. Let's start with a motion on 2 the minutes from the last meeting. Is there any comment or alterations to the minutes? 3 (No response) 4 5 BOARD MEMBER REITEN: Mr. Chairman, I 6 recommend that we approve the minutes. 7 BOARD MEMBER RANKOSKY: I second. CHAIR SIMPSON: A motion has been made 8 9 and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 10 21, 2024 meeting. All in favor, say aye. 11 (Response) 12 CHAIR SIMPSON: Opposed. 13 (No response) CHAIR SIMPSON: Motion carries 14 15 unanimously. Moving on to the briefing items. Ι 16 have a couple of comments on these, but we'll go 17 through them. Any comments or questions from the 18 Board on Pages 1 through 3? 19 (No response) 20 CHAIR SIMPSON: At the bottom of Page 3, 21 of course, this is the discussion of the DEQ 22 versus BER case having to do with the selenium 23 rule. Not much has happened on this since the 24 last report. We will get into the minutes in time 25 -- or excuse me -- into the agenda on time, but

two items here.

2	One is that discovery has been
3	concluded. The BER responded to discovery
4	requests from the environmental groups that are
5	involved in this case. If any of the Board
6	members would like to see that, I would be happy
7	to send it out. Believe me, it's not very
8	stimulating reading.
9	Also on August 6th, Intervenor
10	Respondent State of Montana filed a motion to
11	withdraw from the case, which was granted by the
12	Court on August 8th, 2024, which is a significant
13	development, I believe.
14	Any comments or questions on that?
15	Anybody like to see a copy of those responses?
16	BOARD MEMBER KNUTESON: (Indicating)
17	Chair Simpson, I would.
18	CHAIR SIMPSON: Moving on.
19	BOARD MEMBER ALTEMUS: Mr. Chair, I
20	would like a copy as well, and could you maybe
21	tell us why the Attorney General decided to
22	withdraw?
23	CHAIR SIMPSON: I don't know for
24	certain, but I think it had to do with the burden
25	of work imposed by discovery requests from the

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Environmental Groups.

2 BOARD MEMBER ALTEMUS: Thank you. CHAIR SIMPSON: That's speculation only, 3 4 and I'm passing it on from our attorney. I'11 5 send those out to the Board members here later on today or early next week. 6 7 Moving on, Page 4. Any comments or questions there? 8 9 (No response) 10 CHAIR SIMPSON: I do have a question on 11 Item (a), in the Matter of Westmoreland Resources, 12 Incorporated's appeal of final MPDES permit. The 13 final paragraph there says that, "By July 1, 2024, within four months of the receipt of the updated 14 15 renewal application, DEQ shall prepare a draft 16 permit. By August 1, 2024 or within four months 17 of receiving updated renewal application that 18 includes all additional information requested by 19 DEQ in its response to Westmoreland's June 26th, 20 2023 letter, whichever is later, DEQ shall prepare 21 a permit." 22 It says, "Both of those deadlines have 23 passed." I just wanted to ask if there's anyone 24 on the call to report on the status. 25 MS. MOISEY-SCHERER: Kirsten Bowers of

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8 1 DEQ has her hand up, as does Board Member 2 Knuteson. CHAIR SIMPSON: Go ahead, Ms. Bowers. 3 4 Thank you very much. 5 MS. BOWERS: Good morning, Chair Simpson, members of the Board. Can you hear me? 6 7 CHAIR SIMPSON: Yes. MS. BOWERS: So DEQ is working on the 8 9 draft permit, and we expect to issue a public 10 notice of the tentative permitting decision by September 3rd. That's a little bit of -- I quess 11 12 it's a 30 day extension from what we proposed in 13 the original settlement agreement, and we are 14 working on an amendment to that agreement with 15 Westmoreland. 16 The permit was a little bit delayed due 17 to some staffing issues in the Water Protection 18 Bureau, and we ended up having to hire a 19 contractor to work on the permit with us, but we 20 are on track to get it noticed by September 3rd. Thank you very 21 CHAIR SIMPSON: Great. 22 much, Ms. Bowers. Any other questions from the 23 Board? 24 (No response) 25 CHAIR SIMPSON: Thank you again. Moving

1	9 along. Page 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.
2	(No response)
3	ChAIR SIMPSON: I have a question on
4	Page 11. This has to do with the appeal and
5	request for hearing regarding Rosebud Mine Area B
6	Amendment 5, which I believe Rob Cameron is
7	working on.
8	The last action listed here was response
9	briefs in support of motion for summary judgment
10	on December 21st of last year, and the matter is
11	pending decision from the Hearing Examiner on the
12	motions for summary judgment.
13	So my question, I guess this would be
14	for our attorney Ms. Oomens. Is there any word on
15	when this matter might come to the Board?
16	MS. OOMENS: I have talked to the
17	Hearing Examiner. He is in the process of
18	reviewing the summary judgment documents, and
19	drafting his proposed FOFCOL for the Board. From
20	what I understand, the documents that he has to
21	review and draft an order on are pretty extensive,
22	and so that order is taking him a decent amount of
23	time. But he is working on it. He didn't have a
24	timeline to share with me, though. There's no
25	expected date that he was comfortable with, so

1	10 CHAIR SIMPSON: Okay. Thank you very
2	much. It just seemed that this has been hanging
3	for a little while, so glad to hear it's moving
4	along. Any other comments, questions, on that
5	matter?
6	BOARD MEMBER KNUTESON: Chair Simpson, I
7	had a quick question. This is Amanda.
8	CHAIR SIMPSON: Yes.
9	BOARD MEMBER KNUTESON: I would like to
10	know, is there a repository or some place where
11	Board members access documents that are exchanged
12	or filed in the context of the Hearing Examiner
13	proceedings, or is that just something that Board
14	members do not look at all until, unless or until
15	something comes before us, and then one week
16	before the meeting we get a document dump?
17	CHAIR SIMPSON: The way it has occurred
18	up until this point is that we get the document
19	dump prior to the meeting. I guess I would put
20	the question to our attorney again, Ms. Oomens,
21	whether there is a means of access to those
22	documents, or if there's a reason why everything
23	is held until the process is complete.
24	MS. OOMENS: So there is a filing system
25	that DEQ holds that I am mostly the only one that

1 accesses as the Hearing Examiner.

