

# Rapids City Fire Protection District Meeting

March 11, 2026

## 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), and Don Carey (Fire Chief), CJ Brooks and Jason Dennhardt.
  - b. **Members of the Public:** Robert Clark
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The Regular Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2026, were reviewed. Greg motioned to approve the minutes. Jason seconded the motion. The vote is 5 Ayes and 0 to approve.
3. **Public Comments:** None
4. **Correspondence:**
  - a. TIB Pledge Report \$ 1,383,534.12
  - b. Received a FOIA request from Judicocracy LLC and COGS FOIA Team on March Wednesday February 25 at 1:59 am. There was no attachment or summary of what information we were to provide. The firm listed on the email was from Missouri. It was determined to be fake due to the time the email was sent and no response when asked ion reply email.
  - c. Email confirming that Small Awards Management (SAM) is renewed. New expiration date is February 27, 2027.
  - d. email from Hartford (workman's comp) Insurance Company for Mary Beth Eggers.
  - e. Illinois State Replacement for \$279.93.
  - f. Emil from Rock Island County confirming they received a copy of ordinance 26-004 "An Ordinance Establishing Fees For False Alarms and Nuisance Calls".
5. **Financials**
  - a. **Treasurers Report:** February 2026 Treasurers was reviewed, Greg motioned to accept the report and pay the bills, Jason seconded. 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.
6. **Ordinances and Policies:** 26-004 "*An Ordinance Establishing Fees For False Alarms and Nuisance Calls*" was sent to the county. The ordinance goes into effect on March 11, 2026.

Ordinance 13-004 "*An Ordinance Adopting Burn Ban Requirements*" needs to be revised to let the Fire Chief put out the fire without interference. Randy would like to have all the ordinances in searchable format and put them on the web. The board agreed that the rates for services would be \$200/hour per truck and \$50.00/hour per firefighter or at the Fire Chiefs desecration.
7. **Ambulance:** The ambulance contract is due to expire in September 2026.
8. **Fire Chief Reports** for February 2026. The Run Report and Personnel activities were reviewed. The Volunteers responded to 45 calls for assistance, breakdown as follows:
  - **Village of Port Byron** – 16 EMS Calls, 1 Brush Fire, 1 Flower Bed Fire and 1 Investigate Fire Alarm.

- **Village of Rapids City** – 3 EMS Calls and 1 Traffic Accident.
- **Fire Protection District (Rural)** - 18 EMS Calls, 2 Field Fires, 4 Brush Fires, 1 Dumpster Fire, 1 Structure Fire and 1 Investigate Fire Alarm.
- **Automatic Aid was given to Hillsdale Fire Protection District** for 3 Field Fires and 1 Structure Fire.
- **Mutual Aid** was given to Carbon Cliff/Barstow Fire Department for 1 Brush Fire.

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

**At our current pace we are projecting 600 calls for assistance in 2026 will provide all your training.**

**Fire Department meets every Tuesday at 6 pm at 120 S Main St.**

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**9. Old Business**

- a. **Land/Building:** None, the ground has been frozen. Randy would like to shoot elevations and put out bids for dirt removal.

**10. New Business:**

- a. File statements of economic interest with Rock Island County Clerk (5 ILCS 420/4A-105) Due First Monday in May (5/1/2026)
- b. New Trustee(s) must complete online Open Meetings Act of IAFFPD OMA training within 90-days of taking office. (5 ILCS 120/1.05) and submit certification to RCFPD Secretary.

**11. Next Meeting:** April 8, 2026

**12. Adjournment:** 1943

Submitted by

Greg Rankin

Secretary