

# Rapids City Fire Protection District Meeting

May 14, 2025

## Regular Meeting 6:30 at Station Two

### Meeting minutes

1. **Call to order:** President Randy Garrison called the meeting to order at 1830.
  - a. **Roll Call:** Denise Caldwell (Treasurer), Greg Rankin (Secretary) Randy Garrison (President), CJ Brooks and Don Carey (Fire Chief)
  - b. **Members of the Public:** None
  - c. **Appointment of Officers:** Bruce Warman has resigned from his position of Ambulance and Ordinances. Nominations and appointments as follows: The Board of Trustees unanimously appointed Randy Garrison (President), Denise Caldwell Treasurer, Greg Rankin (Secretary) and CJ Brooks (Ambulance and Ordinances). Randy is looking for a replacement for Bruce.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2025, were reviewed Greg motioned to approve; CJ seconded. The vote is 3 Ayes and 0 Nays to approve.
3. **Public Comments** None
4. **Correspondence:**
  - a. TIB Pledge Report \$1,173,718.89
  - b. RICO sent the 2024 Tax Computation Report
  - c. Pulse 84 bingo \$150.00
  - d. Sharon LaFever \$50.00
  - e. Replacement Tax \$1237.61 and 323.56
5. **Financials**
  - a. **Treasurers Report:** April 2025 Treasurers was reviewed, Greg motioned to accept the report and pay the bills, CJ seconded. 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.
6. **Ordinances:**
  - a. 2025-2026 Tentative Budget needs to be drafted. Randy and Denise will work to fix one transaction in Quick Books that is preventing reconciliation.
  - b. Jerry Sottos, Deputy Chief of EMS for the City of Moline sent us a copy of the EMS fees from their ordinance. After much discussion it was decided that Greg and Don Carey will sit with a couple of our EMTs and draft a policy that is more flexible.
7. **Policies:** Sexual Harassment, Procurement, Accounting and Fraud. Greg motioned to accept; CJ seconded. 3 Ayes and 0 Nays. Randy signed the policies.
8. **Ambulance:** Ambulance meeting on April 10 Larson center, Rick Mitton and Steve Simpson from Hilldale were present. We went over the call out information.
  - a. **Fire Chief Reports** for April 2025. The Run Report and Personnel activities were reviewed. The Volunteers responded to 45 calls for assistance, breakdown as follows:
    - **Village of Port Byron** – 11 EMS Calls and 1 Tree Blocking the Roadway.
    - **Village of Rapids City** – 1 Fire Alarm.
    - **Fire Protection District (Rural)** - 20 EMS Calls, 2 Brush Fires, 1 Gas Leak, 1 Smoke Detector Activation and 1 Power Line on Tractor.

- **Automatic Aid** was given to Hillsdale Fire Protection District for 2 Brush Fires, 2 Structure Fires and 1 Traffic Accident.
- **Mutual Aid** - 1 Brush Fire and Colona for 1 Structure Fire.

The Fire Protection District is currently in need of Volunteers to fill all positions.

May 31<sup>st</sup> Open House 11-2. Double points will be awarded to EMS calls. Oct 25 Euker Tournament at Leasure Lakes Resort. June 29 car show in Port Byron.

**9. Old Business**

**a. Land/Building:** Randy said twelve loads of dirt were hauled out.

- i. We need to put up silt fence. Don will try to find volunteers.
- ii. Andrews Construction (Cowpie) needs 100 loads of dirt. The board agreed to let them haul it away at their expense (Randy abstained). We will need a waiver of liability that we can get from our attorney.

**10. New Business:** 2025-2026 Tentative Budget.

**11. Next Meeting:** June 11, 2025

**12. Adjournment:** 1959

Submitted by

Greg Rankin

Secretary