2	The reason that we haven't given
3	everything to the Board up or previously is
4	because that's why you have assigned it to a
5	Hearing Examiner, is the Hearing Examiner is the
6	one that reviews all those documents. All the
7	Board reviews is the FOFCOL, final decision, and
8	the documents associated with that final decision.
9	It was a way for the Board to not have
10	to review all those documents. If that's
11	something that the Board is interested in seeing,
12	we can discuss how to facilitate that. But in the
13	past it has just been too much for the Board, the
14	Board didn't want to see all of that, didn't have
15	time frankly probably to look at all of that. But
16	we can discuss different ways that that can be
17	facilitated if that's what this Board wants.
18	BOARD MEMBER AGUIRRE: This is Stacy. I
19	apologize for the video challenges I'm having, but
20	to follow up on that question.
21	Does that impact the process at all if
22	or as long as we don't comment on or provide
23	input with the Hearing Examiner having that
24	responsibility that we've assigned them, then is
25	it okay to see the documents, or does that prompt

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12 1 potential comment that circumvents the process if 2 we've assigned it to a Hearing Examiner? I think that would be the MS. OOMENS: 3 concern, is if it would prompt comment from the 4 5 Board on how the Hearing Examiner should be deciding the cases. 6 7 But the Chair and I have had some

discussion about how to facilitate a little more 8 9 Board involvement in stuff. So especially when it comes down to motions for summary judgment, if the 10 Board wants to review the actual briefing on 11 motions for summary judgment instead of just the 12 13 FOFCOL, or that kind of thing, I can provide that information earlier, especially earlier than a 14 15 week before the meeting, because that will be a lot of documents for the Board to review. 16

17 But as far as other non-final decisions, 18 I think that the way the Board has previously 19 given it to the Hearing Examiner, it would 20 potentially cause some conflict and an issue for 21 the Board to review those other documents. Does 22 that answer your question, Stacy? 23 BOARD MEMBER AGUIRRE: Yes. I'm not

24 opposed to seeing documents before, which is
25 partly why I was asking the question, but I also

13 1 don't want to create an issue either. 2 BOARD MEMBER KNUTESON: Chair Simpson, 3 may I? CHAIR SIMPSON: 4 Go ahead. 5 BOARD MEMBER KNUTESON: Terisa, I was actually -- It wouldn't really even be that many 6 7 cases where I'd want to access that information, but just so I understand the process. 8 We, the Board, generally has delegated 9 review authority on the vast majority of contested 10 11 cases to Hearing Examiners for a lot of good and 12 practical reasons, but ultimately that Board 13 recommendation, or the Hearing Examiner's recommendation to us that we vote, on our ability 14 15 to assess that recommendation I think might hinge a little bit in some instances on our ability to 16 17 review some of the documents underlying that 18 recommendation. 19 I was asking if there's a repository. 20 It would be unusual for there to be filings that 21 are not accessible to this Board that's making the 22 ultimate decision on whether or not to adopt the

24 MS. OOMENS: Yes. And so like I said, 25 that repository does exist, and as I said, the

Hearing Examiner's findings.

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14 1 Chair and I have had some discussions about how to 2 facilitate especially that end portion where the 3 Board does get the FOFCOL -- I'm sorry. I didn't 4 realize my video was off -- where the Board does 5 get the end part of the FOFCOL, and then that 6 supporting information could also be included.

7 Like I said, hopefully we can get that 8 to you a little bit sooner than a week before the 9 meeting, because especially if you are reviewing 10 the motion for summary judgment, and the 11 responses, and the replies, and all of the 12 exhibits that are associated, that does tend to be 13 a lot of information.

14 So we can hopefully, maybe Sandy and I 15 can work together on getting you guys access just 16 straight to the repository, instead of trying to 17 get you copies of the documents. I'm open to 18 that, too, and I think maybe there might be a discussion about that a little bit later in the 19 20 meeting as well, but that's kind of what we're 21 thinking.

22 BOARD MEMBER KNUTESON: Thank you. 23 MS. OOMENS: Does that make -- does that 24 answer -- okay.

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BOARD MEMBER KNUTESON: It does. Thank

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2 CHAIR SIMPSON: Thank you. Anything 3 further?

(No response)

5 CHAIR SIMPSON: Moving along, the next 6 item, moving along to Page 12. I have at the end 7 of Item (f), the paragraph in bold on the next 8 page, I have a star on that, and what I wanted to 9 ask is if, Terisa, if you could tell us in English 10 what all of that means, please.

MS. OOMENS: Sure. So this is kind of what I was just talking about. The parties have filed summary judgment, and responses to summary judgment, and replies to summary judgment. And so I'm currently in the process of reviewing all of that information.

And just to kind of give the Board an idea, this is one of my binders for summary judgment. (Indicating) So it's a lot of information to go through. And so I'm in the process of writing that, reviewing it and writing my order.

23 CHAIR SIMPSON: Thank you very much.24 That makes much more sense.

Moving along also on the next item.

16 1 This is the Clearwater case that we considered --2 I don't even remember. I think it was the last 3 meeting -- but there's been quite a bit happening 4 on that. Again, Terisa, if you could bring us up 5 to date on that, please.

