

1                   **LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting**  
2                   **LTBB Governmental Complex, Room 312/Court Room**  
3                                   **7-6-12**  
4                                   **Open Session Minutes**

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6   **CALLED TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 10:20pm by Heidi Bosma, Chair.  
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8   **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Heidi Bosma, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Steve Sochay,  
9   Emily Proctor and Debbie DeLeon

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11   **COMMISSION MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** NONE

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13   **STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT:** Matt Leskey, Tribal Prosecutor and Tosha Bennington by  
14   conference call.

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16   **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Sochay made a motion to approve the June 1, 2012 **Open and**  
17   **Closed session** as amended; supported by Ms. Ettawageshik; **Vote:** 3 YES and -0- NO with 2  
18   absent; Motion carried.

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20   **SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** No report, Director not available

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22   **TRIBAL COUNCIL WORK SESSION REQUEST TO ATTEND:** Since the last meeting, the  
23   CWC received an email invitation for participation in the work session scheduled for July 2<sup>nd</sup> to  
24   review the recent drafts of the CWC Statute, Child Protection Statute, DHS Statute and FOC  
25   Statute. A motion was made by Mr. Sochay to authorize costs associated for all commissioners  
26   who attended the Tribal Council Work Session meeting held on July 2, 2012 to review the final  
27   drafts of the CWC Statute, Child Protection Statute, DHS Statute, and FOC Statute. Supported  
28   by Ms. Proctor; **VOTE:** 5 YES and -0- NO with -0- absent; Motion passed unanimously.

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30   **OLD BUSINESS**

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32   **CULTURAL CONTRACT:** Significant discussion of several ideas in what approach to take  
33   regarding the development of a cultural contract concept was held. This would be especially  
34   targeted for non-Native families adopting any of our Tribal children. The prosecutor offered to  
35   put the information into written form and bring to the next meeting for further discussion.

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37   **TRIBAL COUNCIL WORK SESSION:** The CWC participated in the Tribal Council Work  
38   Session meeting on 7-2-12 to complete the review of the latest drafts of the Child Protection  
39   Statute, the CWC Statute and the DHS Statute. The FOC Statute is currently posted for  
40   comment and may be reviewed at a later date.

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42   **CLOSED SESSION:** Motion was made to go into Closed Session at 11:57am by Ms. DeLeon  
43   seconded by Mr. Sochay. **Vote:** 4 YES and -0- NO with 1 absent; Motion carried.

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45   **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** Motion was made to return to Open Session at 12:25pm by Mr.  
46   Sochay and supported by Ms. DeLeon. **Vote:** 4 YES and -0- NO with 1 absent; Motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED 8-10-12**

48 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Pubic comment was held at 1:12pm and closed at 1:13pm. No public  
49 present.

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51 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

52 The Chair reported that she sent an email to the Tribal Court to request a meeting with them  
53 based on our quarterly meeting schedule. She also reported that we needed to do elections  
54 and that she would like to step down as Chair, but would be willing to serve as Vice-Chair  
55 instead at this time.

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57 **PROSECUTOR'S REPORT:** The Prosecutor made his verbal report in Closed Session.

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59 **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion was made by Ms. Ettawageshik supported by Mr. Sochay to  
60 authorize modification of the budget for 2012. **Vote:** 4 YES and -0- NO with 1 absent; Motion  
61 carried. Ms. Proctor reported that she would develop written policy and procedures for the  
62 Treasurer's position.

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64 **NEW BUSINESS**

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66 **ELECTIONS:** Motion was made by Ms. DeLeon and Ms. Bosma to nominate Rochelle  
67 Ettawageshik as Chair, Heidi Bosma as Vice Chair, Emily Proctor as Treasurer and Debbie  
68 DeLeon. **Vote:** 5 YES and -0- NO with -0- absent; Motion carried.

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70 **NICWA:** Ms. Ettawageshik reported that Congressman Dave Camp has requested a meeting  
71 with Tribal Representatives to discuss the implementation of the Fostering Connections Act  
72 (also known as Title IV-E).

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74 It was noted that the Tribe will be holding its annual leadership training through MSU Extension  
75 later this fall. More information to come.

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77 **NEXT MEETING DATE(S):** The next regularly scheduled meeting are to be in **Court Room** as  
78 follows:

79 Regular Meeting: **Friday, August 10, at 1:00pm;** and  
80 Work Session: **Saturday, August 11, at 9:00am if applicable**

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82 **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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84 Respectfully Submitted,

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86 Debbie DeLeon  
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