

Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board
LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby & Mendota ETSBs
Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at the Peru Municipal Building, 1901 4th Street, Peru, Illinois. Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Executive Director Brandon Miller

Non-Voting Members Present: None

MINUTES

Chairman King presented the minutes of the IVRD meeting of May 26, 2026. Mike Margis 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

Chairman King presented a letter of resignation from IVRD Executive Director Brandon Miller, with a final day of service of Friday, July 24, 2026. Chairman King reported further discussion will take place under new business.

Jeff Grove made a motion to receive and place on file the letter of resignation from IVRD Executive Director Brandon Miller, with a final day of service of Friday, July 24, 2026. Jerry Janick seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE/EMS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2026

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Doug Bernabei reported the upcoming meeting originally set for July 8, 2026 will need to be rescheduled.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

John Duncan reported the committee had good opening discussions with labor representatives, with a plan to reach out again in September with negotiations around the end of the year.

MEMBER FEE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

John Duncan reported postponing fee structure discussion after learning of the committee to be formed by the JETSB to study the potential change and allocation of JETSB funds. Discussion on fee structures for IVRD members and associate members will resume once more information is available to present.

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IVRD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Brandon Miller provided the following report:

CAD: Email sent regarding crime mapping for the public. Reminder to let me know if you plan to participate. I will also be sending information about IQ deployment, the system used to share and review call history. We will be adjusting the Central Square fees to include Field Ops and Zero tier licensing for all departments. Aside from two Field Ops licenses per PD, these fees were not included in the initial CAD fees.

ProQA Committee: Chief Stubler and I did a site visit to see ProQA in action at another 9-1-1 center. Based on the visit, we made some tweaks to the ProQA Police question presentation, which have been well received. We had a dispatch review committee, and the officers in attendance said that they see continued improvement in communication and haven't been fielding complaints. There were no feedback forms from law enforcement in the last two months. Observations from call reviews indicate that the TCs are getting priority police calls out as quickly as possible, relaying information over the radio, and completing ProQA. This continues to be a work in progress.

CESSA: State began moving toward requiring CESSA sub-regional committees to comply with the Open Meetings Act. These meetings have fluid attendance and formalizing attendance and business would hinder progress. The state is reevaluating this and looking at other options for these meetings. We are working on a draft policy for the three PSAPs in La Salle County to adopt on EMS/Police/Mobile Crisis response.

Legislation: there's a push to move the 911 surcharge increase during the veto session after the November.

Budget: We have delayed budget preparation because of the uncertainty with Mendota. I have met with Abacus and reviewed the budget. We will have a draft budget to present at the July meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman King expressed his gratitude to Executive Director Miller for his service to the board and to the dispatch center, and congratulated him on his future endeavors.

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Grove made a motion to approve Chairman King's appointment of IVRD Board Member John Duncan and IVRD Executive Director Brandon Miller to represent IVRD on the JETSB Committee to study the potential change and allocation of JETSB surcharge funds. Doug Bernabei seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Bernabei, Curran, Grove, Mertel (Kolowski), Margis, Martin, McDermott, Rutishauser, Janick and King voting aye; Duncan abstaining; Hochstatter (Boelk), Fisher, Maltas, Raymond, Stubler absent; motion carried.

Board members conducted general discussion concerning retaining legal services with regard to any potential changes to the allocation of JETSB surcharge funds. Doug Bernabei stated the board should retain legal services in case they are needed. Jeff Grove stated hopefully the committee being formed can come to an agreement without the need for an attorney, but the board should probably retain an attorney should one be needed. John Duncan agreed an attorney should be retained to represent the board should there be a need.

Jeff Grove made a motion to retain Attorney Michael Jurusik of Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd. for legal services related to 9-1-1 surcharge allocation and related matters. Jason Curran seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Bernabei, Curran, Duncan, Grove, Mertel (Kolowski), Margis, Martin, McDermott, Rutishauser, Janick and King voting aye; Hochstatter (Boelk), Fisher, Maltas, Raymond, Stubler absent; motion carried.