6 MS. OOMENS: Sure. So Clearwater is the 7 case that came up to the Board previously on 8 summary judgment. So what the parties have done 9 is essentially filed a second summary judgment 10 motion, and they're working on their responses and 11 replies, and then again, I'll have to review all 12 of that and draft an order.

Potentially that summary judgment, if I grant summary judgment, will come to the Board for final decision. If I don't grant summary judgment, then that will move to a hearing and then a FOFCOL on the hearing that will come to the Board.

19 One other thing that happened in this 20 case is the parties filed a motion in limine. I 21 did issue an order on that motion in limine, that 22 the parties requested I certify to the Board to 23 get Board approval on my order.

But kind of like we were talking about
before, because the Board has fully assigned that

17 to a Hearing Examiner, the Board only gets 1 involved on final decisions of mine. 2 And so I didn't feel that certification to the Board was 3 appropriate since a motion in limine is not a 4 final decision. 5 But just so the Board is aware that that 6 7 was part of what happened in this case. CHAIR SIMPSON: Thank you, Terisa. 8 Any 9 other questions from the Board? 10 (No response) 11 CHAIR SIMPSON: I guess I would comment 12 that as an action item, we have a motion in limine 13 to consider very similar to this one, so that will I think provide some guidance once we've gone 14 15 through that process. Page 14. 16 (No response) 17 CHAIR SIMPSON: 15. 18 BOARD MEMBER KNUTESON: Chair Simpson, 19 it's Amanda again. 20 CHAIR SIMPSON: Yes. 21 BOARD MEMBER KNUTESON: I had one 22 comment on Page 14, or question, I guess. And 23 this also probably would go to you, Terisa. 24 I just, for my background here, I saw 25 that the Board considered a draft decision, voted

18 1 five/two to approve the decision; considered the 2 draft letter to the EPA transmitting Board's final 3 agency decision.

I saw that the Region 8 Administrator 4 5 for EPA said that the EPA will not begin considering Board's request until EPA has been 6 7 notified by the State that the ongoing legal processes have concluded. Is that the normal 8 9 process for anytime something is certified to the EPA, is that if there is pending litigation, that 10 get resolved at every level before they would 11 weigh in? 12 13 MS. OOMENS: I don't have a ton of experience with that, so I'm not exactly sure if 14 15 that's normal. 16 BOARD MEMBER AGUIRRE: I can answer 17 that, if you want. 18 MS. OOMENS: Great. Thank you. BOARD MEMBER AGUIRRE: 19 So because of 20 cooperative federalism, Amanda, generally the EPA 21 won't respond directly to the state unless the 22 state reaches out directly to them. In this case 23 the Board decided to seek opinion from EPA on the 24 matter, just because of the ongoing situation

25 surrounding this, and so EPA responded, as I would

19 expect, that they would -- that they're going to 1 2 directly deal with the state for an opinion as opposed to like a Board of Environmental Review. 3 4 And it's just based on cooperative federalism, so 5 that's a normal -- that was an expected response 6 really from my experience. Thank you. 7 BOARD MEMBER KNUTESON: CHAIR SIMPSON: Thank you, Stacy. 8 Anybody from DEQ care to comment on that? 9 10 (No response) 11 CHAIR SIMPSON: Moving on. This next 12 item -- excuse me -- has to do with the settlement 13 agreement in the matter of Rosebud Mining regarding the MPDES permit for the Amendment 5 14 15 This goes on for several pages, but area. 16 typically we've had a report at each meeting on 17 the status. Having heard nothing further, is 18 there anyone on the call who would care to comment on this? 19 20 (No response) 21 CHAIR SIMPSON: It has to do with 22 quantifying the natural water quality in these 23 drainages that would be affected, ephemeral 24 drainages. 25 Chair Simpson, this is MS. BOWERS:

1 Kirsten Bowers.

2 CHAIR SIMPSON: Yes. MS. BOWERS: And there's -- really the 3 only thing that's going on with ongoing monitoring 4 5 for EC and SAR is monitoring for a period of twelve months. I believe they started in February 6 7 of this year, and so they'll continue to monitor through January. 8 CHAIR SIMPSON: Thank you. You probably 9 10 wouldn't have any way of knowing this, but just 11 personal curiosity, wondering if they have been 12 able to get any measurements this year. My guess 13 is this summer, likely not. MS. BOWERS: Chair Simpson, members of 14 15 the Board. I haven't seen any of the data that's I guess we could, if you want an 16 been collected. 17 update at your next meeting, we could provide some 18 update. I don't know, I don't really know how 19 much the water quality standards folks have done, 20 but I can check in with them and provide an update 21 to you at your next meeting, which I believe in is 22 October. 23 CHAIR SIMPSON: Thank you, Ms. Bowers. 24 I certainly appreciate that. We're I think about 25 nine months into it, if they started in February,

21 so eight or nine months. So why don't we just 2 hold off on that.

But as I've said at previous meetings, in my past life, having spent a lot of time trying to chase water quality in streams that may carry water once a year, if that, it's quite a challenge. That concludes the briefing items. Anything further on the briefing items?

(No response)

The next item on 10 CHAIR SIMPSON: Okay. 11 the agenda is action items, but what I would like 12 to do is to jump over that for a moment, and come 13 back to it, and move to Item VI, the Board Chair The reason being that there are several 14 update. 15 topics here we're going to discuss that might have 16 some bearing on discussion on the action items 17 going forward. Hopefully this wouldn't take too 18 awfully long.

So moving to Item VII, Item (a) there
is, "Continuing Board Responsibilities or
Authority." If you recall, several meetings ago I
prepared a memo to the Board of my interpretation
of Board authorities and responsibilities, and
distributed that to the Board.

