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Secretary Gray Request to Move State Board of Land Commissioners Meeting to Casper Denied by Governor

CHEYENNE, WY – In advance of the State Board of Land Commissioners meeting on June 5th, Wyoming Secretary of State Chuck Gray sent a <u>letter</u> to Governor Mark Gordon on May 20th requesting the meeting be moved to Casper to listen to public comment on several sand and gravel leases. This request was denied by the governor.

"I am disappointed that the governor has refused to hold the upcoming board meeting in Casper, which would have facilitated increased public comment and input on the sand and gravel issue in Natrona County. This dereliction by the Governor is amplified by the fact that the original leases were part of a consent agenda and that the Governor failed to support a motion last year that would have provided a path to ending the leases. The fact that the Governor does not want to hear the overwhelming opposition to these leases is deeply disturbing. As I wrote in my letter to the governor, public input is vital to the decision-making process, and I believe it is pivotal that there is adequate time to fully consider the overwhelming impact of these decisions of the board on the people of Wyoming. Gordon's decision shows a contempt for Wyomingites most affected by his actions. It also shows the governor's lack of understanding of the duties of the Board."

Secretary Gray's letter to Governor Gordon can be found <u>here</u>.

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