

Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board
LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby & Mendota ETSBs
Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held Tuesday, September 30, 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: Doug Bernabei, Leo Hochstatter (Boelk), Jason Curran, John Duncan, Jeff Grove, Joe Hogan (via telephone), Mike Margis, Jason Martin, Gregory McDermott, Mike Smudzinski, Vice Chairman Jerry Janick, Chairman King. Absent: Brian Fisher, Ken Kolowski, Steve Maltas, Dennis Rutishauser.

Non-Voting Members Present:

MINUTES

Chairman King presented the minutes of the IVRD meeting of August 26, 2025. Jason Curran 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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE/EMS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Jerry Janick reported the Fire/EMS Operations Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 28th.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Doug Bernabei reported the committee met this morning, covering many topics including transitioning to the new CAD system and feedback on ProQA. Executive Director Miller will tweak policies for law enforcement based on the feedback, which will help streamline the process.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

No report.

MEMBER FEE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Executive Director Miller reported the committee members will be John Duncan (LaSalle), Doug Bernabei (Peru), Jason Martin (Mendota), and Mike Margis (Oglesby) with an initial meeting in November. Utica may also send a representative to participate. The IVRD budget forecasts will be reviewed. Jeff Grove inquired if there are any upcoming large capital projects. Executive Director Miller reported a phone refresh will be needed.

REPORTS

IVRD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Brandon Miller provided the following report:

1. **Accreditation** - we are working on our applications for Fire and medical. This has been delayed due to Jen Hunter's Medical Leave and the CAD project.
2. **CESSA** has the subregional last Thursday at IVRD. The group completed the analysis required by the RAC and reviewed the required meeting documentation that was then forwarded to the RAC and the HUB.
3. **Staffing:** Abby Mumm has started full-time time doing very well in training. We anticipate her being ready for the third person by November, where she will work the cover shift for Kaitlyn Baxter's maternity leave. Kamdyn Becket has started part-time and is completing certification courses. Casie Frazier resigned part-time due to availability. We will be looking at hiring more part-time employees from the pool on file.

4. CAD Implementation:

1. Build
2. Lock put period
3. Site Visits
4. Other

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

Jeff Grove and IVRD Board members recognized retiring LaSalle Police Chief Mike Smudzinski, thanking him for his service and support to LaSalle, IVRD and the community.

NEW BUSINESS

RECOGNIZE IL-APCO DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR – IVRD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BRANDON MILLER

Doug Bernabei reported Executive Director Brandon Miller has been selected as the IL-APCO Director of the Year, with three different people nominating him for the award. Doug Bernabei said the award is a testament to how far IVRD has come under Brandon's leadership. He will be recognized at a ceremony on October 21st. Board members congratulated and recognized Executive Director Miller on receipt of the award and his accomplishments with IVRD.

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, October 28, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Smudzinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Martin seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.