

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
Caldwell Rural Fire District
Board of Commissioners
for
February 10, 2026**

The Board of Commissioners for the Caldwell Rural Fire District held a meeting at the Caldwell Rural Fire District, Fire Station #8, and via Zoom, that is located at 707 Notus Road, Notus, Idaho.

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Jahn at 1:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

The roll call was taken by Wendelsdorf, the following attended this meeting.

Commissioner Jahn	Commissioner Beauchamp
Commissioner Krantz	Treasurer Steiner
Chief Bryan Daniels	Secretary/Administrative Chief Wendelsdorf

Attending via Zoom

Attorney Gigray

Special Guest

Jose Martinez, Battalion Chief Caldwell Fire Department.

Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of Board Meeting Agenda Notice Posting Report by the Administrative Chief
 - a. Posted at Caldwell Rural Fire Station #8, located at 707 Notus Road, Notus, February 5, 2026, at 11:00am.
 - b. Posted on the Caldwell Rural Fire District website at 11:15am on February 5th, 2026.
2. Approve January 13, 2026, monthly meeting minutes.
3. Approve the destruction of the audio recordings from the above meetings, from January 13, 2026, monthly meeting.
4. Received the Treasurer's monthly financial report, subject to board examination, and placed the report on file for the fiscal year audit.
5. Approve paying bills in the amount of \$252,333.99.

Commissioner Beauchamp made a motion to approve the consent calendar as printed. Commissioner Krantz seconded this motion. This motion was carried unanimously.

Special Presentation and Public Comment

Battalion Chief Jose Martinez submitted a proposal to sponsor the stair climbing team in Seattle, WA. The event is a fundraiser aimed at supporting efforts to cure blood cancers. Chief Martinez has family and friends who have been affected by such cancers. All funds raised are dedicated to research and helping those with a form of blood cancer.

Unfinished Business

- Adoption of a new fee schedule was considered. The secretary did not meet notification requirements set by the State of Idaho. Commissioner Krantz moved, seconded by Commissioner Beauchamp, to table the item until March 10. The motion passed unanimously.
- A workshop to discuss the future vision of the district has been scheduled. Following discussion on a possible date, it was determined that the workshop will be held in conjunction with the March 10 meeting, with additional workshops to be scheduled as needed.
- Drainage and road mix for the rear of the Notus Station. The district is waiting for three bids for quotes to complete this task. The secretary asked to have this tabled to the March 10 meeting.

Staff Report:

- Chief Daniels
 - Chief Daniels submitted a written report.
 - Station construction updates – The final plans for Station 1 have received approval and will be submitted for review and permitting. Station 4 has experienced a delay in property acquisition; this issue is expected to be resolved within the next 30 to 45 days.
 - Staff toured the Best Bath manufacturing facility. They are looking to expand their production capabilities soon. They are one of the largest manufacturers of bathtubs in the United States.
 - Staff attended the state capital for a proclamation regarding community risk reduction, signed by the governor.
 - Smoke detector blitz has been scheduled for April 11 in Greenleaf. Volunteers are needed, with more information to follow at the March 10th meeting.
 - Alta Fire Apparatus provided a demonstration in Caldwell a few weeks ago. Chief commented that this is a local business (Emmitt) and appears to do fine work.
 - Chief highlighted the quarterly leadership meeting held in January.
 - Labor retreat was successful and very beneficial.
 - Review of Battalion Chief test, with one individual now on the promotion list.
 - Engine 18 was moved into the city during a peaceful protest as a precaution.
 - City of Caldwell is planning on an all-out celebration for the country's 250 anniversary. With that said the Firefighters are designing a t-shirt, which they will sell as a fundraiser. More information and ordering to follow.