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As you can imagine, acceptance of the

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1 opinions expressed in that memo haven't been
2 universally accepted, so we're still moving on
3 that, trying to define a little bit more precisely
4 what the Board responsibilities are in the larger
5 scope of things.

6 But in the process of going through 7 that, preparing that information for the 8 memorandum, one of the items that in retrospect 9 should have been included, but I neglected to 10 include it, was the statement of environmental 11 policy in Title 75 which is environmental 12 protection, Title 75, Chapter 1.

13 That's included in the packet, and I 14 don't know that we need to go through that in 15 detail, but what's significant there is the 16 statement that -- the environmental policy 17 statement, and what is -- the matters included 18 therein become part of the responsibility of every 19 board, agency, and commission in State government, 20 which of course includes this board.

21 So I wanted to be sure everybody was 22 aware of that. The environmental policy 23 statement, of course, does address the clean and 24 healthful environment language of the State 25 Constitution, also private property, and the right

23 of Montana citizens to earn a living. All these 1 2 interests of course need to be balanced. But I just wanted the Board to be aware 3 that that exists, and that as we go through the 4 5 process of making decisions to be aware of the backdrop of the overall policy. Rather than go 6 7 through it, that's all I wanted to say about it. Is there any discussion or any further comments on 8 that, now that you've had a chance to read it and 9 10 consider it? 11 (No response) 12 CHAIR SIMPSON: Did you have your hand 13 up, Amanda? BOARD MEMBER KNUTESON: 14 I did not. 15 CHAIR SIMPSON: Okay. Thank you. All 16 right. Let's move on. There are a couple of 17 items missing from this. I'll insert the first 18 one here. This has to do with the -- Do you 19 20 remember at our last meeting we had a discussion 21 about regulation of gravel pits, and discussed a 22 number of items that have been distributed to the 23 Board, including the applicable, excerpts from the 24 applicable statutes, rules, etc. 25 In conjunction with that, I had a couple

of questions that I wanted to pose to the
 Department, and we did that through Counsel, that
 is, through Terisa, communicated with Sam King
 over at DEQ.

How many 5 The first question was: dryland permits have been issued since House Bill 6 7 599 was passed? And the answer we got back is, "DEQ has issued about 120 dryland permits since HB 8 599 was passed, although some were regular permits 9 10 amended into dryland permits." So obviously not 11 all dryland permits are being appealed to the 12 Board.

The trend seems to be that the permits being challenged in front of the Board are in more developed areas, which I guess is not surprising. But it was interesting to me that there have been that many dryland permits issued, and to date we have one that I know of that's been challenged.

19The second question that I had for the20Department was whether there have been any -- how21should I put this -- any unintended environmental22consequences from gravel pits in the recent past.23And the answer there is, "There are no24front end impacts from gravel pits. DEQ has25issued 101 violations in 2024 to gravel pits.

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25 1 Although those violations are because the 2 permittee is not adhering to permit, they usually resolve quickly, and not about typical 3 environmental impacts. The violations mostly 4 5 consist of mining outside of permit boundary, improper storage of asphalt, insufficient bond, 6 7 not reclaiming by date certain, etc.," which isn't surprising given the detailed nature of the rules, 8 9 why it's quite easy to incur an infraction unintentionally, and I'm sure a lot of that 10 11 happens. I know it's certainly been my experience 12 in the mining industry. 13 So I thought those points were of 14 interest, and I wanted to pass those along to the 15 Board. Again, this didn't make it into the 16 agenda, but do any Board members have any comments 17 or questions on those responses from the 18 Department? 19 BOARD MEMBER REITEN: Mr. Chairman, this 20 is Jon Reiten. I agree with what you found out 21 It's kind of interesting to see what's there. 22 been going on, and how things have been -- you 23 know, a lot of these issues are resolved within 24 the process. Thank you. 25 CHAIR SIMPSON: Thanks, Jon. Anything

1 further?

2	(No response)
3	CHAIR SIMPSON: Okay. Moving along.
4	The next has to do with summarized agenda
5	discussion, and what this has to do with is the
6	briefing items. Terisa and I have been talking a
7	lot about how we might compress those briefing
8	items for the purpose of review by the Board at
9	our meetings. And as you can see from our just
10	having gone through it, a lot of these go on for
11	pages, and it is all a discussion of process with
12	little, if any, product, implications on product,
13	and very little substance. Let's put it that way.
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14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 21 22	So what we've been considering is if we can't focus more on, in my mind, the status, the current status, the most recent developments, and the prospects going forward for when the Board might see these cases for a decision. I guess I'd open it up and ask if Well, let me back up. There were a couple of examples included in the Board package. One was kind of a narrative briefing, highlighting

27 1 pursuing. It seems to me that we kind of get 2 bogged down in the process, the history of the process for each of these cases. 3 So with that, I'll open it up to the 4 5 Board. Any comments or thoughts on that? Stacy, any thoughts? 6 7 VICE CHAIR AGUIRRE: Yes. I feel like how it is laid out now is beneficial, and speaks 8 to kind of, I think a little bit of what Amanda 9 was inquiring about, which made good sense that 10 11 she was inquiring about that. 12 So I feel like what's presented in there 13 is beneficial to keep that timeline and the key elements of the timeline kind of ever present in 14 15 everybody's mind, because I think that's helped 16 show us, you know, or helped facilitate our 17 discussions about some of these matters sort of 18 lingering, or going very long, or how we can look 19 at process and our efforts to move things along. 20 So that's my thought. 21 Thank you. CHAIR SIMPSON: 22 BOARD MEMBER REITEN: Mr. Chairman, this 23 is Jon Reiten. I like the bullet point layout for 24 the thing. It summarizes quite nice, and I think 25 you can still keep all the timelines associated

