

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2008**

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Present:

Delores Lysakowski, Chairperson
Richie Meile, Trustee
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
John Roach, Consultant
Karen Kozal, Metro
Jerry Heil, Director of Scheduling and Planning
Gray Chatham, Attorney
Bill Grogan, Managing Director
Neil Huegen, District Associate

Absent:

Frank Bergman, Trustee
Mike Sager, Trustee

Chairperson Lysakowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

A motion was made by Lonnie Mosley, and seconded by Richie Meile, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 20, 2008. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

Under old business, the Chairperson discussed the October 27th service improvements as well as the successful inauguration of the Fairview Heights MetroLink turnback.

Under new business, the Chairperson presented the submitted contractors' bids for the installation of the MetroLink platform heaters. A motion was made by Lonnie Mosley to authorize the Chairperson to execute an agreement with Pyramid Electrical Contractors, Inc, for the installation of the heaters. The motion was seconded by Richie Meile, and the motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

The Managing Director, Bill Grogan, reported on the State's current financial status in relation to the Transit Districts. The Managing Director issued an advisory regarding the Downstate Operating Assistance Program which is currently unable to issue any of the funds that it owes to the State's transit districts. The Managing Director then discussed how the other Transit Districts have been forced to respond in the absence of their operating funds. The second topic from the Director's report regarded the new Mississippi River bridge construction that will be underway in the near future. The Director noted that due to the project's magnitude, the transit district must stay up-to-date and informed of the construction locations and its effects on the roadways. There will be multiple instances where bus routes will be affected and access to MetroLink stations may be disrupted.

MetroLink consultant, John Roach, then proceeded to update the Board on the proposed St. Louis County service changes being discussed by Metro in response to the failure of Proposition M, which would have provided the funding needed to sustain the current level of service. Mr. Roach noted that each proposed change would have a different affect on the St. Clair County MetroLink service schedules, as well as the St. Clair County residents employed in Missouri.

Director of scheduling and planning, Jerry Heil, presented positive reassurance that although the Transit District's regular service in Cahokia has been disrupted for almost a year, and altered an alarming number of times as a result of multiple construction projects within the city, the ridership is still strong. Mr. Heil concluded that upon the city's completion of the overpass project, Cahokia will have the best service it has seen in years.

A motion was made by Lonnie Mosley, and seconded by Richie Meile, to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting. The motion passed in a unanimous voice vote.