Doug Bernabei made a motion to receive and place on file copy of City of Spring Valley Disclosure and Request for Consent to Concurrent Representation regarding Amendment to 2021 Addendum with IVRD Associate Member City of Spring Valley. John Duncan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Chairman King initiated discussion regarding a replacement for the executive director position. Jeff Grove expressed gratitude for Executive Director Miller, the excellent job he has done with IVRD and congratulated him on his new position, adding that he appreciated his offer to help during the transition. Jeff Grove discussed the beginnings of IVRD, and how Doug Bernabei managed the operations at different points when needed. Jeff Grove suggested Doug Bernabei take over the executive director position at IVRD should he be interested in the position. Doug Bernabei said he would be interested to have the discussion, but was unsure beyond that. Jason Curran inquired if anyone in-house would be interested in the position. Executive Director Miller reported he was unsure, but said that personnel are wanting to assist with the transition. Chairman King and John Duncan both reported Jennifer Hunter reached out saying she would help in any way she could with the transition, and wanted to see IVRD continue with its upward momentum. John Duncan stated a month is not enough time to attract and train someone for the position, adding that he is very appreciative of Executive Director Miller allowing a month before he leaves, and also for helping with the transition. John Duncan stated he thinks Doug Bernabei serving as the executive director makes a lot of sense. Jason Curran expressed appreciation for the work Executive Director Miller has put forth with IVRD, adding that IVRD has been recognized at a national level because of his efforts. Jason Curran added Doug Bernabei has stepped up on a couple of occasions to maintain operations at IVRD, and he would like to hear feedback on Doug Bernabei's opinion, or start looking for a candidate sooner than later. Doug Bernabei stated he is very happy for Executive Director Miller, and he too has been contacted by employees wishing to continue IVRD's success and momentum. Doug Bernabei and John Duncan complimented Executive Director Miller on the cohesive unit he's helped form with the TC's. Mike Margis stated it would be beneficial to have someone in-house to assist with director development. Executive Director Miller reported his contract with his new employer allows him to assist IVRD in the transition for up to 6 months. Chairman King proposed stepping in for Doug Bernabei on the Labor Committee, which the board was in general consensus. Board members discussed moving the July board meeting up due to Executive Director Miller's last day of July 24, 2026. Board members agreed to move the board meeting to 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 23, 2026 at the Peru Municipal Building.

Jeff Grove stated it says a lot for this group that the members feel ok to reach out to each other. He added that he appreciates Chief Martin keeping him informed on Mendota possibly leaving IVRD and the JETSB fund discussions. Executive Director Miller reported productive conversations with other PSAPs and ideas on reporting moving forward.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

None

PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENTS)

None

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Doug Bernabei made a motion to go into closed session. Doug Bernabei read the exceptions for closed session for discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes of semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. Jason Curran seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Bernabei, Curran, Duncan, Grove, Mertel (Kolowski), Margis, Martin, McDermott, Rutishauser, Janick and King voting aye; Hochstatter (Boelk), Fisher, Maltas, Raymond, Stubler absent; motion carried.

Closed session began at 10:58 a.m.; ended at 11:03 a.m.

Jason Curran made a motion to reopen the regular meeting at 11:03 a.m. John Duncan seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Bernabei, Curran, Duncan, Grove, Mertel (Kolowski), Margis, Martin, McDermott, Rutishauser, Janick and King voting aye; Hochstatter (Boelk), Fisher, Maltas, Raymond, Stubler absent; motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Jason Curran made a motion to keep closed the closed session meeting minutes of 12/16/25. Gregory McDermott seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Bernabei, Curran, Duncan, Grove, Mertel (Kolowski),

Margis, Martin, McDermott, Janick and voting aye; Hochstatter (Boelk), Fisher, Maltas, Raymond, Rutishauser, Stubler, King absent; motion carried.

Jason Curran made a motion to release the closed session meeting minutes of 4/28/26 as it pertains to the JETSB and Mendota discussion. John Duncan seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Bernabei, Curran, Duncan, Grove, Mertel (Kolowski), Margis, Martin, McDermott, Janick and voting aye; Hochstatter (Boelk), Fisher, Maltas, Raymond, Rutishauser, Stubler, King absent; motion carried.

SCHEDULE NEXT IVRD MEETING

The next IVRD meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 23, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Grove made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Curran seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.