

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2009**

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Present:

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

Absent:

Frank Bergman, 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 March 16th, 2009. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

Under Old Business, the Chairperson noted that the Redbird Express is underway and going smoothly with strong ridership numbers. Also, the District employees attended the Energy Summit at SWIC and the ceremonial maiden voyage of the newly-wrapped MetroLink car – The SWIC Express. Also, the train cutbacks have resulted in numerous customer complaints, primarily in Missouri.

Under New Business, Consultant John Roach met with Mark Kern and numerous IDOT officials regarding the possibility of the high speed rail coming to St. Clair County during its Chicago to St. Louis run. John Roach suggested to the Board that a feasibility study is needed to determine the cost of upgrading all necessary train tracks to support a high speed system. A motion was made by Lonnie Mosley, and seconded by Richie Meile to grant the Chairperson the authority to enter into a contract with URS to produce the study. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote, with the exception of Mike Sullivan, who abstained from voting.

Then the Board heard from Managing Director, Bill Grogan. Mr. Grogan reported on the progress of the Platform Heaters. He noted that the installation has gone well and is almost completed- only the westernmost station remains to be completed. Manager Grogan then discussed key points from the numerous meetings he attended since the Board's last meeting date. Included, was some important legislature that is being discussed as to how Municipalities could possibly access State Transit money.

Then Jerry Heil took a second to comment on the nearly-seamless transition most of the transferred-from-Missouri drivers made.

And finally Karen Kozal reported some of the commendations that some of the drivers have received as well as their comments on the positive attitude of many St. Clair County riders.

Next, a motion was made by Richie Meile, and seconded by Lonnie Mosley to adjourn the meeting.