

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
Caldwell Rural Fire District
Board of Commissioners
for**

August 11, 2026

The Board of Commissioners for the Caldwell Rural Fire District held a meeting at the Caldwell Rural Fire District, Fire Station #18, and via Zoom, located at 707 Notus Road, Notus, Idaho.

Chairman Jahn called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary Wendelsdorf performed the rollcall, attended the meeting.

Commissioner Jahn Commissioner Beauchamp

Commissioner Krantz Treasurer Steiner

Chief Daniels

Secretary/Administrative Chief Wendelsdorf

Attending via Zoom

Attorney Gigray

Introduction of Guest

No guests present

Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Meeting Notice Posting reported by the Administrative Chief
 - a. Posted at the Fire Station located at 707 Notus Road, Notus, on August 7th, 2026, at 1:15 pm
 - b. Posted on the District's website August 7th, 2026, at 1:30 pm
2. Approve the July 14th, 2026, Monthly Meeting minutes
3. Approve the destruction of the audio and video recordings from the above meetings.
4. Commissioners receive the Treasurer's monthly financial report, subject to board examination, and place the report on file for the fiscal year audit.
5. Approve paying bills in the amount of \$260,368.92

Commissioner Krantz moved to approve the consent calendar as printed. Commissioner Beauchamp seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Presentation and Public Comment

No public comments or presentations were received.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

Staff Report:

- Chief Daniels
 - Chief Daniels passed out a written report and reviewed each of the points within the report.
 - Caldwell Fire does have crew assigned to the “Big Grass Fire” in Owyhee County. They are finishing up on their 14-day deployment and plans are in-place for them to be demobilized on Wednesday August 12. The Chief anticipates additional revenue for the vehicle assigned to the incident.
 - Additionally, crews were deployed to the Tartar Fire in Weiser, for a short period of time, to minimize the number of structures damaged or lost.
 - With the current fuel and weather conditions, Chief Daniels anticipates that we will be at a higher risk for wildfire for at least the next 90 days.
 - Chief talked about new personnel assignments and promotions.
 - Starting the week of August 17th engine 12 will become an ALS engine with a goal of at least one paramedic assigned to the engine 24/7/365.
 - The classroom at the training facility is nearing completion.
 - Chief Daniels reaffirmed that the City of Caldwell fully supports the fire department becoming an independent district.
 - Chief Daniels also stated that he believes the County Commissioners support the effort and, under statute, must approve the ballot measure.
 - The city is currently recruiting lateral Firefighter/Paramedics; however, its compensation package has not attracted many candidates. This may pose a challenge as the department tries to expand the paramedic program out to the Notus Station. Additionally, the initial investment of equipment will be about \$110K.
 - September 17 – Caldwell Fire to host the Chambers Business After Hours
- Chief Wendelsdorf
 - Chief Wendelsdorf provided an update on the impact fee committee meetings. A draft report has been distributed to the Commissioners for review. An impact fee hearing will need to be scheduled in the near future. Under the current draft proposal, Caldwell Rural Fire District would have the highest residential impact fees.
 - The generator has been delivered. Installation is pending receipt of an additional 200-amp switch because the station is served by a 400-amp service divided into two 200-amp panels: one for the living area and one for the engine room.
 - A brief update on the upgrade to a Microsoft Teams meeting room is still waiting for the equipment delivery.
 - Chief Wendelsdorf reviewed a memo on the budget outlook and future revenues. The memo outlined five informational options and should be discussed further, with Commissioners providing guidance on how to proceed.

- **Treasurer Steiner's Report**
 - The ICCUS CDs have been renewed, and the CDs held at Clarity will mature in November.
- **District Secretary**
 - The State Controllers report has been resubmitted with the requested updates, we have not received any additional information at this time.
 - A public hearing about impact fees should be scheduled, preferably within the next 90 days.

Attorney Gigray:

- Attorney Gigray reviewed the policy code updates scheduled for approval on the August 25 consent calendar. The five updates are based on 2026 legislative changes.
 - The first update addresses property rights and the requirements for non-residential, non-emergency situations. The policy and form will guide the district personnel through the process adopted by the Commissioners.
 - The second update revises the flag display policy.
 - Commissioner residency requirements and updates.
 - Open meeting law update to allow for the recording of the meeting by individuals.
 - Public records request, allowing for additional time and costs for out of state requests.
- Work continues on the impact fee updates to meet the new statutes. All necessary documents have been drafted and will be released at the appropriate time.
- Attorney Gigray will be meeting with the City of Caldwell Fire Department later this month to discuss the opportunity of representing them as they attempt to form a fire district.
- Information was provided regarding a pending court case involving Urban Renewal Agencies and potential funding impact on fire and ambulance districts.
- Information was provided regarding a political proposal to eliminate property taxes and replace property tax with an alternative state-administered funding source. It will be important to remain educated on this proposal and work with the Idaho State Fire District Commissioners' Association.

Commissioners' Report

- District 1, Commissioner Beauchamp
 - No report
- District 2, Commissioner Krantz
 - No report
- District 3, Commissioner Jahn
 - No report

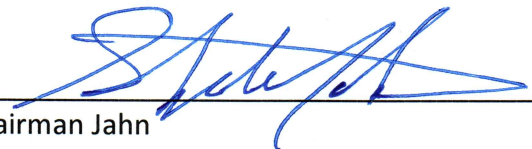
New Business:

- The FY2027 tentative budget was reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Krantz and seconded by Commissioner Beauchamp to approve the tentative budget and set a public hearing date for August 25 at 1:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

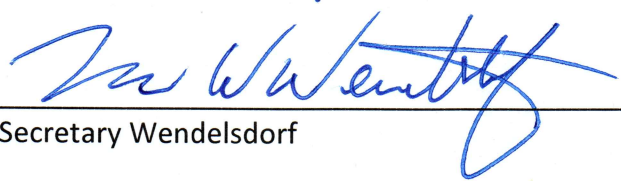
Executive Session

No executive Session was held

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm. Next meeting will be a Public Hearing on the Budget set for August 25, at 1:00pm at the Fire Station located in Notus.



Chairman Jahn



Secretary Wendelsdorf