

MINUTES OF TONTO BASIN FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Regular Session
July 22, 2026

Call to Order: This regular session Board Meeting was called to order at 0931 hours by Chairman John France at Tonto Basin Fire Station #91, 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 via telephone, 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, Trystan McBlane, and James Degnan.
Ben Archer-Clowes “Ben” with James Vincent Group (JVG) via Teams.

Awards & Recognition: None.

Reading and Approval of the June 17, 2026 Regular Session Meeting minutes: The draft minutes from the June 17, 2026 Regular Session Board Meeting was reviewed. Following the review of the prior meeting minutes on June 17, 2026 a motion to approve and adopt the June 17, 2026 meeting minutes was duly made by Board Member Cliff Metz and seconded by Board Member Brian Nail. The June 17, 2026 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 and highlighted by the Chief. The Chief also highlighted that the Pine-Strawberry Fire District (PSFD) had made a decision on the hiring of a new Chief and that the new PSFD Chief is Captain Hunter Scott from PSFD. As such the shared services agreement between PSFD and Tonto Basin Fire District (TBFD) will be completed at the end of August and will not be renewed.

Financial Report: Ben presented the monthly financial reports with the following ending balances as of 06/30/2026:

National Bank:	\$ 150,414.97
Warrant Account:	\$ 966,124.69
Capital Reserve Account:	\$ 367,110.63

Following discussions on the Chief's Report and the Financial Report 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.

Tonto Basin Firefighter Association (TBFFA) Updates: Trystan McBlane updated the Board on upcoming events including:

- August 20, 2026 at 4 or 4:30 there will be a Back to School BBQ at the Tonto Basin School which is a joint venture between the TBFFA and Tonto Basin Kiwanis.
- There will be a car wash at the Fire District at the end of August but a date has not yet been chosen.
- The TBFFA will hold a Fire Prevention Week in October and the date will be communicated at a later date.

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Call to the Public – Agenda Items: None.

Call to the Public – Non-Agenda Items: Board Member Robert Cooper brought up the question on the timing for the Chief's Annual Review. The process will be the same as last year where everyone provides their input to Chairman John France and he will pull all of the input together for the August Board Meeting to present to the Chief. Board Member Cooper will send the Annual Review document to Tonto Basin Fire District Administrative Assistant Lore Lee Taylor who will then distribute it to all Board Members. Each Board Member should then provide their input on the document and send their copy back to Lore Lee no later than **August 5, 2026**.

The Chief also highlighted that he is at the end of his 3rd year and that his contract with TBFD was a 5-year contract with renewals in years 4 and 5. As such this will be added to the August TBFD Board Meeting Agenda.

Firefighter Trenton Kline expressed that he felt the Fire District, the District employees, and the Board were all working together well and thanked the Board for their support.

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 Ilene Hailey. The vote to adjourn was unanimously adopted and the meeting adjourned at 1019 hours.