

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
January 22, 2008**

Participants:

Delores Lysakowski, Chairperson
Lonnie Mosley, Trustee
Richard Meile, Trustee
Mike Sager, Trustee
Bill Grogan, Managing Director
John Roach, Consultant
Karen Kozal, Metro
Grey Chatham, Attorney
Tom Sehr, Metro

Absent:

Frank Bergman, Trustee

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

A Motion was made by Lonnie Mosley, seconded by Mike Sager to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 17, 2007. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

There were no incoming claims or communications and there were no issues under financial matters.

For Old Business the Chairperson mentioned the service change that will take effect January 23 to coincide with the opening of the new Wal-Mart in Belleville. Two new bus stops have been created to serve this new development.

Under New Business Chairperson Lysakowski informed the Board that the Illinois General Assembly has passed House Bill 656 and approved the Governor's amendatory veto of this bill. Provisions of the Bill include additional operating assistance for downstate transit operators including the St. Clair County Transit District and free rides on public transit for seniors.

The Chairperson asked Bill Grogan to give his report. Mr. Grogan stated that the provisions of HB 656 will be the subject of discussion at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Public Transportation Association (IPTA) in Springfield, IL on January 23 and that a representative from the Governor's office will be present to provide additional information about implementing the program. He stated that the District is looking into the prospect of issuing identification cards to seniors to indicate their eligibility for this service. There is also some consideration of whether it would be

desirable to provide similar free service to disabled persons. Mr. Grogan also informed the Trustees that he had recently completed successfully, the course on "Transit Rail System Safety" conducted by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Safety Institute. This course is one of those required for him to obtain certification from the World Safety Organization (WSO).

John Roach reported that he had met with representatives of the firm that is responsible constructing the pocket track at the Fairview Heights MetroLink station and that he believes they understand the importance of maintaining the schedule for this project.

Karen Kozal reported that she and the staff at the Illinois bus facility have been working on developing their plan of action for implementing the bus bridge that will be necessary when MetroLink service must be stopped while the Tucker Interlocking is placed into service. Things are progressing well at the Illinois facility.

Tom Sehr reported that Metro has settled the outstanding legal judgment concerning the Cross County MetroLink extension litigation for \$6 million. Ridership is up for November and December and for the first half of January. Mr. Sehr also reported that Bob Baer has assumed the leadership of the agency upon his selection as the interim President and CEO. He also informed the Trustees that the election of officers for the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 788 has concluded and that Ed Fleming, a bus operator from Illinois, has been elected President.

A motion was made by Lonnie Mosley, seconded by Mike Sager to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting on Tuesday February 19. The motion passed in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted
C. William Grogan
Managing Director