

Rapids City Fire Protection District Meeting

April 8, 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 March 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 \$1,376,478.62.
 - b. Sandstrom quarterly donation of \$1,250.00
 - c. Liberty Mutual refund for \$2.00
 - d. Visa yearly statement for expenses.
5. **Financials**
 - a. **Treasurers Report:** March 2026 Treasurers was reviewed, Greg motioned to accept the report and pay the bills, Jason seconded. 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.
 - b. After general discussion it was decided that we should close BHBT CD account #8403 (\$233,791.17) The funds will be added to the funds from Account 6722 (\$145,000.00) to create a new CD. New CD #5653 (\$378,7941.17) is a building fund. Transfer \$25,000.00 from 6722 to a new CD (5654) will be for apparatus. Greg motioned CJ seconded the motion. The vote is 5 Ayes and 0 to approve.
6. **Ordinances and Policies:** 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 discretion. CJ motioned to approve and Jason seconded to approve. The vote is 5 Ayes and 0 to approve. Greg will publish and post notices.
7. **Ambulance:** CJ and Jason tried to contact Hillsdale. It appears that Mercy One is our only option. All others are transport only.
8. **Fire Chief Reports** for March 2026. The Run Report and Personnel activities were reviewed. The Volunteers responded to 46 calls for assistance, breakdown as follows:
 - **Village of Port Byron** – 10 EMS Calls, 1 Traffic Accident and 1 Investigate Smoke.
 - **Village of Rapids City** – 2 EMS Calls.
 - **Fire Protection District (Rural)** - 9 EMS Calls, 1 Traffic Accident, 5 Brush Fires, 1 Grass Fire, 1 False Alarm and 1 Investigate The Odor Of Gas.
 - **Automatic Aid was given to Hillsdale Fire Protection District for.** 3 Traffic Accidents, 6 Brush Fires and 1 Downed Power Line.

- **Mutual Aid** was given to Carbon Cliff/Barstow Fire Department for 2 Brush Fires, Cordova for 1 Structure Fire, East Moline for 1 Structure Fire and Albany for 1 Brush Fire.

9. Old Business

- a. **Land/Building:** Randy received a call from Bill Bruckman for 10 dump truck loads of dirt. We would like to get the land level and surveyed.

10. New Business:

- a. Prepare a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, due at the end of the first quarter of fiscal year. Post for 30 days prior to adoption of final Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.
- b. Publish notice of the Tentative Budget and Public Hearing and post 30-days prior to hearing.
- c. Appoint Fire Chief prior to the first Monday in June.
- d. Jason will look into Microsoft Office 365.

11. Next Meeting: May 13, 2026

12. Adjournment: 1957

Submitted by

Greg Rankin

Secretary