

Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board

LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby & Mendota ETSBs

Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at the Peru Municipal Building, 1901 4th Street, Peru, Illinois. Chairman Popurella called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Voting & Quorum Members Present: Doug Bernabei, Jason Curran, John Duncan, Terry Eutis, Jeff Grove, Joe Hogan, Jerry Janick, Mike Margis, Dennis Rutishauser, Mike Smudzinski, Vire Chairman Jeff King, Chairman Ron Popurella. Absent: Leo Hochstatter (Boelk), Brian Fisher, Greg Kellen, Ken Kolowski

Non-Voting Members Present: City of Spring Valley

MINUTES

Chairman Popurella presented the minutes of the IVRD meeting of April 25, 2023. Dennis Rutishauser 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

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE/EMS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman Popurella reported the Fire/EMS Operations Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 14th at the Oglesby Fire Department.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

None

LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

John Duncan reported negotiations are ongoing. There has been a meeting, one proposal and a counter-proposal, with another meeting scheduled for June 5th.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Miller-Guss provided the following report:

- **ProQA** – Live as of May 8th; support was provided May 8th – 10th. The support team complemented the TC's on their demeanor. The support team reported Brownlee's system was one of the best they have encountered. Brownlee worked very hard to implement the system. TC's are getting used to the program, with the police protocol being the most extensive.
- **Dispatch Review Committee** – Meeting later this week.
- **Police Priority Dispatch Orientation** – Everything went very well with many questions and feedback.
- **MDC's** – Still a challenge; Doug Bernabei reported it is mainly a setting issue within the MDC itself.
- **Employment** – Katelyn Stewart resigned, with Katelyn Baxter accepting the full-time position. Part-time applications will be accepted.
- **State Esinet** – This is the transition to Next Gen 911. JETSB hired a consultant to help with the transition. There may be a cost to IVRD. The transition presents a challenge with using Oglesby as the backup. Brandon is working on the logistics with Ottawa dispatch to have a backup workstation at Ottawa as well as a backup workstation at IVRD for Ottawa. Ottawa also already serves as a backup to IVRD.
- **Accounting Services** – IVRD accounting services moved to Abacus as of May 1st.

- **Aipohnes** – Working with Peru Chief on Peru integration.
- **EMS System** – IVRD was a member of the IL Valley EMS System that is no longer with the closing of St. Margaret's. IVRD will be joining the OSF at St. Elizabeth EMS System in Ottawa. Miller-Guss met with the EMS System coordinator to review IVRD's EMD program since it varies from other centers in their system. They are very supportive and complimentary of the system and IVRD.

Jason Curran inquired about the money spent towards making Oglesby the backup location, and what needs to be replaced. Executive Director Miller-Guss reported on a recommendation that everything be replaced because of the transition to the state Esinet system, which is different than the current system. The backend is different, the current platform is different from Next Gen, which is used by the state. Doug Bernabei reported the radio and phone systems are going to Ottawa. IVRD is relying on the state for recommendations on what is needed. Esinet will be IP based. Jason Curran noted he wanted to make sure the monies spent to make Oglesby the backup were being utilized. Executive Director Miller-Guss stated he will stay on top of the transition with the consultant and provide updates to the board.

Jeff Grove inquired the reason for Katelyn Stewart's resignation and if there had been an exit interview. Executive Director Miller-Guss reported Katelyn Stewart accepted a full-time position with the National Guard and had sent a nice email complementing the IVRD organization. Executive Director Miller-Guss reported she did very well as a TC.

Doug Bernabei reported Executive Director Miller-Guss worked both Sunday and Monday of Memorial Day weekend to have a third person in the office.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Popurella thanked Chief Kellen for his service as IVRD board chairman. Chairman Popurella welcomed new IVRD Board members Oglesby Police Chief Mike Margis and Commissioner Terry Eutis, and congratulated new Oglesby Mayor Jason Curran.

REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

John Duncan thanked the City of Peru for their work on IVRD's financials over the years.

OLD BUSINESS

Doug Bernabei reported on the memo from KTJ regarding updates to the IVRD's share of annual utility costs. Regarding the City of Peru Lease agreement, IVRD will receive gas service through the Peru Fire Department, with the Fire Department paying 80% and IVRD paying 20% of the bill. The City of Peru will bill IVRD's portion of the bill annually.

Doug Bernabei made a motion to receive and place on file the memo from KTJ regarding the first amendment to IGA lease to share annual electric costs at the Peru Public Safety Building (1503 4th St., Peru, IL). Jason Curran seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Doug Bernabei reported the IVRD attorney is working on other amendments to the original IGA between IVRD communities, for example how Peru was handling IVRD's financial services. Hopefully each city will receive the amendments by the next meeting.

Jason Curran inquired on the removal of the Building & Grounds Committee from the agenda. Doug Bernabei reported it was an ad hoc committee. There are only two defined committees which include the Fire/EMS Operations Committee and the Law Enforcement Operations Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Doug Bernabei made a motion to approve Resolution 23-1 a resolution approving and authorizing the execution of the first amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement to lease property by and between the City of Peru, Illinois and the Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch. Terry Eutis seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Bernabei, Curran, Duncan, Eutis, Grove, Hogan, Janick, Margis, Rutishauser, Smudzinski, King and Popurella voting aye; Hochstatter (Boelk), Fisher, Kellen, Kolowski 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, June 27, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff King made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Rutishauser seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.