

**LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting
May 8, 2009
OPEN Meeting Minutes
Approved**

Call to Order: 9:50a.m. by Chairperson Heidi Bosma.

Attendance: Rochelle Ettawageshik, Bill Denemy, Debbie DeLeon and Heidi Bosma.
Absent: Margaret Gasco

Staff and Guests Present: Denneen Smith, LTBB Social Services Director, LTBB and Matt Leskey LTBB Prosecutor Dakota Shananaquet

Discussion was held regarding the passage of a revised CWC Statute by Council on February 22, 2009, which basically removes all delegated duties of the CWC reducing it to Advisory Commission status. Jim Bransky was available by telephone. Serious concern was expressed by everyone present regarding the impact that removing LTBB member input and responsibility into the process intended to protect our children, thus leaving all decisions in the hands of non LTBB staff. Is this truly what Council intended?

Director's Report: Accepted the written report of Denneen Smith,

Public comment: Opened at 11:50 am and closed at 11:50 am

Approval of Minutes: Postponed until next meeting.

Closed Session: Motion was made by Bill Denemy to go into Closed Session at 9:52 am; Supported by Debbie DeLeon. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Open Session: Motion was made to return to Open Session by Rochelle Ettawageshik at 12:25pm; Supported by Bill Denemy. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Treasury Report: No report at this time.

Chairperson's Report: Things have been very busy because of the passage of the new CWC Statute by Council. The CWC Statute was passed by Tribal Council on May 3, 2008.

Motion by Bill Denemy to authorize and pay stipend as necessary for the Chair to attend the Tribal Council Meeting on April 18 and/or 19, 2009 regarding the recently passed CWC Statute; Seconded by Debbie DeLeon. Motion carried unanimously with one absent.

In response to a discussion, the CWC Chair will request a written legal opinion from Jim Bransky for clarification of the CWC Statute under Chapter 2, Section 5.203 Duties of the Child Welfare Commission, Item D regarding the ability to meet with parents, guardians or custodians after formal court jurisdiction is established.

Old Business: Resolution Process: Allie Maldonado will continue to do the resolutions. If she is not available, then the CWC will do them and send them to Jim Bransky for review.

Meeting Schedule: Next meeting **June 5, 2009.**

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 1:49pm was made by Rochelle Ettawageshik and supported by Bill Denemy. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rochelle Ettawageshik,
CWC Secretary

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