28 1 with that. It is just seems like otherwise 2 reading and rereading everything, that's basically the same over and over again. So I'd like to 3 figure out a way to eliminate, and I think bullet 4 5 points worked for me. Thanks. CHAIR SIMPSON: Thank you, Jon. Julia, 6 7 any thoughts? BOARD MEMBER ALTEMUS: 8 Yes. I'm the 9 type of person who likes more information, not less, and we're not -- this is not a full-time 10 11 job. So we meet every two months, so it's a good 12 refresher for me. I would prefer to keep it the 13 way it is, just because I need to go back through 14 all and refresh my memory, and I think if that 15 information is not there, we're going to lose some 16 of the history of our conversations and what's 17 gone on. 18 So I mean for me, I think I would rather 19 -- I mean I certainly understand bullet points and 20 stuff like that, but I just think based on the 21 nature of what we do, and how we interact with 22 each other, and this is really important stuff 23 that we do, that I would prefer that we keep it 24 the way it is. That would be my vote. 25 CHAIR SIMPSON: Thank you. Thank you,

1 Julia. Joe.

2	BOARD MEMBER SMITH: I don't know that I
3	have a strong preference either way. I would
4	probably lean more towards Board Member Altemus on
5	keeping it the way it is, but I keep a pretty
6	organized list of documents for every single
7	meeting in a file, so it's not a big deal to go
8	back and look at past agendas to pull the
9	information. But it is nice to have it all right
10	there at each meeting, but I know it does create a
11	pretty long document. But it's a nice record of
12	basically everything we have on our plate, so I do
13	like that.
14	CHAIR SIMPSON: Thank you, Joe. Jen.
15	BOARD MEMBER RANKOSKY: I like the long
16	review. I'm actually a bullet point person, but
17	with all of the complexities of all of these
18	things, I do like to reread everything, and just
19	kind of get a feeling, and then look back at my
20	notes that I make on the other documents. So I
21	vote that way, or lean that way I should say.
22	CHAIR SIMPSON: Okay. Thank you very
23	much. Amanda.
24	BOARD MEMBER KNUTESON: I don't have a
25	preference regarding how you format it, but I

30 wouldn't advocate for any less detail. 1 I think 2 that the timeline's important. I think that reviewing the sort of register of actions in this 3 format is helpful, in that if there is a filing or 4 5 a hearing transcript or something that we would like to access, that's highlighted when you list 6 7 it out this way.

I mean I think it's not too cumbersome 8 9 for us to sort of skip over a paragraph that's 10 just a timeline of procedural events. Ιf 11 anything, I'd say maybe slightly more substance on 12 anything that might be of particular interest, but 13 I would prefer at minimum to keep it the way it is, but if you want to break it up with bullet 14 15 points, that is a formatting issue that I wouldn't 16 weigh in on. I could take it either way. But no 17 less detail than what we have, please.

18 CHAIR SIMPSON: Okay. Thank you very 19 much, everyone. Thank you, Amanda. What I'm 20 hearing is that there is value in maintaining the 21 history. So we'll continue looking at this. I 22 guess I'm thinking maybe kind of a -- This was 23 brought up in the discussion -- an emphasis on 24 recent developments.

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I think I might like to add something

about the prospect going forward, but for now,
we'll leave it alone. And I think, Terisa, maybe
we ought to have a little further discussion about
this, and see if there's any way that we can
highlight those items that are of most current
interest, more than redoing. So that was just a
question.

8 And then the last item. As you know, at 9 least from my tenure on the Board, with one 10 exception we have assigned all the cases before us 11 to a Hearing Examiner, the exception being the TMC 12 case at Gallatin Gateway, which we're going to be 13 talking about here shortly.

One of the thoughts I've had is whether 14 15 there is a hybrid process that the Board might 16 consider where the Hearing Examiner takes care of 17 all the process, but the Board sits in on the 18 hearing. And the reason I bring that up is that I 19 have on some of these past cases felt that maybe I 20 wasn't as informed as I would like to have been as 21 to what was discussed at the hearing, what 22 testimony was brought forth.

I mean it's all been condensed into a FOFCOL, which I certainly have no criticisms of the documents we've been getting. But since the

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32 Petitioners have asked for a hearing before the 1 2 Board, I'm wondering if this isn't something we should consider at least in some cases. 3 And again, I don't expect to make a decision on this 4 5 today, but I wanted to bring that up, and plant that seed, and perhaps discuss it at the next 6 7 meeting.

But I would ask for any immediate 8 thoughts from the Board members on that idea. 9 Ι recognize that this would be a rather time 10 consuming, could be a time consuming thing, since 11 12 some of these hearings take several days. And 13 since with the exception of Jon and myself, who I 14 believe are the only retirees on this Board, 15 everybody has a day job, and it might be kind of difficult to make the time for it. 16

17 But just the same, I did want to raise 18 the question as to whether there is any interest 19 on the Board of increasing our participation in 20 the process, particularly with respect to the 21 hearing, where there is a hearing. Again, I'd 22 just kind of like to get a comment from each Board 23 member. Stacy, any thoughts on that? I see your 24 hand is up.

