

# NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Governing Board of the Tonto Basin Fire District will meet in regular session, Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 0930 hrs. (9:30 a.m.). The meeting will be held at Station 91, 46189 N AZ Highway 188 Tonto Basin, AZ 85553.

The Governing Board reserves the right and may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item, pursuant of A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for legal advice with the District's attorney or to discuss personnel matters pursuant of A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3). No decisions or actions will be taken in Executive Session.

The following topics, and any variables thereto, will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval, or other action. All items are set for possible action and the Board reserves the right to change the order of the items on the agenda.

## AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS
4. AWARDS & RECOGNITION
5. READING AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 20, 2025 REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDANCE
  - A. CHIEF'S REPORT
  - B. FINANCIAL REPORTS
7. TONTO BASIN FIREFIGHTER ASSOCIATION UPDATE
8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC- AGENDA ITEMS (3 MINUTE MAXIMUM)

A.R.S. 38-431.01- At this time, the public may speak to the board on any item listed on the agenda. The board expects that citizens who address the board will present concerns regarding the activities in question, rather than make personal attacks on board members, fire district staff or personnel, or other persons in attendance or absent. In addition, questions or comments on matters that are currently under legal review will not be accepted.

9. **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION AND ACTION:** Discussion and possible action on the potential/possibility to annex additional areas within the Tonto Basin Fire District. Examples might include the Bouquet Ranch, Deer Creek, and Rye areas as well as other areas that might fall within the Fire District remit.
10. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC: NON-AGENDA ITEMS (3 MINUTE MAXIMUM)**  
Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public on non-agenda items. Those wishing to address the Tonto Basin Fire District Board need not request permission in advance. The Fire District Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised in the call to the public. However, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed at them. Otherwise, the Board may direct that staff review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda. The Fire District Board cannot discuss or take legal action on any issue raised during the Call to the Public due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law.
11. **ADJOURNMENT** If any disabled person needs any type of accommodation, please notify the Tonto Basin Fire District prior to the scheduled meeting time.

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

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**Call to Order:** This regular session Board Meeting was called to order at 0930 hours by Chairman John France at Tonto Basin Fire Station #1, 46189 N AZ Highway 188, Tonto Basin, AZ.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by John France.

**Roll Call of Board Members:** The following Board Members were present: Chairman John France, Clerk Brian Nail, Secretary/Treasurer Robert Cooper, Board Member Ilene Hailey, and Board Member Clifford "Cliff" Metz.

**Also Present:** Chief James Stoltenberg.

Tonto Basin Fire District Administrative Assistant Lore Lee Taylor.

Firefighter Trenton Cline.

Firefighter Brenden Lerch.

Ben Archer-Clowes "Ben" with James Vincent Group (JVG) joined the meeting at 0935 hours.

**Awards & Recognition:** Chief Stoltenberg presented the Firefighter of the Year Award to Trenton Cline and the Community Service of the Year Award to Board Member Robert Cooper.

**Reading and Approval of the November 20, 2025 Regular Session Meeting Minutes:** The draft minutes from the prior Regular Session Board Meeting on November 20, 2025 were reviewed. Following the review of the prior meeting minutes on November 20, 2025, a motion to approve and adopt 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. One highlight was that the Tonto Basin Fire District has been awarded federal funding through the Fiscal Year 2026 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, signed into law by President Trump on November 12, 2025. This funding, designated through Congressionally Directed Spending, will support the much-needed remodel of the Tonto Basin Fire Station 96.

**Item 7, Tonto Basin Firefighter Association Update, was moved to this portion of the meeting.**

**Tonto Basin Firefighter Association Updates:** Firefighter Trenton Cline presented ongoing activities for the Tonto Basin Firefighter (TBFF) Association. The biggest upcoming event is a Christmas event on December, 23, 2025 which will be held at Station 91 and will begin at 8 a.m. The event includes a pancake breakfast and drawings for \$650 in visa gift cards and 10 turkey dinners. Trenton also highlighted some 2026 TBFF Association activities including the Fishing Tournament which was postponed in 2025 and adopting 1 mile of Highway 188 for cleaning up.

**Trenton Cline left following the TBFF Association Updates.**

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**Financial Report:** Ben presented the monthly financial reports with the following ending balances as of 11/30/2025:

National Bank:	\$ 143,316.46
Warrant Account:	\$ 954,613.38
Capital Reserve Account:	\$ 356,508.62

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.

**Call to the Public – Agenda Items:** None.

**Discussion/Information and Action:** Proceeded regarding a discussion led by Chief Stoltenberg on the potential to annex additional areas within the Tonto Basin Fire District. Potential areas of annexation include the Bouquet Ranch area and the Deer Creek/Rye areas. Each area would be annexed on their own merit if the Fire District decided to proceed with the process. Pros and cons of the annexation were highlighted and discussion ensued on what it would take for annexation as well as potential positives and negatives. Follow discussion a motion was made by Board Member Cliff Metz to allow Chief Stoltenberg to continue to assess the potential of annexation and to bring his recommendations along with supporting information to a future Fire District Board Meeting for discussion and action. The motion was seconded by Board Member Brian Nail. The vote to allow Chief Stoltenberg to continue to assess the potential of annexation was unanimous.

**Call to the Public – Non-Agenda Items:** Board Member Robert Cooper brought up the potential to modify the Chief's schedule to something that would allow him to spend more time with his family. One example was four (4) ten (10) hour shifts. This will be an agenda item on the January Fire District Board Meeting for discussion and action.

