

Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board

LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby & Mendota ETSBs

Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at the Peru Municipal Building, 1901 4th Street, Peru, Illinois. Chairman Popurella called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Voting & Quorum Members Present: Doug Bernabei, Leo Hochstatter (Boelk), Jason Curran, John Duncan, Jeff Grove, Jerry Janick, Mike Margis, Gregory McDermott, Vice Chairman Jeff King, Chairman Ron Popurella. Absent: Brian Fisher, Joe Hogan, Ken Kolowski, Jason Martin, Dennis Rutishauser, Mike Smudzinski.

Non-Voting Members Present: City of Spring Valley

MINUTES

Chairman Popurella presented the minutes of the IVRD meeting of March 25, 2025. Jason Curran made a motion the minutes be received and placed on file. John Duncan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENT)

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Doug Bernabei made a motion to receive and place on file a communication from the City of Mendota appointing Mendota Police Chief Jason Martin to serve on the IVRD Board effective April 22, 2025. Jeff Grove seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE/EMS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Jerry Janick reported the Fire/EMS Operations Committee meeting has been postponed as Executive Director Miller is attending a 9-1-1 conference in Springfield today.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

No report.

REPORTS

IVRD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Doug Bernabei provided the following report on behalf of Executive Director Brandon Miller:

- **New CAD:**
 1. The temporary computer lab at IVRD is up and running.
 2. Connecting Point is working to launch the CAD software at the PDs for build time when we aren't at IVRD.
 3. The Business Practice Review is next week. CAD build Team will be at IVRD Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This will get the team initial access and set up is to begin the build.
 4. We are reviewing various connection options for mobile access via squad car. Fire & EMS will connect via Ipad or Tablet via Field Ops App.
 5. Still set for a mid-October go live
- **Staffing:**
 1. We have hired Kyara Brazel full-time (the vacancy of Kim Blair). Kyara recently relocated to Peru from Fayetteville NC where she employed by the Fayetteville NC PD as a Telecommunicator. Kyara comes with her police, fire and medical Proqa certifications. It should be noted the Fayetteville is an Accredited Center so we know she's trained with the highest standards.

2. We have received quite a few apps for full time. We will be interviewing to develop a pool of applications to quickly hire should we have openings.
 3. Cora Holloway is progressing through training and will be released to work third chair soon.
- **CESSA:**
 1. Continue to participate in the CESSA Pilot. We have not had a call referred to 9-8-8 as of yet.
 - **Legislative:**
 1. I am in Springfield today with 9-1-1 practitioners from across the state working with legislators to raise the 9-1-1 surcharge from \$1.50 to \$2.50 and to educate on 9-1-1 issues.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Popurella reported this would be his final IVRD meeting as he will be retiring from the Oglesby Fire Department and resigning as an IVRD Board member. Chairman Popurella extended his gratitude to everyone on the board for their continued work for IVRD.

REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chairman Popurella presented and reviewed the March financial report. Jeff King made a motion to receive and place the March financial report on file and to approve and pay bills in the usual manner. Jason Curran seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Bernabei, Hochstatter (Boelk), Curran, Duncan, Grove, Janick, Margis, McDermott, King, and Popurella voting aye; Fisher, Hogan, Kolowski, Martin, Rutishauser, Smudzinski absent; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Doug Bernabei made a motion to nominate and elect City of Peru Fire Chief Jeff King as IVRD Chairman for a two-year term effective May 1, 2025 and to expire April 30, 2027. Jason Curran seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Bernabei, Hochstatter (Boelk), Curran, Duncan, Grove, Janick, Margis, McDermott, King, and Popurella voting aye; Fisher, Hogan, Kolowski, Martin, Rutishauser, Smudzinski absent; motion carried.

Jeff Grove made a motion to nominate and elect City of LaSalle Fire Chief Jerry Janick as IVRD Vice Chairman for a two-year term effective May 1, 2025 and to expire April 30, 2027. John Duncan seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Bernabei, Hochstatter (Boelk), Curran, Duncan, Grove, Janick, Margis, McDermott, King, and Popurella voting aye; Fisher, Hogan, Kolowski, Martin, Rutishauser, Smudzinski absent; motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Chairman Popurella presented an amended ordinance for the Dalzell Fire Protection District as an associate member of IVRD, noting the only change was to the fee schedule. The original Dalzell Fire Protection District fee schedule came from a standard template where the fees were incorrect.

Motion to approve an amended ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an addendum to the intergovernmental agreement that established the "Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch" to approve the Dalzell Fire Protection District as an associate member and to provide dispatch services to the Dalzell Fire Protection District (Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch, La Salle County, Illinois) by Jeff Grove. Jason Curran seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Bernabei, Hochstatter (Boelk), Curran, Duncan, Grove, Janick, Margis, McDermott, King, and Popurella voting aye; Fisher, Hogan, Kolowski, Martin, Rutishauser, Smudzinski absent; motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENTS)

Jeff Grove and IVRD Board members expressed gratitude for Chairman Popurella's service, and wished him well on his retirement.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

None

SCHEDULE NEXT IVRD MEETING

The next IVRD meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

John Duncan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gregory McDermott seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.