

06.18.2026 Full Board Democratic Caucus Meeting Minutes

Meeting start 5:52PM (1752)

Members present:

Jenny Lokshin

Jen Locke

Daniel Wiggs

Den Arres

Emily Rodriguez

Jilmala Rogers

Matt Sullard

Elly Hanauer-Friedman

Stephanie Fortado

Brett Peugh

Beth Vanichtheeranont

Will Schoell

Wiggs motions, Schoell 2nd for agenda

Locke motions, Vanichtheeranont 2nd for minutes

Communications:

Suggested amendment about snacks on previous democratic caucus minutes.

Beth- Junetenth parade tomorrow.

Discussion among all about the point of voting no on everything at COW.

Discussion of moving communication at the end.

Question to Summers about IT Intergovernmental Agreement on agenda for Champaign township> answer was that it will be an internal increase to the department's budget.

On the agenda:

ARPA

- what VOLO did in phase 1- waited until property goes to litigation
 - Now there is Illinois quick take
 - Government entity can give 5 days notice, go to court, goes in morning queue, if court decides VOLO has authority, court can grant

order to conduct business on property as gov entity since using gov money

- also to determine easement
- private citizens can't really win if they fight it
- they email judge's staff to do these cases in bulk

- Fortado still concerned about construction project
- Rodriguez asked if judges can move that fast on easements
- Now there is general consensus to reach the last stage of grief (acceptance) but somehow also the 3rd, where pressure will still need to be applied to VOLO (bargaining)
- Invoice \$650k, \$2.4M will be left to spend in Sept
- Locke-starting in August, 2 crews putting into ground
- Touch a truck is a sensitive subject (VOLO)

- cc farm bureau

- Fortado asks about them not wanting money
- Fortado asks about VOLO- Housing Authority and remarked how the conversation last time went into a different reality

- Crime stoppers

- Jett saying invoicing for x money, just take it back
- Discussion about now strictly we need the money back
- Fortado speculation of giving to DREEM

- Chamber of commerce

- paying for training in e-commerce

- water engineering project

- Locke suggests Sangamon valley money for this and suggests moving up 9/30 deadline to July 1st for reporting audit from sangamon valley to have time for new contract
- Jett states that they should either have a substantial request or money needs to be moved

Suggests to move ARPA up in the agenda

Meeting adjourned at 6:28PM (1828)