

**Crete Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**Special Meeting, Feb. 28, 2001**

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m. by President Mucha. In attendance: Fuller, Amati, Ruklic, Kelly, Director Schulten, Steve H. Larson, executive vice president of Ehlers & Associates, Inc. Absent: trustees Engel and Schultz.

President Mucha presented Larson and told board it's now time to ask the public for more operating money. In the past, the library has deferred to the school district.

Director Schulten added the library needs to determine its requirements and ask the voters for help since the reserve is being drained.

Larson told the board the first thing is to come up with a realistic budget for however far into the future the board decides. Then the board should get feedback from the community. The board/library need to explain to the voters in practical terms what the extra money is needed for. For instance, tell the public how much it costs to add staff or how higher utility costs have hit the budget. Finally, Larson said it's important for community leaders to support the referendum or it will never pass.

Mucha asked Larson to look into possible impact from the proposed Peotone airport.

The board will vote at its next meeting on accepting the contract with Larson. It is hoped that all members will be present.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Patricia T. Kelly