Ella Johnson Memorial Library District
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
March 1, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by board president Barbara Brust at 7:00 p.m.. In attendance were trustees Lori Dreher, Judith Pokorny, Luann Sarro, and Linda Wallace as well as library director Carol Schrey. Guests included members of the Dewberry architectural firm Rick McCarthy, Sarah Chrzanowski and Doug Pfeiffer. Trustees Ken Crawford and Kathryn Tamms were absent. President Brust asked trustee Pokorny to record the minutes in the absence of Kathryn Tamms, board secretary.

Changes/Corrections to the Agenda: None

Questions/Comments from Public or Media: None

Trustee Crawford arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Interview with Architectural Firm: After providing general information about their extensive backgrounds as library architects, the Dewberry team of Rick McCarthy, Doug Pfeiffer, and Sarah Chrzanowski stressed their commitment to making the library a community “destination.” They highlighted their grant writing and fund raising experiences and their close geographical proximity to the library district so as to be able to monitor library construction during each step of the way. They stressed the importance of site selection and offered criteria for consideration.

Selection of Architectural Firm: After lengthy discussion of all three firms’ credentials and overall suitability for the undertaking of this project, library director Carol Schrey reminded the board that any motion to select an architectural firm would need to include a ranking of all three firms under consideration. Motion was made by Linda Wallace and seconded by Ken Crawford to rank Dewberry first; PHN second; and CCA third. Brust-Y; Crawford-Y; Dreher-Y; Pokorny – Y; Sarro -Y; Wallace-Y.

Buyer Representative: Motion made by Lori Dreher and seconded by Luann Sarro to authorize board president Brust to sign a six-month agreement with Ben Henrikson of ReMax Horizon to represent the Ella Johnson Memorial Library in the purchase of a still to-be-determined building site for which he will receive a commission of 2.5 percent. Dreher -Y; Brust – Y; Wallace-Y; Crawford-Y; Sarro -Y; Pokorny – Y.

After reminding trustees that special meetings will occur each Monday until the grant is submitted, president Brust adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Pokorny
Acting Secretary