

1 **LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting**
2 **1-8-10**
3 **Approved Open Minutes**

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5 **Call to Order:** 12:45pm by Heidi Bosma
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7 **Attendance:** Heidi Bosma, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Bill Denemy, Debbie DeLeon, and Emily
8 Proctor.
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10 **Staff and Guests:** Denneen Smith, LTBB Social Services Director, Lisa Ronk, LTBB Social Services
11 Worker, and Matt Leskey, LTBB Prosecuting Attorney
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13 **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to approve the Open and Closed Minutes
14 from December 4, 2009 as amended. Supported by Ms. Ettawageshik; passed unanimously.
15 Mr. Denemy made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2009 Work
16 Session; Supported by Ms. Ettawageshik; motion passed unanimously.
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18 **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to approve the agenda with no additions;
19 Supported by Ms. Ettawageshik; unanimously approved.
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21 **Public Comment:** Opened at 1:00 pm and closed at 1:05 pm.
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23 **Director's Report:** Ms. Smith reported on the successful Child Welfare Training Session she and
24 the Prosecuting Attorney held with Tribal Council. They also addressed the issue of placement
25 costs and the need for future funding considerations which were met with positive results from
26 Tribal Council. Ms. Smith also shared that she is now the Human Services Department Director.
27 The Dept is currently being reorganized. Lisa Ronk will be her backup if she is unable to attend
28 future meetings. She is still working with Title IV-E Federal Compliance Unit to bring Training
29 here.
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31 **Prosecutor's Report:** Training with the Tribal Council went well and were very receptive and
32 attentive, asking thoughtful questions. Mr. Leskey also reported that they seemed receptive to
33 future placement funding considerations, perhaps in the \$100,000 range. New CWC
34 Commissioner Emily Proctor also attended this training session.
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36 **Closed Session:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to go into Closed Session at 1:27pm; Supported by
37 Ms. Ettawageshik; Unanimous decision.
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39 **Open Session:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to return to Open Session at 2:11pm; Supported by
40 Ms. Proctor; unanimously approved.
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42 **Treasurer's Report:** The Chair reported that she has reviewed the budget and believes we
43 should be ok with the additional meeting on Saturday, however also believes that the Saturday
44 meeting will not always be warranted. Ms. Ettawageshik asked if there still is a moratorium on
45 travel because there is a NICWA conference is coming up in Portland, OR in April. Ms.

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48 Ettawageshik offered to go over the budget to project whether all the costs will fit within the
49 budget and if there might be funding available to send at least one CWC member and be able to
50 take advantage of the Early Bird prices. Mr. Denemy made a motion to allow up to 2 members
51 to attend the NICWA Conference based on the availability of funds and if the moratorium has
52 been lifted. The Chair will do a cost projection for this potential travel. Ms. Ettawageshik
53 supported the motion; passed unanimously.

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55 **Chairperson's Report:** Happy and relieved to have the following resolved:

- 56 • Document Distribution issue and expectations of Tribal Court;
- 57 • New laptop equipment was just received this morning;
- 58 • Welcome to new commissioner Emily Proctor

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60 **Old Business:** Need to elect Treasurer

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62 **New Business:**

- 63 A. Meeting was held with Tribal Court Judges earlier today—Tribal Court and the CWC
64 concurred that it was necessary to add Tribal Court to the CWC Document
65 Distribution List as required by the Child Protection Statute, Section IV, Section C
66 which states: Advise the Tribal Council and Tribal Court on child welfare matters and
67 recommend statutes, policies, and procedures to protect children and help families.
- 68 B. Saturday work session meetings—money in the budget? Item addressed under
69 Treasurer's Report above
- 70 C. New Laptop has been received!

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72 **Meeting Schedule:** The January 9, 2010 meeting is not needed this month. The next meetings
73 are scheduled for February

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75 **Announcements:** Ms. Ettawageshik will be working on organizing a fundraising event in to
76 support of NICWA, which is part of her responsibility as a member of their board. Tony Davis
77 wants to build a lodge near the Governmental Complex and if anyone has the time and interest
78 to assist.

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80 Ms. Proctor shared that she is organizing a "Become a Mentor Night" on Tuesday, Jan 12 at
81 5:30pm at the Governmental Complex.....event is through her position as the MSU Extension
82 Tribal Extension Educator. The event will have matched mentorships and speakers will share
83 their experiences, etc. She is looking for youth to participate.

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85 There is also a Youth Lock in on the 16th; MSUE is doing a Rising Cost of Food Forum on the
86 10th. This will begin an organized discussion in that regards.

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88 Elections will be held next month. Ms. Ettawageshik made a motion for Ms. Proctor to be
89 Interim Treasurer; Mr. Denemy supported the motion; passed unanimously.

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91 **Adjournment:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:44 pm; supported by
92 Ms. Ettawageshik; passed unanimously.

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94 Respectfully Submitted,

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96 Rochelle Ettawageshik

97 CWC Secretary