

MINUTES OF TONTO BASIN FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Regular Session
June 17, 2026

Call to Order: This regular session Board Meeting was called to order at 0930 hours by Chairman John France at Tonto Basin Fire Station #91, 46189 N AZ Highway 188, Tonto Basin, AZ.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by James Degnan.

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.
Firefighters Trenton Cline, Stephen Toscano, and James Degnan.
Dominic Filosa with James Vincent Group (JVG) via Teams.

Awards & Recognition: Chief Stoltenberg thanked all the crews on the Pioneer Fire for the quick response and for dealing with it so quickly. This included all the other Fire agencies that responded including but not limited to Hellsgate, Pine-Strawberry, the Forest Service, etc.

There were also a thank you letter from Ali to the Tonto Basin Firefighters Association (TBFFA) and Board for the scholarship money she won.

There was also an e-mail thanking Todd, Thomas, and Brendan for their assistance on a person injured at Windy Hill. Great job.

At this time Chairman John France held the swearing in ceremony for new Firefighter/EMT Stephen Toscano. Congratulations and welcome on-board Stephen.

Firefighters Cline and Degnan left the meeting at this time.

Item 9: Public Hearing, approval and adoption of the Tonto Basin Fire District fiscal year 2026/2027 budget was moved to this point in the meeting.

Discussion/Information and Action: The Tonto Basin Fire District (TBFD) 2026/2027 proposed budget had been posted for the amount of time dictated by the Arizona Revised Statutes and the Statute also states that there needs to be a public hearing on the proposed budget. A motion was duly made to go into a Public Hearing on the 2026/2027 Budget by Board Member John France and seconded by Board Member Cliff Metz. The vote to go into a Public Hearing on the proposed 2026/2027 Budget was unanimous. There were a few clarifying questions from the Board on the budget submittal sheet but there were no comments in terms of the budget itself. Following additional time with no questions or concerns brought forward by anyone in attendance on the budget a motion was duly made to approve and adopt the 2026/2027 fiscal budget of \$2,122,431 at the tax levy limit of \$3.75 by Board Member John France. The motion was seconded by Board Member Brian Nail. The vote to approve and adopt the TBFD 2026/2027 fiscal year budget was unanimous. A motion to close the public meeting was made by Board Member Cliff Metz and seconded by Board Member Brian Nail. The vote to close the public meeting was unanimous.

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Reading and Approval of the May 21, 2026 Regular Session Meeting minutes: The draft minutes from the May 21, 2026 Regular Session Board Meeting was reviewed. Following the review of the prior meeting minutes on May 21, 2026 a motion to approve and adopt the May 21, 2026 meeting minutes was duly made by Board Member Cliff Metz and seconded by Board Member Brian Nail. The May 21, 2026 meeting minutes were unanimously approved and adopted.

Item 6B: Financial Report was moved to this point in the meeting.

Financial Report: Dominic Filosa presented the monthly financial reports with the following ending balances as of 05/31/2026:

National Bank:	\$ 69,673.19
Warrant Account:	\$ 964,006.02
Capital Reserve Account:	\$ 365,778.62

Following discussion on the Financial Report a motion was made to accept the Financial Report as presented by Board Member Brian Nail and seconded by Board Member Ilene Hailey. The vote to accept the Financial Report was unanimous.

Dominic Filosa left the meeting at this time.

Chief's Report: The Chief's Report was presented by Chief Stoltenberg. Discussions ensued on the items as presented and highlighted by the Chief. Following discussion on the Chief's Report a motion was made to accept the Chief's Report as presented by Board Member Cliff Metz and seconded by Board Member Brian Nail. The vote to accept the Chief's Report was unanimous.

Tonto Basin Firefighter Association Updates: The Chief highlighted that the Association had received a grant from SRP and had purchased 2 saws for the Fire District from the grant money.

Call to the Public – Agenda Items: None.

Discussion/Information and Action: proceeded regarding review and approval of the 2026/2027 Budget Resolution Letter (26-001) dated 06/17/26 as presented by Board Member Robert Cooper which allows TBFD to use current year fiscal funds to pay invoices from the previous fiscal year from the County account. Following discussion on the Budget Resolution Letter (26-001) a motion was duly made by Board Member Ilene Hailey to approve the 2026/2027 Budget Resolution Letter (26-001). The motion was seconded by Board Member Cliff Metz. The vote to approve the 2026/2027 Budget Resolution Letter (26-001) dated 06/17/26 was unanimous. The letter was signed by Chairman John France and Clerk Brian Nail.

Call to the Public – Non-Agenda Items: None.

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 1031 hours.