

Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board
LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby & Mendota ETSBs
Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held Thursday, July 23, 2026 at the Peru Municipal Building, 1901 4th Street, Peru, Illinois. Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Executive Director Brandon Miller

Non-Voting Members Present: None

MINUTES

Chairman King presented the minutes of the IVRD meeting of June 30, 2026. Jeff Grove made a motion the minutes be received and placed on file. Jason Curran seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENT)

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Jeff Grove made a motion to receive and place on file the letter of resignation from Doug Bernabei as an IVRD Board Member. Sarah Raymond seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Sarah Raymond made a motion to receive and place on file a communication from the City of Peru appointing Arthur Smith as an IVRD Board Member. Mike Margis seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE/EMS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Jerry Janick reported general operational discussion at the most recent meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Doug Bernabei reported general operational discussion at the most recent meeting. Jason Stubler reported on an upcoming active shooter drill at LP.

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:

CAD: No update on Crime Reporting and IQ. We continue to work through mapping issues with WTH and Central Square. A boundary update was submitted to CS, and they requested that it be formatted differently. We are working with WTH to get this moving forward ASAP. We are building out ProQA determinants in the CAD.

CESSA: The SRC meets this afternoon. We are still working through the request for appointed members and the OMA. No movement on the draft response/staging policy. Arukah is no longer a 590 in our region. NCBHS is not the sole 590 provider. NCBHS attended the Fire/EMS committee meeting and will attend the law enforcement meeting to review services and address any questions.

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

Accreditation: Jen and I have been working on the final pieces of Medical accreditation. It will be submitted in the next few days. There's no doubt that IVRD will achieve this milestone. IVRD will be the third center in the state of Illinois behind Bloomington PD and West Central Joint Dispatch (Jacksonville IL).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director Miller presented the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget, reporting it is normally approved in May, but it was delayed due to uncertainty with Mendota possibly leaving. Executive Director Miller reported the FY26/27 Budget includes a 3% increase on September 1, 2026, assuming the board approves it. If it is different, we would recommend a budget amendment. Trisha Harrison reported larger budget items over the last couple of years, but if those items are removed, things have been pretty consistent over the last few years.

Executive Director Miller reported the surcharge increase is being pushed because less surcharge money is coming in due to the state taking it for other purposes before it gets distributed. Brandon reported Trisha Harrison will make any adjustments as needed.

Jeff Grove made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. Sarah Raymond seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Hochstatter (Boelk), Curran, Grove, Mertel (Kolowski), Maltas, Margis, McDermott, Raymond, Smith, Stubler, Janick and King voting aye; Duncan, Fisher, Martin, Rutishauser absent; motion carried.

Leo Hochstatter reported on the retirement of Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser from the Mendota Fire Department. Replacement candidates are being interviewed. Leo Hochstatter expressed his gratitude for Executive Director Miller's work with IVRD.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Jason Stubler made a motion to approve a resolution approving a part-time agreement by and between the Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch and Brandon Miller. Mike Margis seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Hochstatter (Boelk), Curran, Grove, Mertel (Kolowski), Maltas, Margis, McDermott, Raymond, Smith, Stubler, Janick and King voting aye; Duncan, Fisher, Martin, Rutishauser absent; motion carried.

Jason Stubler made a motion to approve a resolution appointing Doug Bernabei as interim executive director for the Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch. Sarah Raymond seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Hochstatter (Boelk), Curran, Grove, Mertel (Kolowski), Maltas, Margis, McDermott, Raymond, Smith, Stubler, Janick and King voting aye; Duncan, Fisher, Martin, Rutishauser absent; motion carried.

Jason Curran made a motion to approve an employment agreement by and between the Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch and Doug Bernabei. Gregory McDermott seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Curran, Grove, Mertel (Kolowski), Maltas, Margis, McDermott, Raymond, Smith, Stubler, Janick and King voting aye; Hochstatter (Boelk) abstaining; Duncan, Fisher, Martin, Rutishauser absent; motion carried.

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, August 25, 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 10:24 a.m.