

Rapids City Fire Protection District Meeting
September 10, 2025
Public Hearing on 2025-2026 Tentative Budget at 6:00

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), and Don Carey (Fire Chief) CJ Brooks.
 - b. **Members of the Public:** None

Regular Meeting 6:30 at Station Two

Meeting minutes

2. **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.
 - b. **Members of the Public:** Don Carey (Fire Chief) and Robert Clark.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2025, were reviewed: Greg motioned to approve CJ second. The vote is 4 Ayes and 0 Nays to approve.
4. **Public Comments** None
5. **Correspondence:**
 - a. TIB Pledge Report \$1,325,129.01
 - b. Illinois Replacement Tax check for \$153.30.
 - c. Edward Jones balance. \$94,153.30
6. **Ordinances:** Tentative Ordinance for the 2025-2026 Budget Hearing: with no public comments on the tentative budget CJ made the motion to approve and Greg seconded the motion. The vote is 4 Ayes and 0 Nays to approve.
7. **Financials**
 - a. **Treasurers Report:** August 2025 Treasurers was reviewed, Greg motioned to accept the report and pay the bills, CJ seconded the motion. 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.
8. **Policies:** None.
9. **Ambulance:** Randy and Heather Knapp addended the last meeting. East Moline will be doing mutual aid for Cordova.
10. **Fire Chief Reports** for August 2025. The Run Report and Personnel activities were reviewed. The Volunteers responded to 49 calls for assistance, breakdown as follows:
 - **Village of Port Byron** – 14 EMS Calls, 2 Traffic Accidents, 2 Brush Fires, 1 Tree on Roadway and 2 Hazardous Material Spills.
 - **Village of Rapids City** – 4 EMS Calls.
 - **Fire Protection District (Rural)** - 12 EMS Calls, 1 Traffic Accident, 2 Brush Fires, 1 Vehicle Fire and 1 Hazardous Material Spill.

- **Automatic Aid** was given to Hillsdale Fire Protection District for 2 Traffic Accidents, 1 Brush Fire and 1 Dumpster Fire.
- **Mutual Aid** was given to Hillsdale for 1 EMS Call, Cordova for 1 Structure Fire and East Moline for 1 Structure Fire.

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

11. Old Business

a. Land/Building: Things are moving slowly.

- 12. New Business:** Former Trustee Bruce Warman passed away at home on August 31, 2025. Bruce had been on the board of trustees since the beginning. He retired from the board in May of 2025.

Randy announced that Jason Denhart is interested in becoming a trustee and would be replacing Bruce Warman. The board approved unanimously pending county board approval. Greg will forward Jason's information to the Rock Island County Board for approval.

There is no internet service to Station 2 this week, Randy said Frontier upgraded their system a couple of weeks ago and lost our information. The board approved replacing Frontier Internet Service with Strata Communications.

- 13. Next Meeting:** October 8, 2025

- 14. Adjournment:** 19:15

Submitted by

Greg Rankin

Secretary