

MINUTES OF TONTO BASIN FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Special Session
February 6, 2026

Call to Order: This special session Board Meeting was called to order at 0902 hours by Tonto Basin Fire District (TBFD) Chairman John France at Tonto Basin Fire Station #91, 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, Clerk Brian Nail, Secretary/Treasurer Robert Cooper, and Board Member Ilene Hailey. Board Member Clifford “Cliff” Metz was an excused absence.

Also Present: Chief James Stoltenberg.
TBFD Board Member at Large Debra “Deb” Morris.
TBFD Administrative Assistant Lore Lee Taylor.
Ben Archer-Clowes “Ben” with James Vincent Group (JVG).

New Business Discussion/Information: Proceeded regarding the possible financial savings (revenue sources) for the potential 6 Month Interim Intergovernmental Shared Services Agreement for the Fire Chief’s Services between Tonto Basin Fire District (TBFD) and the Pine-Strawberry Fire District (PSFD) as presented by Chief Stoltenberg and Ben with JVG. The Chief and Ben reviewed the potential savings for both TBFD and PSFD based on the existing TBFD Chief’s costs and the existing PSFD Chief’s costs. The Board was given potential savings based on different cost sharing ratio options between TBFD and PSFD for the Chief’s services. The Board did voice concerns that TBFD would have to backfill some of the Chief’s time with overtime and part time. The Chief did state that he was implementing an on call pay for Captain’s set at \$40/day. This would cost TBFD ~\$8,400 per year. The Board requested that the Chief and Ben pull together all the estimated costs for TBFD if we were to pursue the Interim agreement between TBFD and PSFD. The Chief and Ben will pull this together for the Board on February 9, 2026. It was also agreed that TBFD Chairman John France would touch base with PSFD Chairman Bob Papke to inform him of where the TBFD Board was to date and the fact that we would not have final numbers available until the next joint meeting on February 11, 2026. There was no action taken on this subject.

Call to the Public: None.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Board Member Brian Nail and seconded by Board Member Ilene Hailey. The vote to adjourn was unanimously adopted and the meeting adjourned at 1028 hours.