VICE CHAIR AGUIRRE: Yes. Chairman

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33 1 Simpson, I like the sound of the idea, and I don't 2 know the actual procedural complexities -- if we do that, if the whole Board would need to be on, 3 and we'd have need to have a quorum; or if we 4 5 could have representatives, say, like yourself and Board Member Reiten as standard members, or how 6 7 that process would work. But I'm definitely interested in talking 8 9 about it more, and seeing what we might be able to get in place that allows enough flexibility, due 10 to the fact that most of us have -- you know, 11 we're still working, and that could cause 12 13 challenges for our work. CHAIR SIMPSON: Well, you raise a valid 14 15 point, Stacy, and I guess I'll provide a little 16 background there. 17 The way the process would work is one, 18 yes -- and Terisa and I have discussed this at some length, Terisa and I -- we would need to have 19 20 a quorum present either in person or online. And 21 in that case, the Board would have the opportunity 22 to ask questions of the witnesses. 23 And then in order to consider the case, 24 the Board would meet in executive session with the 25 Hearing Examiner to make a decision on which way

34 1 the FOFCOL would go. The Hearing Examiner would 2 then prepare the final documents. There would not be a need for exceptions in this case because of 3 the presence of the Board at the hearing, is my 4 5 understanding, so that once the FOFCOL was prepared, that's where the process would transfer 6 7 then back to the Board. Am I missing anything, Terisa? 8 I think that's the way I remember our discussion. 9 10 MS. OOMENS: I have to do a little bit more research and make sure that we don't need to 11 notice further conversation of the Board as a 12 13 public meeting. That gets a little iffy. 14 But for the most part, I think the Board 15 has been asking for more detail on all of these 16 cases, and this would be a good way to facilitate 17 that. We can figure out the logistics, if it's 18 something the Board is interested in, but I think 19 initially, Chair and I just want to make sure that 20 it is something the Board is interested in anyway 21 before we start nailing down the logistics. 22 CHAIR SIMPSON: Thank you, Terisa. Joe, 23 any thoughts? 24 BOARD MEMBER SMITH: Not at this time, 25 no, not in addition to what's been said. Like I

35 said before, I'm good with more detail than less. 1 2 CHAIR SIMPSON: Thank you. Julia. BOARD MEMBER ALTEMUS: So the question I 3 would have based on the statement that you said, 4 5 Chairman Simpson, is that the Board would have to have a quorum in order to ask questions. If we 6 7 didn't have a quorum, let's say, three people 8 showed up because they were interested, but then 9 you don't get to ask questions, is that okay, or does the Board have to have a quorum there, 10 period? 11 12 If the Board is --MS. OOMENS: 13 CHAIR SIMPSON: My understanding is yes. 14 Go ahead, Terisa. 15 MS. OOMENS: So in this way that we've 16 discussed it, the Board would be the one actually 17 making the decision. The Hearing Examiner would 18 be drafting the final order, but the Board would 19 be the one that would be discussing and making 20 that final decision. So because it's a 21 substantive decision, it's a final decision, we 22 need a quorum of the Board. 23 BOARD MEMBER ALTEMUS: Gotcha. Okay. 24 That makes sense. Thank you for clarifying. 25 MS. OOMENS: You're welcome.

36 CHAIR SIMPSON: Amanda, any thoughts? BOARD MEMBER KNUTESON: Yes. I appreciate the need to explore the -- especially

4 that subsequent meeting that was mentioned, if
5 that needs to be noticed, and with the quorum
6 where you discuss with the Hearing Examiner. So I
7 appreciate that comment by Terisa.

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I was just wondering. Is there any 8 9 problem with just having the option for Board members to observe a hearing if there's not a 10 11 quorum? I mean I quess we wouldn't know in 12 advance necessarily. You could poll the group by 13 email. But at minimum, someone from the Board observing a hearing, and bringing some 14 15 observations forward into the discussion that we 16 have at our full meeting would add a layer, I 17 think, of good substance to our discussions.

18 I mean I was redundant. But I just 19 think that having the option of a Board member or 20 multiple Board members just observing, maybe not 21 interfacing or asking the questions, would be a 22 good starting point at least, because as it is, 23 just seeing all these hearings that are happening, 24 days long hearings, and then just getting a one 25 page thing at the end --

37 I mean, and I'm just brand new, but that 1 2 to me, I would feel uncomfortable I think making a 3 decision to adopt recommendations without having had any exposure to anything that came before 4 5 that. I don't know if this is MS. OOMENS: 6 7 helpful, but one of the things we could include in the material that the Board receives is if the 8 Board wants a transcription of the hearing, I 9 could, we could facilitate that and include that 10 in the materials, if that would be helpful. 11 12 Again, if it's days long, you know, it's going to 13 be hundreds of pages probably. But if that would be helpful, we could discuss that, too. 14 15 BOARD MEMBER KNUTESON: I think that 16 would be helpful to me for sure. Thank you. 17 MS. MOISEY-SCHERER: Chair Simpson, this 18 is Sandy. Sam Yemington has his hand up. 19 CHAIR SIMPSON: I'm sorry. Excuse me. 20 Samuel. 21 MR. YEMINGTON: Thank you, Chair Yes. 22 Simpson, members of the Board. I thought I would 23 offer a response to that question, some experience 24 that we have had in that capacity, if the Board 25 would find that helpful.

38 1 CHAIR SIMPSON: I'm sorry, Mr. 2 Yemington. I didn't catch that. 3 MR. YEMINGTON: Sure, and we may be having some intermittent internet issues, but I 4 5 would offer to provide our personal experience with respect to those hearings, if it would be 6 7 helpful for the Board. CHAIR SIMPSON: Thank you. 8 9 MR. YEMINGTON: We've gone through this process a number of times, and specific to Board 10 11 Member Knuteson's inquiry regarding participation 12 in these hearings. These hearings we always make 13 available to the public at large, and invite In our experience, it's something 14 participation. 15 that's been accepted, and used. 16 We've had folks join us through Zoom, 17 participate in person. We've not had members of 18 the Board, but it's not something that would 19 disrupt or otherwise impact the proceeding as an 20 opportunity. 21 These hearings can be quite long. Four 22 or five days is not unusual. But again, given the 23 opportunities with technology, that can be 24 accommodated and often is if there's interest in 25 participating.

To the second point that Board Member Knuteson made specific to the information -- and again, this goes back to a previous conversation at the beginning of this meeting -- but the information that the Board has available to it for making the decision after the proposed FOFCOLs are presented to the Board.

