

Rapids City Fire Protection District Meeting

August 12, 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 July 8, 2026, were reviewed. Jason motioned to approve the minutes. CJ seconded the motion. The vote is 5 Ayes and 0 to approve.
3. **Public Comments:** None
4. **Correspondence:**
 - a. TIB Pledge Report \$ 1,325,966.41
 - b. Illinois Replacement Tax check for \$1,121.28
5. **Financials**
 - a. **Treasurers Report:** July 2026 Treasurers Report was reviewed, Denise stated that the checking account is off by \$7500.00. Randy will look at it to fix. Greg motioned to accept the report except the balance sheet and pay the bills, Jason seconded. 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.
 - b. **Ordinances and Policies:** None
 - c. **Ambulance:** Discussed Illinois House Bill 5446. No action needed.
6. **Fire Chief Reports** for July 2026. The Run Report and Personnel activities were reviewed. The Volunteers responded to 28 calls for assistance, breakdown as follows:
 - **Village of Port Byron** – 4 EMS Calls, 1 Grass Fire, 1 Vehicle Fire, 2 Fire Alarms, 1 Gas Leak and 1 River Rescue.
 - **Village of Rapids City** – 9 EMS Calls, 1 Traffic Accident and 1 River Rescue.
 - **Fire Protection District (Rural)** - 5 EMS Calls, 1 Traffic Accident and 1 Brush Fire.
 - **Automatic Aid was given to Hillsdale Fire Protection District** for 4 Traffic Accidents, 1 Power Line Fire, 1 Fire Alarm and 1 Downed Power Line.
 - **Mutual Aid** was given to Sterling for 1 Recycling Center Fire.
7. **Old Business:** Jason discussed cloud storage.
 - a. **Land/Building:** Randy would like to get started on bonding. Jason suggested talking to the school board. Greg suggested talking to our municipalities. Randy will follow up on bonding requirements. CJ will put together a bid spec for leveling and retaining wall.
8. **New Business:** Discuss land preparation specifications.
9. **Next Meeting:** September 9, 2026
10. **Adjournment:** 1952

Greg Rankin

Secretary