Board Member Brian Nail brought up concerns with accepting the potential gift of the boat from the Gila County Sheriff's Office and the costs and potential risks associated with this gift. This item will be an agenda item on the January Fire District Board Meeting for discussion and action.

Chief Stoltenberg asked that we add the Appointment of the Records Officer for the Tonto Basin Fire District (TBFD) to the January TBFD Board Meeting for discussion and action.

**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 1116 hours.



**Tonto Basin Fire District**  
46189 N AZ Highway 188, Tonto Basin, AZ 85553

**Monthly Financial Report – November 2025**

Attached are the following for your information and review:

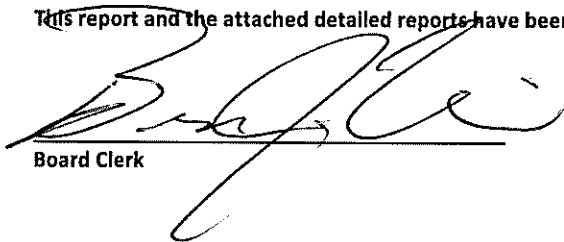
1. Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2025.
2. Statement of Reconciled Cash Balances as of November 30, 2025.
3. Income Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the month ending November 30, 2025.
4. Graph of Income and Expenses Year-to-Date.
5. Monthly Disbursement Report.
6. 12-Month Cash Flow.

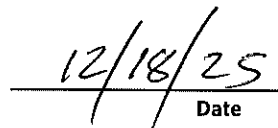
**Key points:**

- Revenue for the month of November is \$220,168 which is over budget by \$21,934.
  - Tax Revenue for November is \$178,774 which is over budget by \$71,331, driven by over collection for the month.
  - Non-Tax Revenue for November is \$41,394 which is under budget by \$49,397, driven by grant revenue.
    - Grant Revenue received for November is \$0 which is under budget by \$63,000.
- Expenses for November totaled \$80,133, which is under budget by \$68,141.
  - Personnel Costs is under budget by \$10,088, driven by regular wages and related benefits.
  - Managerial Expenses are under budget \$60,687, driven by grant expenses.
    - Grant Expenses for November is \$1,149 which is under budget by \$61,851.
- YTD Total Revenue is \$815,393 which is \$288,749 under budget.
  - Grant Revenue is \$0 which is under budget by \$315,000.
- YTD Expense is \$523,341 which is \$442,983 under budget, driven by grant expenses.
  - Grant Expenses is \$20,986 which is \$294,014 under budget.

Please contact the Finance Department at (480) 422-9777 for any questions or concerns regarding this report.

~~This report and the attached detailed reports have been reviewed and approved by the Fire Board.~~

  
Board Clerk

  
Date

9:36 PM

12/08/25

Accrual Basis

**Tonto Basin Fire District**  
**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**  
**As of November 30, 2025**

	Nov 30, 25	Nov 30, 24	\$ Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Checking/Savings</b>			
100 · Cash - County Treasurer	953,728.02	735,137.34	218,590.68
110 · Cash - National Bank	141,307.67	66,383.06	74,924.61
120 · Cash- Investments	356,508.62	343,990.32	12,518.30
130 · Cash - Petty	100.00	150.00	-50.00
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	1,451,644.31	1,145,660.72	305,983.59
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	124,312.00	103,383.50	20,928.50
<b>Other Current Assets</b>			
1201 · Prepaid Assets	7,312.43	4,970.48	2,341.95
1200 · Property Tax AR	31,608.23	31,608.23	0.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	38,920.66	36,578.71	2,341.95
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	1,614,876.97	1,285,622.93	329,254.04
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
230 · Land	118,352.00	118,352.00	0.00
220 · Buildings-001	457,567.00	457,567.00	0.00
232 · Vehicles	1,614,008.38	1,625,777.33	-11,768.95
210 · Equipment	370,370.62	809,769.47	-439,398.85
290 · Accumulated Depreciation	-1,297,816.78	-1,695,831.87	398,015.09
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	1,262,481.22	1,315,633.93	-53,152.71
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,877,358.19</b>	<b>2,601,256.86</b>	<b>276,101.33</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Accounts Payable</b>			
300 · Accounts Payable	29,661.83	22,058.35	7,603.48
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	29,661.83	22,058.35	7,603.48
<b>Credit Cards</b>			
250 · NBAZ Credit Card	8,067.59	20,797.08	-12,729.49
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	8,067.59	20,797.08	-12,729.49
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	29,675.47	129,789.58	-100,114.11
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	67,404.89	172,645.01	-105,240.12
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>			
2401 · Compensated Absences	21,301.45	4,822.86	16,478.59
2500 · Statlon #2 Loan	164,062.40	179,525.74	-15,463.34
2501 · Int'l Engine Loan	66,756.35	98,730.21	-31,973.86
2502 · Ambulance Loan	126,470.41	148,121.12	-21,650.71
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	378,590.61	431,199.93	-52,609.32
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	445,995.50	603,844.94	-157,849.44
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained Earnings	645,477.17	207,152.86	438,324.31
500 · Fund Balance - Gen Fund	1,493,833.51	1,493,833.51	0.00
Net Income	292,052.01	296,425.55	-4,373.54
<b>Total Equity</b>	2,431,362.69	1,997,411.92	433,950.77
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>2,877,358.19</b>	<b>2,601,256.86</b>	<b>276,101.33</b>