Chairperson Lysakowski called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Herb Simmons, and seconded by Lonnie Mosley to approve the minutes of the Dec. 12th meeting of the Board of Trustees. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

There were no incoming claims or communications.

Under Financial Matters, the Chairperson noted that the District finally received the second half of its first quarter Downstate Operating Assistance from the State of Illinois.

Under Old Business the Chairperson noted that the Transit District coordinated a bus bridge on January 14th and 15th to allow contractors to work on the Eads Bridge. The Chairperson received reports from all the SCCTD Staff who worked that weekend, and found that for the most part, the operation went exceptionally well.

Under New Business, the Chairperson discussed all the caveats of planning the Redbird Express Service for the upcoming St. Louis Cardinal’s season.

Bill Grogan distributed his monthly report and made special notice of a meeting he attended with Thouvenot, Wade, and Moerchen concerning a slope failure along the MetroLink alignment. He also pointed out a meeting of the Human Services Transportation Planning committee for the Southwestern Illinois area he attended in an effort to ensure that the District is not expected to provide services to the remote areas of Southwestern Illinois. The last meeting he mentioned was in regards to the replacement of the MoDOT’s safety oversight director, Dudley Robinson.
John Roach discussed the ongoing difficulties with the Eads Bridge Project. However, he felt that a new agreement is in the works to ensure that the Illinois PLA will be utilized whenever Illinois money is being used on a project.

Next, Mike Dilks was welcomed back to the Board Meeting after a long hospital stay. Mr. Dilks took a short time to discuss current issues at the Illinois facility including a recent discussion he had with the Superintendents of the Brentwood and DeBaliviere facilities regarding the recognition of the Senior Passes in their territories. There have been a few issues on the Missouri side of the river whereupon St. Clair County Seniors are being denied their free rides even though the Transit District is paying for those rides. Mr. Dilks discussion should resolve those issues.

There being no further business, the Chairperson reminded everyone that the next meeting will be at 5:45 pm, Feb.13th, 2012, in the same location. A motion was made by Herb Simmons, and seconded by Richie Meile to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.