

MINUTES OF TONTO BASIN FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Regular Session
September 18, 2025

Call to Order: This regular session Board Meeting was called to order at 0932 hours by Chairman John France at Tonto Basin Fire Station #1, 46189 N AZ Highway 188, Tonto Basin, AZ.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Brian Nail.

Roll Call of Board Members: The following Board Members were present: Chairman John France, Secretary/Treasurer Robert Cooper, Board Member Clifford “Cliff” Metz, and Board Member Brian Nail.

Also Present: Chief James Stoltenberg. Firefighter Trenton Cline.

Ben Archer-Clowes “Ben” with James Vincent Group (JVG).

Debra “Deb” Morris and Junior Morris.

Administrative Assistant Lore Lee Taylor

Awards & Recognition: None to report.

Reading and Approval of the August 21, 2025 Regular Session Meeting Minutes: The draft minutes from the prior Regular Session Board Meeting on August 21, 2025 were reviewed. Following the review of the prior meeting minutes on August 21, 2025, a motion to approve the minutes was duly made by Board Member Cliff Metz and seconded by Board Member Brian Nail. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved and adopted.

Chief’s Report: The Chief’s Report was presented by Chief Stoltenberg. Discussions ensued on the items as presented.

Financial Report: Ben presented the monthly financial reports with the following ending balances as of 8/31/2025:

National Bank:	\$ 253,573.41
Warrant Account:	\$ 733,979.61
Capital Reserve Account:	\$ 353,913.90

Following discussions on the Chief’s Report and the Financial Reports a motion was made to accept both reports as presented by Board Member John France and seconded by Board Member Cliff Metz. The vote to accept both reports was unanimous.

Junior Morris left the meeting following the Financial Report.

Call to the Public – Agenda Items: None

Discussion/Information and Action: The change to Pulsepoint Billing for ambulance billing was tabled to a future meeting. No action was taken.

Discussion/Information and Action: Chairman France highlighted the letter from the Tonto Basin Fire District (TBFD) attorney whereby Deb Morris could remain a Member at Large for TBFD with the stipulations that she would not have voting rights or other Board Member rights per Arizona Open Meeting Law. The potential Member at Large would allow Deb to assist

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TBFD if or when necessary. Following discussions a motion was made to make Deb Morris a Non-Voting Member at Large of the TBFD Board of Directors by Board Member Cliff Metz and seconded by Board Member Brian Nail. The vote to make Deb Morris a Non-Voting Member at Large of the TBFD Board was unanimous.

Call to the Public – Non-Agenda Items: Trenton Cline informed everyone that the Tonto Basin Firefighters Association would be donating some money to the two Timber Mesa firefighters' families who recently lost their lives in a head on collision.

Trenton also updated the Board on the upcoming Art Chamberlain Memorial Cup fishing tournament. Board Members who will be assisting are asked to be there by 11:30 to help cook for the children who will be fishing. Board Members will also cook for the fishing tournament participants at about 3 p.m. when they return for weigh in. The tournament will be held at Windy Hill and the festivities will be held at the Bobcat Parking lot.

Cliff Metz updated everyone on battery collection and stated that Home Depot will only take batteries that they have sold. Payson only has a battery drop off once per year. Will continue to look into potential options in Tonto Basin.

Chairman John France welcomed Administrative Assistant Lore Lee Taylor to the team.

The annual Christmas Party is tentatively scheduled for December 5, 2025 at 4 p.m.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Board Member Cliff Metz and seconded by Board Member Brian Nail. The vote to adjourn was unanimously adopted and the meeting adjourned at 1020 hours.