MINUTES OF TONTO BASIN FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Regular Session
October 15, 2026

Call to Order: This regular session Board Meeting was called to order at 0932 hours by Chairman John France at Tonto Basin Fire Station #91, 46189 N AZ Highway 188, Tonto Basin, AZ.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chief Stoltenberg.

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.
Board Member at Large Debra "Deb" Morris.
Ben Archer-Clowes "Ben" with James Vincent Group (JVG) via Teams.

Captain Jim Lavery, Firefighter Trenton Cline, Firefighter James Degnan, Firefighter Tristan McBlane via Teams, Firefighter Thomas Young via Teams, and Firefighter Erin Marsh via Teams.
New employees Jason Gilmore and Marek Wells.
Community members Don and Lori (Marek's grandparents for his Oath of Office ceremony).

Awards & Recognition: Chairman John France held an "Oath of Office swearing in" ceremony for two new employees. Jason Gilmore was sworn in as a new part time employee. Marek Wells was sworn in as a new full-time employee. Congratulations Jason and Marek and welcome to Tonto Basin Fire District.

Following the ceremony all firefighters except for Trento Cline and Tristan McBlane left the meeting. Community members Don and Lori also left the meeting.

Reading and Approval of the September 17, 2026 Regular Session Meeting minutes: The draft minutes from the September 17, 2026 Regular Session Board Meeting were reviewed. Following the review of the prior meeting minutes on September 17, 2026 a motion to approve and adopt the September 17, 2026 meeting minutes was duly made by Board Member Brian Nail and seconded by Board Member Cliff Metz. The September 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.

Financial Report: Ben presented the monthly financial reports with the following ending balances as of 09/30/2026:

National Bank:	$ 103,678.35
Warrant Account:	$ 711,943.51
Capital Reserve Account:	$ 371,176.22

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

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Tonto Basin Firefighter Association (TBFFA) Updates: Firefighter Trenton Cline presented the TBFFA update which included:

- October 19-22 is Fire Prevention Week and the TBFFA in partnership with the Forest Service, Native Air and the Tonto Basin School District (TBSD) will hold an activity each day at the Tonto Basin School to promote fire prevention awareness.
- The TBFFA will hold a cookout on November 11, 2026 (Veteran's Day) at Station 1 next to the Tonto Basin School following the Veteran's Day Parade. The cookout will be free with donations being taken.
- The TBFFA will hold a movie night on November 21, 2026 at Station 91.
- The TBFFA will hold a pancake breakfast on December 12, 2026 at Station 91. The breakfast is free with donations being taken.
- The TBFFA now has their own local Chapter of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) for full time employees. The local chapter is called the Tonto Basin Professional Firefighters Association (TBPFFA). Congratulations.
- The TBFFA recommended that the TBFD annual Christmas party be held on the evening of Dec 12, 2026. This was agreed to by the Board.

Call to the Public – Agenda Items: The Chief notified the Board that Stephen Toscano had resigned his position which was part of his Chief's Report.

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 John France and seconded by Board Member Cliff Metz. The vote to adjourn was unanimously adopted and the meeting adjourned at 1026 hours.