

Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board
LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby & Mendota ETSBs
Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held Tuesday, July 29, 2025 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: Leo Hochstatter (Boelk), Steve Maltas, Mike Margis, Jason Martin, Gregory McDermott, Dennis Rutishauser, Mike Smudzinski, Vice Chairman Jerry Janick, Chairman King. Absent: Doug Bernabei, Jason Curran, John Duncan, Brian Fisher, Jeff Grove, Joe Hogan, Ken Kolowski.

Non-Voting Members Present:

MINUTES

Chairman King presented the minutes of the IVRD meeting of June 24, 2025. Mike Margis made a motion the minutes be received and placed on file. Gregory McDermott seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENT)

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE/EMS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Jerry Janick reported the Fire/EMS Operations Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Executive Director Brandon Miller reported the Law Enforcement Operations Committee met last week, discussing IVRD's handling of recent swatting calls, including development of a swatting call policy. A policy was also developed to rebroadcast information that may be important/relevant to other areas of the county.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

No report.

REPORTS

IVRD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Brandon Miller provided the following report:

- **Accreditation:** Now that we've achieved police accreditation, we are working on our fire and medical applications, depending on how that plays out. We may submit them at the same time. Our goal is to become the world's 15th try accredited center of excellence.
- **CESSA:** No update since the last meeting.
- **Legislative:** No update on the surcharge bill status. I am attending the legislative luncheon in LaSalle tomorrow with Senator Rezin and Representative Briel.
- **Staffing:** Holloway has been released. Brazel resigned to pursue an educational opportunity. We had a second interview with a full-time candidate, and I am in the process of checking references.
- **CAD:**
 - Peru still has access issues
 - Each department needs a representative attending the weekly status meetings; those people have been identified. Meeting invites have been sent.
 - We will be distributing a list of tasks that need to be completed.
 - The training schedule was distributed. Please ensure that your employees are signed up and that the information reaches Gatza.

- Mobile connectivity is in the works. We will likely be using APN connections through Verizon and AT&T.
- We are still set to go live on October 7.
- Work will begin soon on run cards.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET

Jerry Janick made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Mike Smudzinski seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Hochstatter (Boelk), Maltas, Margis, Martin, McDermott, Rutishauser, Smudzinski, Janick, and King voting aye; Bernabei, Curran, Duncan, Fisher, Grove, Hogan, Kolowski absent; motion carried.

STORMREADY ADVISORY BOARD CERTIFICATION

Executive Director Miller reported rave reviews for the notification process and how things are handled, adding they are extremely impressed with the center.

Mike Margis made a motion to receive and place on file a letter of recognition from the StormReady Advisory Board certifying IVRD as a StormReady Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) by the National Weather Service. Jason Martin seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Hochstatter (Boelk), Maltas, Margis, Martin, McDermott, Rutishauser, Smudzinski, Janick, and King voting aye; Bernabei, Curran, Duncan, Fisher, Grove, Hogan, Kolowski absent; motion carried.

Executive Director Miller reported IVRD achieved International Academy of Emergency Dispatch Police accreditation in just two years, which is a very short amount of time to accomplish the program. IVRD will continue to work towards the fire/EMS accreditation component, striving to be the 15th in the world for tri-certification (police/fire/EMS). IVRD has also been asked by the academy to provide a presentation.

Mike Smudzinski made a motion to receive and place on file a letter from the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch approving IVRD as the world's 35th Police Accredited Center of Excellence in the world. Gregory McDermott seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Hochstatter (Boelk), Maltas, Margis, Martin, McDermott, Rutishauser, Smudzinski, Janick, and King voting aye; Bernabei, Curran, Duncan, Fisher, Grove, Hogan, Kolowski absent; motion carried.

Board members congratulated the IVRD telecommunicators and Executive Director Miller on their accomplishments in achieving these accreditations.

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, August 26th, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Smudzinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Rutishauser seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.