I would just note that this process is 8 9 codified in Chapter 6 of MAPA. After a Hearing Examiner who has been delegated the responsibility 10 of making those decisions presents a proposed 11 12 findings of fact and conclusions of law to the 13 Board, whether that's after summary judgment 14 resolving the entire case, or after an evidentiary 15 hearing, there's a specific process whereby each 16 party submits briefing exceptions to the proposed 17 findings and conclusions, and then the Board 18 conducts oral argument. Again, this is codified 19 in statute.

That exceptions briefing and that oral argument is the Board's opportunity to engage with the parties, and to understand what took place during the contested case. MAPA specifically limits the Board's role in the event the Board has delegated that responsibility, and so the Board is

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40 1 not allowed by statute to consider some of these 2 aspects of the contested case in piecemeal. If they want to wade into the findings 3 of fact, for example, MAPA requires the Board to 4 5 look at the entirety of the administrative record which was developed in the contested case, and 6 7 that administrative record is defined again by MAPA, by statute. 8 So there is a specific process here. 9 The Board isn't just handed the proposed findings 10 11 and conclusions. The parties -- Again, just speaking from my personal experience. We've had 12 13 contested cases where there were -- and I know members of the Board are familiar with some of 14 15 these cases -- three, four, five days of hearings 16 in front of the Board on just the exceptions 17 briefing. 18 So again, it's not a perfunctory 19 process. This can be quite a significant step in 20 the contested case. 21 Thank you very much. CHAIR SIMPSON: 22 Jon, any thoughts? Interesting. 23 BOARD MEMBER REITEN: Yes. I don't have 24 anything significant to add to this. It's just 25 like it seems very cumbersome to have to sift

41 through a many day meeting to discussion on the 1 2 hearings. So that's my only concern. Even though I am retired, I am doing other stuff, so it's just 3 hard to commit that much time to the process. 4 5 That's my main concern. That's why I think a lot of times maybe 6 7 the long transcripts could be of use, but again, that would be something that -- so I could see 8 9 that being an option. Thank you. 10 CHAIR SIMPSON: Thank you, Jon. I quess 11 you certainly make a good point. I'm sure even 12 though we are retired, we do still have lives 13 outside of BER. Jen, thoughts. BOARD MEMBER RANKOSKY: I agree with 14 15 That's a huge commitment. I don't know if Jon. I'd be able to do that. But I like the idea of 16 17 the transcripts. That would be doable in my life. 18 CHAIR SIMPSON: Well, thank you, 19 evervone. I think where we are on this is 20 certainly it would be a huge commitment of time, 21 and of course, there are considerations with MAPA 22 that would have to be considered. 23 So I think again, Terisa, why don't we 24 discuss this a little further, and see if there's 25 any merit in the idea. I'm not convinced there

42 is, but I think it's worth discussing. Beyond 1 2 that, I have nothing further on Item VI, the Board Chair update. Are there any questions for me 3 before we take a break and then move on with the 4 5 agenda? 6 (No response) 7 CHAIR SIMPSON: Hearing none, let's take It is 10:00. Let's come back at ten 8 a break. after, and we'll proceed with the action items. 9 10 (Recess taken at 10:00 a.m. 11 Gateway Conservation Alliance transcript 12 bound separately 13 Board meeting reconvened at 11:52 a.m.) CHAIR SIMPSON: We also have a new 14 15 contested case under action items similar to the one we've been dealing with, appeal and request 16 17 for hearing by Gallatin County Community Coalition 18 regarding issuance of opencut mining permit No. 3561, Case No. BER 2024-04 OC. 19 20 You read the briefing on that in the 21 meeting materials. It appears to me to be very 22 similar to the case of Gallatin Gateway. So we 23 have a decision whether we want to assign this to 24 a Hearing Examiner, or as we did in the case of 25 TMC, have the Board assume jurisdiction.

43 1 I think we have a third option, and that 2 is to, as we were talking earlier, to assign it to a Hearing Examiner with the option of having the 3 Board sit in on the hearing whenever it may occur. 4 5 What are the thoughts of the Board on this matter? VICE CHAIR AGUIRRE: Chairman Simpson, I 6 7 have a question about that third option of assigning it to a Hearing Examiner to a certain 8 point. Kind of what does that look like for the 9 Board, then involvement in how that moves forward? 10 I don't really understand that. 11 12 CHAIR SIMPSON: Well, I'll give you my 13 understanding, and then I will ask Terisa to chime 14 in here. With respect to the TMC case, this is 15 one that the Board had decided to retain 16 jurisdiction. And as a practical matter, what's 17 happening here is that Terisa is handling all of 18 the procedural matters on it, consulting with me 19 as Chairman to sign documents as need be. 20 I think it might be work a little more 21 smoothly if the Board were to assign the 22 procedural matters to our Hearing Examiner, but 23 retain jurisdiction as far as hearing the case and 24 making the decision ultimately. Terisa, any 25 thoughts on that?

