

MINUTES OF TONTO BASIN FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Work Session
March 9, 2023

Call to Order: This work session board meeting was called to order at 1304 hours by Chairman John France at Tonto Basin Fire Station #1, 46189 N AZ Highway 188, Tonto Basin, AZ.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by John France.

Roll Call of Board Members: The following Board Members were present: Chairman John France, Clerk Debra “Deb” Morris, Board Members Robert Cooper and Keli Smith. Secretary/Treasurer Troy Hvidsten via Zoom.

Also Present: Chief John Wisner and Reg Destree’

Discussion/Information and Action: proceeded regarding approval of easement for Verizon Wireless to access cell tower on property next to District’s Station 96 at 75 E. Capel Dr. in Roosevelt. Board was presented the agreement from Gila River Cellular General Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless with the notes from the District’s attorney on the agreement. After much discussion a motion was made to approve the agreement by Board Member Deb Morris and 2nd by Board Member Robert Cooper, vote was unanimous. Agreement signed by Chairman John France.

Discussion/Information and Action: proceeded regarding Hiring/Application Process of New Fire Chief position-update on current status and scheduling interviews for candidate(s). An interview panel and tour of the District has been set for March 22-24th for Chief Candidate Shawn Western. If Mr. Western passes the panel interview, he would be offered the position and set for a start date of May 1, 2023 to allow 30 day notice to current employer. After much discussion a motion was made to authorize Chairman John France to present Employment Agreement (contract) to Mr. Shawn Western on 3/24/2023 upon passing the panel interview by Board Member by Board Member Deb Morris and 2nd by Board Member Troy Hvidsten, vote was unanimous.

Call to Public: Board Member Keli Smith presented the Board with some negatives comments regarding the Fire District on Facebook about crossing the creek in department vehicles and the fire that occurred in Jakes Corner. Some discussion took place regarding these two topics. This would need to be addressed in the next Board Meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board meeting, upon a motion made by Board Member Deb Morris and 2nd by Board Member Keli Smith and was unanimously adopted, the meeting adjourned at 1427 hours.