

Rapids City Fire Protection District Meeting

SPECIAL MEETING

April 15, 2024

6:30 at Station Two

Agenda

1. Call to order: 6:30

Roll Call was taken, Randy Garrison, Bruce Warman, Denise Caldwell, CJ Brooks and Greg Rankin

Public: Julia and Tom DePauw, Mary Beth Eggers, Don Knapp, Cody Alguire, Cory and Deb Fulton, Tom Lause, Josh and Dena Genz, Jeff Bull, Robert Clark, Bob McGeehon, and Kevin Ingles.

Don Carey started with introductions. Greg Rankin explained that Randy Garrison was not reappointed by the Rock Island County Board Committee of the Whole and that Mike Poel was appointed in his place with no reason given.

An audience member asked why Mike Poel resigned as Fire Chief in 2011. Randy stated that Mike Poel resigned in 2011.

There was about 20 minutes of discussion of everyone expressing their concerns.

We need to make plans for the future of the department. Randy explained that he is still with the department until the end of the month. Currently he and CJ are meeting with the bank to discuss bonding for a loan. This money will be used to level the land and possibly build a retaining wall.

Someone asked about grants, Greg explained that it is rare to get a 100% funded grant, most grants are 80/20 and it depends on the average income of the residents in the district. Randy said he is trying to calculate the direct/indirect cost to the department to help and that unlike a business it is complicated for the Fire Department.

Someone asked if it would be helpful to attend tomorrow night's Rock Island County Board meeting. Greg believes it would show unity and support for the fire

protection district and that the meeting will begin at 5:30 pm. Many of the audience members said they will attend.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Submitted by,

Greg Rankin

Secretary for the Rapids City Fire Protection District