

**Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board**  
LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby & Mendota ETSBs  
Meeting Minutes  
January 27, 2026

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was held Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at the Peru Municipal Building, 1901 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Peru, Illinois. Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Non-Voting Members Present: None

**MINUTES**

Chairman King presented the minutes of the IVRD meeting of December 16, 2025. Sarah Raymond made a motion the minutes be received and placed on file. Jeff Grove seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

**PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENT)**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FIRE/EMS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Steve Maltas reported the committee met last week discussing separating law enforcement and fire calls in the CADs. Executive Director Miller reported the CADs can be associated as needed.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Doug Bernabei reported the committee met 2 weeks ago and will meet bi-monthly moving forward. Executive Director Miller reported a few operational updates and a productive meeting with the Peru consultant.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

None

**MEMBER FEE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

None

**REPORTS**

**IVRD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Executive Director Brandon Miller provided the following report:

**CESSA:** We had the CESSA subregional committee meeting on January 15, 2026. Larger attendance by Law Enforcement and EMS in the region. IVRD is now considered part of Cohort 0. Cohorts 0 & 1 are required to move forward with implementing IL Risk Level 2 responses, which include EMS-only responses, EMS and Mobile Crisis responses, and Law and Mobile Crisis responses. There aren't a lot of these responses, but they do change the way we handle things. There are some concerns about refusals or turning patients over to Mobile Crisis. The EMS system is looking at protocols for this.

**Staffing:** Kamdyn continues to excel in training. We have tested a few apps and will be interviewing for part-time positions.

**CAD:** The law and fire/EMS committees have met and identified CAD challenges that we continue to work through. We are continuing to build out fire/EMS run cards to streamline responses. Please continue to bring issues forward so that we can work through them with Central Square.

**Legislative:** The 9-1-1 surcharge bill to raise the surcharge from \$1.50 to \$2.50 has been introduced and co-sponsored by Representative Briel. Lawmakers have been hesitant to support this bill. I hope to learn more tomorrow at the JETSB Meeting on the progress with this.

**ACE:** We are working on Fire and Medical ACE ahead of the Navigator Conference in Las Vegas. Any board member wishing to attend this conference, where we will be recognized on the national stage, should let me know ASAP.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

No report.

## **REPORTS**

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Chairman King presented and reviewed the December financial report. Jason Stubler made a motion to receive and place the December 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, Curran, Duncan, Grove, Raymond (Hogan), Mertel (Kolowski), Maltas, Stubler, Janick and King voting aye; Fisher, Hochstatter (Boelk), Margis, Martin, McDermott, Rutishauser absent; motion carried.

### **FY25 IVRD AUDIT/FINANCIAL REPORT**

Jason Stubler made a motion to receive and place FY25 IVRD Audit/Financial Report on file. Sarah Raymond seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Bernabei, Curran, Duncan, Grove, Raymond (Hogan), Mertel (Kolowski), Maltas, Stubler, Janick and King voting aye; Fisher, Hochstatter (Boelk), Margis, Martin, McDermott, Rutishauser absent; motion carried.

### **IVRD TAX RETURN**

Jason Stubler made a motion to receive and place IVRD Tax Return on file. Jason Curran seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Bernabei, Curran, Duncan, Grove, Raymond (Hogan), Mertel (Kolowski), Maltas, Stubler, Janick and King voting aye; Fisher, Hochstatter (Boelk), Margis, Martin, McDermott, Rutishauser absent; motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Sarah Raymond reported reviewing other emergency notification systems, noting the alternative options to Code Red are expensive. Doug Bernabei reported Code Red is \$15,000.00 for everyone and the contracted price cannot increase. After general discussion, board members agreed to continue with the Code Red system for now.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PERU COI**

Sarah Raymond made a motion to receive and place on file certificate of insurance from the City of Peru. Jeff Grove seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

### **CERTIFICATES OF LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Chief King issued a reminder annual certificates of liability insurance are due from all members and associate members.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

Jeff Grove made a motion to approve a resolution approving an employment agreement by and between the Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch and Brandon Miller (with "Exhibit A," attached). Jason Stubler seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Bernabei, Curran, Duncan, Grove, Raymond (Hogan), Mertel (Kolowski), Maltas, Stubler, Janick and King voting aye; Fisher, Hochstatter (Boelk), Margis, Martin, McDermott, Rutishauser absent; motion carried.

### **ILLINOIS VALLEY REGIONAL DISPATCH DISCLOSURE AND REQUEST FOR CONSENT TO DUAL REPRESENTATION**

Jeff Grove made a motion to approve Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch ("IVRD") disclosure and request for consent to dual representation. Sarah Raymond seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with

Bernabei, Curran, Duncan, Grove, Raymond (Hogan), Mertel (Kolowski), Maltas, Stubler, Janick and King voting aye; Fisher, Hochstatter (Boelk), Margis, Martin, McDermott, Rutishauser absent; motion carried.  
Jeff Grove expressed gratitude for everyone's help with the recent structure fire.

#### **RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES**

#### **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, February 24, 2026.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Jeff Grove made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Raymond seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.