

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
Caldwell Rural Fire District
Board of Commissioners
for
March 10, 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, 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 (1:45)	Secretary/Administrative Chief Wendelsdorf

Attending via Zoom

Attorney Gigray

Special Guest

Clearwater Financial

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, March 6, 2026, at 10:00am.
 - b. Posted on the Caldwell Rural Fire District website at 10:15am on March 6th, 2026.
2. Approve February 10, 2026, monthly meeting minutes.
3. Approve the destruction of the audio recordings from the above meetings, from February 10, 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 \$358,243.29.

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

Abbie Erquiaga and Autum Jones from Clearwater Financial provided a presentation on the district's demographics. The presentation was an overview of a 65-page draft report they submitted for review, prior to providing the information to the Impact Fee Committee. At the conclusion of the presentation the Commissioners agreed the draft report could be provided to the committee without changes.

Budget Hearing

A motion was made by Commissioner Krantz to open the Budget Hearing and seconded by Commissioner Beauchamp.

Chairman Jahn – Yes

Commissioner Beauchamp – Yes

Commissioner Krantz – Yes

Secretary Wendelsdorf provided the staff report. The proposed fees generally match the City of Caldwell's structure, with some exceptions per state law. Required notices were published on February 24 and March 3 and reviewed by the attorney.

The proposal was reviewed. No members of the public attended.

A motion was made by Commissioner Krantz and seconded by Commissioner Beauchamp to close the Public Hearing

Chairman Jahn – Yes

Commissioner Beauchamp – Yes

Commissioner Krantz – Yes

Unfinished Business

- Drainage and road mix work planned for the rear of Notus Station. The district is awaiting more project proposals, which C.O.R.E. construction management will review at no cost. Commissioner Beauchamp moved, and Commissioner Krantz seconded, to table the decision until April. Motion passed unanimously

Staff Report:

- Chief Daniels
 - Chief Daniels submitted a written report.
 - Chief reviewed capital projects, including the new Station 1 and station 4 projects, with plans in the works for station 5 located 20/26 and Midland.
 - The Station 1 plans have been finalized
 - Demolition ceremony the third week of April
 - Work continues securing land for Station #4
 - Chief reviewed the community outreach with the smoke detector blitz in Greenleaf and a desire for a similar blitz in Notus, possibly this fall.
 - Chief attended the Light My Fire Fundraiser, raising funds for the burnout fund.
 - The city is in the process of preparing the FY2027 budget. The Chief has requested 17 new positions and provided reasons for their need.

- Battalion Chief Martinez announced his retirement as of August 1, 2026.
 - The new Marriott Hotel on 21st, is set to open about the time of the Caldwell Night Rodeo and is currently fully booked for the event.
 - The Chief reviewed some of the key legislation currently proposed at the state house and will continue to keep the commissioners advised.
 - The first weekend in May, we will have representation at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg Maryland, as Chief Trosky will be added to the wall of fallen firefighters.
 - The union and city have begun negotiations.
- Chief Wendelsdorf
 - Smoke detector blitz is set for April 11 in Greenleaf morning information to follow. Commissioners interested in assisting need to let the secretary know, so proper notifications can be made, in accordance with policy.
 - The ice machine for the Notus station was delivered, and arrangements are being made to have the unit installed with an inline water filter.
 - Work is progressing on a backup power for the Notus Station. We are hoping to have a proposal by the April or May meeting.
 - 9-1-1 Dispatcher Appreciation Week is April 12–18. Chief Wendelsdorf is coordinating with the manager to provide dinner for the night shift and requesting district approval for time off to prepare the meal.
 - Discussion on House Bill 482 and the impact it could have on cities and counties budgets.
- Treasurer Steiner's Report
 - The treasurer is moving our accounts from USBank to ICCU. In just two months, we've earned more interest at ICCU than all of last year at USBank.
 - Updated information and signature cards were distributed to the Commissioners for completion and returned to the Treasurer.
- District Secretary
 - All items of interest have been previously discussed in the meeting.

Attorney Gigray:

- Provided a written report.
- Impact fees remain a challenge in our discussions with Canyon County.
- Progress continues on the Munn Ranch settlement agreement. Attorney Gigray delivered an update regarding the status of the process.
- The Deer Flat property agreement is temporarily on hold while we are searching for the most suitable site in our district for a future fire station.
- Review of the current bills making their way through the legislature that may or will impact Fire Districts, and the potential impacts of each.

Commissioners' Report

- District 1, Commissioner Beauchamp
 - Friday, March 13, will be the last IFSCA web-meeting before the conference at the end of the month.
- District 2, Commissioner Krantz
 - No report
- District 3, Commissioner Jahn
 - No report.

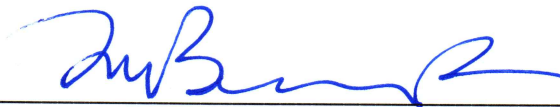
New Business:

1. Resolution 2026-01 was introduced by staff and reviewed. The resolution addresses the information presented during the budget hearing earlier in the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Krantz and seconded by Commissioner Beauchamp to approve Resolution 2026-01. Motion passed unanimously.
2. The FY2027 Budget Hearing date was set for August 25, 2026 at 1:00pm at the District Fire Station at 707 Notus Road. Motion was made by Chairman Jahn and seconded by Commissioner Krantz. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Staff presented planning information for consideration on the location of a future fire station. Information included Canyon County Comprehensive Plan, City of Caldwell Comprehensive Plan, City of Caldwell future fire station plan as well as an analysis of responses during 2025 in the fire district.
 - a. Considerable discussion took place, led by Chief Daniels and Chief Wendelsdorf, on the advantages and disadvantages of various locations as well as funding options.
 - b. No decision was made, but commissioners were asked to review the information presented and forward any questions to Chief Wendelsdorf for follow up.

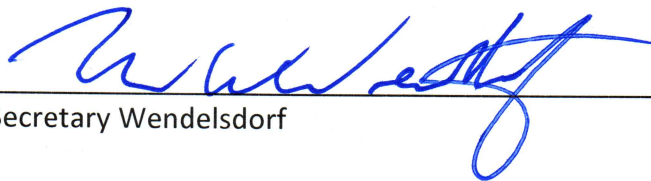
Executive Session

No Executive Session was needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43pm.



Vice-Chairman Beauchamp



Secretary Wendelsdorf