

Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board
LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby & Mendota ETSBs
Meeting Minutes
November 25, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at the Peru Municipal Building, 1901 4th Street, Peru, Illinois. Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Voting & Quorum Members Present: Doug Bernabei, Jason Curran, John Duncan, Brian Fisher, Jeff Grove, Sarah Raymond (Joe Hogan), Jamey Mertel (Ken Kolowski), Steve Maltas, Mike Margis, Jason Martin, Gregory McDermott, Dennis Rutisauser, Jason Stubler, Vice Chairman Jerry Janick, Chairman Jeff King. Absent: Leo Hochstatter (David Boelk).

Non-Voting Members Present: None

MINUTES

Chairman King presented the minutes of the IVRD meeting of October 28, 2025. Jeff Grove made a motion the minutes be received and placed on file. Jason Stubler 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 Peru designating Peru Police Chief Sarah Raymond to serve as IVRD board member Joe Hogan's IVRD designee. Mike Margis seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Doug Bernabei made a motion to receive and place on file a communication from the City of Peru designating Peru City Clerk Jamey Mertel to serve as IVRD board member Mayor Ken Kolowski's IVRD designee. Mike Margis seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE/EMS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Steve Maltas reported the Fire/EMS Operations Committee met November 12th with discussion on the new CAD system.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Doug Bernabei reported the committee will schedule an upcoming meeting soon to discuss the new CAD system.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

John Duncan reported the committee met to review the executive director's compensation with another meeting to be scheduled soon.

MEMBER FEE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

John Duncan reported a meeting with good initial discussion regarding rates that would go into effect September 1, 2026.

John Duncan reported the City of Mendota had considered switching to be dispatched by the county instead of IVRD, with no final decision made. According to the JETSB IGA, five of the seven member entities would have to vote in favor of allowing Mendota to depart from IVRD to be dispatched by the county. Jeff Grove said dispatching options were heavily researched before IVRD was established. Jeff Grove said IVRD was built from the base up, adding that he likes the control and teamwork between this group of cities. Jeff Grove said he does not see any reason to disband, and would not be in favor of Mendota departing IVRD. Doug Bernabei reported he talked with Peru Mayor Ken Kolowski regarding the possibility of Mendota leaving IVRD, and the mayor likes

the communities working together, along with the savings provided by IVRD. Doug Bernabei reported the Peru mayor is not in favor of breaking up IVRD at this time. Jason Curran said he had the same sentiments as relayed by the LaSalle and Peru representatives, adding that there is nothing wrong with discussing consolidation in case something comes up down the line, however he believes in discussing those matters as a group. John Duncan said everyone should be open to discussion, and the general consensus of the LaSalle, Oglesby and Peru board members is that they would like to see Mendota stay as equals at the IVRD table. John Duncan said he believes IVRD has been financially responsible to the taxpayers, and he is very proud of that. John Duncan added that if there are things that come up, please voice issues and concerns.

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IVRD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Brandon Miller provided the following report:

CESSA : We have moved from Pilot to regular CESSA status with Illinois Risk Level 1 calls (referrals to 9-8-8). The state is moving forward with what they are referring to as Cohorts, which moves all PSAPs systematically to transfer calls 9-8-8. La Salle County and Ottawa are part of Cohort 1. As part of Cohort 1, all pilots and new PSAPs are required to begin integrating Risk level 2, co-responses. I am working on the local responses for review and approval by the law and fire EMS committees, as well as the EMS system. The next meeting will be in mid-January. I would encourage law and EMS representatives to attend.

Staffing: Abby & Kamdyn are progressing well. Abby has been moved to overnights to finish out training and will be moved to a cover shift. Kamdyn will be working afternoons in December to get more experience during busy times. Kaitlyn Baxter is off on FMLA.

CAD: We continue to work through CAD challenges. Everyone is encouraged to continue to notify IVRD, Ben and Ray of anything we need to work through.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Sarah Raymond made a motion to approve the employee/safety-based bonus of a \$50 gift card for all TC's and support staff. Mike Margis seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Bernabei, Curran, Duncan, Fisher, Grove, Raymond (Hogan), Mertel (Kolowski), Maltas, Margis, Martin, McDermott, Rutishauser, Stubler, Janick and King voting aye; Hochstatter (Boelk) absent; motion carried.

Jeff Grove made a motion to receive and place on file the 2026 IVRD Board Meeting Schedule. John Duncan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The 2026 IVRD Board Meeting Schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, January 27, 2026
Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Tuesday, March 31, 2026
Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Tuesday, May 26, 2026
Tuesday, June 30, 2026
Tuesday, July 28, 2026
Tuesday, August 25, 2026

Tuesday, September 29, 2026
Tuesday, October 27, 2026
Tuesday, November 24, 2026
Tuesday, December 15, 2026

Jeff Grove initiated discussion of the Code Red System issues, and suggestions to transfer to a new platform. Board members conducted general discussion. Sarah Raymond will investigate new platform options.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

None

PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENTS)

None

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

None

SCHEDULE NEXT IVRD MEETING

The next IVRD meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 16, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Jason Stubler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Margis seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.