- The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation has confirmed that Chief Brad Trosky-Johnson will be added to the memorial wall at the National Fire Academy in May.
- The firefighters' union has updated their charter from 1821 to 1056, after researching their history, with the IAFF.
- Discussion on ballistic protection.
- Chief Wendelsdorf
 - A review of the 2025 response statistics, along with a review of the January 2026 statistics was provided.
 - Discussion regarding parcels located east of Farmway, which are encircled by the city boundaries yet remain unincorporated.
 - The secretary needs to know who will be attending the Idaho State Fire Commissioners Conference March 27-29, and what arrangements are needed.
 - Smoke detector blitz is set for April 11 in Greenleaf morning information to follow.
 - Additionally, the idea of free ash buckets to those with fireplaces or woodstoves was talked about. The Secretary will investigate possible donation opportunities.
 - A quick review of the findings from Idaho Survey and Rating Bureau was reviewed. The information provided was based on a station in Greenleaf or a station located on the Deer Flat parcel.
 - The Impact Fee Committee had their first meeting today. The meeting was held on the web platform Teams and provided an overview of what the committee can expect.
 - In coming weeks, the Commissioners will be able to review data regarding Impact Fees, prior to the information being presented to the committee.
- Treasurer Steiner's Report
 - The treasurer has started the process of moving our business accounts over to ICCU and needs signature of the commissioners for account access.
 - Furthermore, the ICCU staff has demonstrated exceptional professionalism by assisting throughout the process and providing detailed information regarding strategies to maximize interest earnings from our noncommitted fund.
 - The district will continue to draw on the USBank account until such time as the ICCU accounts are completely set up.
- District Secretary
 - The district secretary discussed a number of email exchanges with the Notus Mayor regarding Impact Fees. Over the exchange the mayor does not see value in having the idea present to city council if the Notus Attorney is still apposed to Impact Fees. The mayor has asked the Notus Attorney to contact the district's attorney to see if they can find common ground to move forward. Additionally, the mayor shared that the City's line-item for legal fees is being reduced quickly, in part with other issues, and the city may not be able to afford to pursue this option.

Attorney Gigray:

- Provided a written report.
- Impact fees with Canyon County; the County has proposed dates for each of the districts to meet with them and talk about the status of each district's Capital Improvement Plan as it relates to Impact Fees collected.
 - Canyon County is not planning on reviewing Wilder Fire District or Caldwell Fire District until they have completed the other districts, with updated plans. This process started on December 20, 2023.
 - The District Secretary and Attorney continue to meet with Clearwater Financial each Friday.
- The issue in Munn Ranch seems to have reached a settlement agreement with all parties. There is one property owner that will be served by the proposed cistern that must agree within the next 30 days, and we will have a final settlement.
- Attorney Gigray and staff from his office continue to work on the Deer Flat Property. An amended agreement has been prepared for the commissioners to review. Once we move forward, we will need to adopt this or similar arrangement.
- Attorney Gigray presented an overview of current legislation from the State House, detailing the status of these bills and their potential impacts.

Commissioners' Report

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

New Business:


1. Consideration of support for the team fund raiser in the form on \$1,000.00, matching the City of Caldwell. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Jahn for \$1,000 match, seconded by Commissioner Krantz. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Consideration and authorization for the Chairman to sign the agreement regarding the water supply for fire suppression at Munn Ranch Development serving 5 specific parcels/building sites, after final approval by the District's Attorney. After introduction and explanation of the need, by the attorney, a motion was made by Commissioner Krantz and seconded by Commissioner Beauchamp to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, once approved by the District's Attorney. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Consideration was given to allow the District's Secretary to publish the required notice(s) for a requested fee increase. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Beauchamp and seconded by Commissioner Krantz, to authorize the Secretary to publish the fee schedule, as submitted, prior to our March 10th meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
4. A request was made to purchase a backup power system for the Notus Station, not to exceed \$15,000 in total cost. Chief Daniels explained the need for backup power and that his staff has been research options and believes we can establish such a system for under \$15,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Krantz and seconded by Commissioner Beauchamp to authorize the

purchase of a backup power system for the Notus Station, with the total cost, not to exceed \$15,000, and instructs the District's Secretary to investigate using Impact Fees for the purchase. Motion passed unanimously.


Executive Session

No Executive Session was needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11pm.



Chairman Jahn



Secretary Wendelsdorf