1	44 MS. OOMENS: Yes. So that kind of goes
2	back to the conversation we were having earlier in
3	the meeting. We'd have to have a quorum of the
4	Board at the meeting. The Board would have to
5	participate then and make the decision as to how
6	the ultimate final action looks. It would be a
7	little more complicated as far as scheduling goes.
8	Again, we've kind of already had that discussion.
9	But that's kind of what the third option would
10	look like.
11	CHAIR SIMPSON: So if I could ask Terisa
12	to clarify. In this case of TMC, which has now
13	been stayed, but what would be the Board's direct
14	involvement, given the fact that the Board had
15	opted to retain jurisdiction?
16	MS. OOMENS: In TMC it would be the
17	same. You all would have to have a quorum at the
18	hearing; you all would make the decision as far as
19	the final outcome of the case. So the difference
20	between assigning it to me, and kind of a hybrid
21	option of assigning it to me and the Board just
22	participating in the hearing, the difference would
23	be you wouldn't be involved in the summary
24	judgment FOFCOL prior to getting the FOFCOL.
25	But in TMC, for instance, if that case

45 proceeds, you would get all of the summary 1 2 judgment briefing, review all of that, and then you would be the ones making the summary judgment 3 decision. Does that make sense? 4 CHAIR SIMPSON: Yes. It makes sense. 5 Thank you. 6 7 VICE CHAIR AGUIRRE: I have another question, Chairman Simpson. So the decision that 8 we're making right now, nothing to do with like in 9 the case of TMC or any of the other opencut 10 11 permits? This doesn't have any relevance on 12 whether they can mine, or whether they're 13 authorized or not authorized to mine? This has to 14 do with an appeal, and a process moving forward 15 from that, correct? That's correct. 16 CHAIR SIMPSON: 17 VICE CHAIR AGUIRRE: Okay. Thank you. 18 CHAIR SIMPSON: And if my understanding 19 is correct, as far as mining or not mining, the 20 Petitioners have the option of filing with the 21 Court for a restraining order if they can 22 demonstrate a high probability of success. That's 23 what I understood your earlier testimony to be. 24 VICE CHAIR AGUIRRE: Thank you, 25 Chairman.

46 1 CHAIR SIMPSON: But whether they proceed 2 or don't proceed is not our call. Is there a motion on either assigning this case to a Hearing 3 Examiner, retaining jurisdiction by the Board, or 4 5 the hybrid approach, as was just described earlier by Terisa? 6 7 BOARD MEMBER REITEN: Mr. Chairman, I would move to assign it to a Hearing Examiner. 8 CHAIR SIMPSON: Is there a second? 9 10 (No response) 11 CHAIR SIMPSON: I'm not hearing a 12 second. Is there an alternate motion? 13 BOARD MEMBER ALTEMUS: Mr. Chair, I'd 14 like to move that the Board retain jurisdiction of 15 this permit, this case, this contested case. VICE CHAIR AGUIRRE: I second. 16 17 CHAIR SIMPSON: Is there a second? 18 VICE CHAIR AGUIRRE: I second. 19 CHAIR SIMPSON: A motion has been made 20 and seconded to retain jurisdiction in Case No. 21 BER 2024-04 OC, Opencut Mining Permit 3561. Ιs 22 there further discussion? 23 BOARD MEMBER ALTEMUS: Mr. Chair, I 24 think the reason that I went that direction is 25 because this is the beginning of this issue that

47 they just want the permit to be rescinded. 1 So I 2 think this case could go sideways in a lot of ways, and I just think that we need to retain 3 jurisdiction, because again, it could get 4 5 complicated, and could have impact on future cases, so I think we need to stay involved. 6 7 CHAIR SIMPSON: Thank you, Julia. Ι guess I would comment that it's essentially a 8 carbon copy of the -- as I understand from the 9 briefing now, describing the type of operation 10 11 that's proposed, or been permitted, I should say, 12 it's very similar to the TMC case which has now 13 been stayed. Further discussion? 14 (No response) 15 CHAIR SIMPSON: A motion has been made 16 and seconded. All in favor, say aye. 17 BOARD MEMBER ALTEMUS: Mr. Chairman, I 18 think Amanda had a question maybe. Amanda, did 19 you have a question? 20 CHAIR SIMPSON: I'm sorry. I guess --21 I'm sorry, Amanda. Go ahead. 22 BOARD MEMBER KNUTESON: It's okay. Ι 23 didn't yell in my interruption very quickly. What 24 I was going to say is that on the basis of -- my 25 sense is that we have not sufficiently pinned down

48 and formalized what that hybrid process you 1 describe looks like, or at least from my 2 perspective. I'm not 100 percent comfortable that 3 we know what that looks like. And because I 4 5 wouldn't want to relinquish entirely this case to the Hearing Examiner, on that basis would follow 6 7 along and vote in favor of Member Altemus's motion. 8 9 CHAIR SIMPSON: The motion that we're 10 voting on is for the Board to retain jurisdiction 11 in this case. That decision can be modified along 12 the way if the Board is of a mind to do so, so 13 that option is not precluded --14 BOARD MEMBER KNUTESON: Okay. Thank 15 you. 16 CHAIR SIMPSON: -- by retaining 17 jurisdiction. Further discussion? Sorry. Ι 18 overlooked you. 19 (No response) 20 CHAIR SIMPSON: A motion has been made 21 and seconded. All in favor, say aye. 22 (Response) CHAIR SIMPSON: Opposed. 23 24 (No response) 25 CHAIR SIMPSON: Motion carries

unanimously.

2	And then we have one other item, Item V,
3	and that is general public comment. Under this
4	item, members of the public may comment on any
5	public matter within the jurisdiction of the Board
6	that is not otherwise on the agenda for the
7	meeting. Individual contested case proceedings
8	are not public matters on which the public may
9	comment. Is there any public comment?
10	(No response)
11	CHAIR SIMPSON: Hearing none, is there a
12	motion to adjourn?
13	BOARD MEMBER SMITH: So moved.
14	CHAIR SIMPSON: Is there a second?
15	BOARD MEMBER REITEN: I'll second.
16	BOARD MEMBER RANKOSKY: Second.
17	BOARD MEMBER ALTEMUS: Second.
18	CHAIR SIMPSON: It's been moved and
19	seconded to adjourn the meeting. Thank you,
20	everyone, for your participation today. It's been
21	a good meeting. All in favor of adjourning, say
22	aye.
23	(Response)
24	CHAIR SIMPSON: The meeting is
25	adjourned. Tune in in October for the next

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