

**Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board**  
LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby & Mendota ETSBs  
Meeting Minutes  
April 28, 2026

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was held Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at the Peru Municipal Building, 1901 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Peru, Illinois. Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Non-Voting Members Present: Adam Curran/City of Spring Valley

**MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Janick presented the minutes of the IVRD meeting of February 24, 2026. 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**

None

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FIRE/EMS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Jeff King reported general operational and weather discussion at the most recent meeting.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Doug Bernabei reported an upcoming meeting in May.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

None

**MEMBER FEE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

John Duncan reported meeting to discuss the methodology of the rate structure, with an update to the full board at an upcoming meeting.

**REPORTS**

**IVRD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Executive Director Brandon Miller provided the following report:

- **CESSA** - We continue to meet as a sub-regional committee and move into full implementation. We are working in a region and with the EMS system to comply with CESSA, the EMS Act, and the system's expectations.
- **Staffing**- Kamdyn Becket has been released from training and is working the cover shift. Kamdyn is doing extremely well and received a commendation from Lead TC Dean and TC Sienkiewicz during a busy shift immediately after being released. Lisa Burgess has started and has completed her certification courses and is on the floor assigned to Lead TC Dean for the first part of her training. Lisa has commended our staff for their warmth and helpfulness.
- **CAD**: We are working through the mapping issues. We determined that several maps are being used by the three PSAPs in La Salle County. WTH was fixing an IVRD map, but uploading what they call the master. We have also noted varying levels of map maintenance, depending on the municipality or district. This is contributing to errors in CAD recommendations and responses. We are also actively working to get requested layers added to the field ops maps for fire and EMS. We are also working

through the Livescan interface. IVRD has installed a NAS to store the interface files. Brian Nelson, the Peru Consultant, is working through this setup.

- **Legislation**- There is no movement on the surcharge increase bill.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

No report.

## **REPORTS**

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PERU IVRD BOARD MEMBER JOE HOGAN RETIREMENT NOTICE**

Doug Bernabei reported Peru IVRD Board Member Joe Hogan has been involved with 9-1-1 since the 1990's and lead the charge to get emergency dispatching services established in Peru. Due to mobility issues, Joe Hogan has decided to retire from the IVRD Board. Doug Bernabei reported Joe is still actively participating in community relations, serving as president of the resident's association at his bounce back facility.

Doug Bernabei made a motion to receive and place on file a retirement notice from Peru IVRD Board Member Joe Hogan, with regret. Sarah Raymond seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Mike Magis made a motion to receive and place on file a letter from the City of Peru appointing Sarah Raymond as Peru Primary Board Member. John Duncan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Sarah Raymond made a motion to receive and place on file a letter of recognition from the International Academy of Emergency Fire Dispatch recognizing IVRD as an Accredited Center of Excellence in Emergency Fire Dispatch. Gregory McDermott seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Sarah Raymond reported she will provide a recap of the Navigator Conference at the May meeting.

Executive Director Miller reported Peru Ambulance began providing coverage to Dalzell, and dispatch coverage will need to be addressed. John Duncan reported the Fee Structure Committee has identified this and a few others to review.

The City of Spring Valley Disclosure documentation has not been received yet.

Doug Bernabei made a motion to approve Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch ("IVRD") Disclosure and Request for Consent to Dual Representation regarding Amendment to 2021 Addendum with IVRD Associate Member City of Spring Valley. Jeff Grove seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

## **RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES**

None

## **PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENTS)**

None

## **EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION**

John Duncan made a motion to go into closed session. Chairman King read the exceptions for closed session for discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of

specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act; Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. Jeff Grove seconded the motion.

Closed session began at 10:16 a.m.; ended at 11:20 a.m.

Jeff Grove made a motion to reopen the regular meeting at 11:20 a.m. Jason Stubler seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

#### **SCHEDULE NEXT IVRD MEETING**

The next IVRD meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Sarah Raymond made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug Bernabei seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.