

**Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board**  
LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby & Mendota ETSBs  
Meeting Minutes  
October 31, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was held Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at the Peru Municipal Building, 1901 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Peru, Illinois. Chairman Popurella called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Voting & Quorum Members Present: Doug Bernabei (via remote attendance), Leo Hochstatter (Boelk), Jason Curran (10:06), John Duncan, Brian Fisher, Jeff Grove, Jerry Janick, Greg Kellen, Mike Smudzinski, Chairman Ron Popurella.  
Absent: Terry Eutis, Joe Hogan, Ken Kolowski, Mike Margis, Dennis Rutishauser, Vice Chairman Jeff King,

Non-Voting Members Present: City of Spring Valley

**MINUTES**

Chairman Popurella presented the minutes of the IVRD meeting of September 26, 2023. John Duncan made a motion the minutes be received and placed on file. Jeff Grove seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

**PUBLIC FORUM (CITIZEN COMMENT)**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FIRE/EMS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Jerry Janick reported the next Fire/EMS Operations Committee held a meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will take place in January.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

None

**LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

John Duncan reported a ratified contract by the union, which board members will vote on approval at today's meeting.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Executive Director Miller-Guss provided the following report:

- **IPSTA Conference** - IVRD was recognized at the IPSTA Conference - Team of the Year - Carus Fire. As previously mentioned, Lindsey Skaggs won the INENA Scholarship to attend. The group will attend the November Board meeting for recognition.
- **NG-9-1-1 - ESInet**
  - All equipment installed and tested
  - ORT (Ongoing Reliability Testing) started yesterday. Over 100 test calls were placed. Central Square, our phone vendor, said this was one of the smoothest ORT tests they have had.
  - December 6 is cutover.
- **AIPhone**
  - Peru – no other progress
- **Brownlee LEADS Interface**
  - Brownlee Completed Finger Printing and background.
  - Brownlee is going through the process to meet state compliance requirements.
  - We will be working with Ottawa to complete the paperwork on the dispatch side.

- **Staffing**
  - Jena Martin resigned part time.
  - Casie Frazier and Ariana Bass are moving along in training and will be starting Priority Dispatch Classes.
- **Daytime Dispatch Coverage**
  - No Report. Need to schedule a meeting.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None

## **REPORTS**

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Chairman Popurella presented and reviewed the September financial report. Brian Fisher made a motion to receive and place the September 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, Hochstatter (Boelk), Curran, Duncan, Fisher, Grove, Janick, Kellen, Smudzinski, Popurella voting ayes; Eutis, Hogan, Kolowski, Margis Rutishauser, King absent; motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Popurella reported Greg Kellen will represent Mendota on the Daytime Dispatch Coverage Ad Hoc Committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES**

John Duncan reported the changes to the Metropolitan Alliance of Police, Chapter #609 which was ratified by the union are mostly economic and not operational. The committee compared contracts of other area dispatch agencies, with Ottawa being the outlier offering highly competitive wages. While there was a lot of back and forth during negotiations, they are happy with the results. This will be a 4-year contract through April 30, 2027.

John Duncan made a motion to approve a resolution approving the collective bargaining agreement by and between IVRD and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police, Chapter #609. Jeff Grove seconded the motion. Melissa Carruthers called the roll with Bernabei, Hochstatter (Boelk), Curran, Duncan, Fisher, Grove, Janick, Kellen, Smudzinski, Popurella voting ayes; Eutis, Hogan, Kolowski, Margis Rutishauser, King 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, November 28, 2023.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mike Smudzinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian Fisher seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.