

MINUTES OF TONTO BASIN FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Regular Session
September 21, 2023

Call to Order: This regular session Board Meeting was called to order at 0903 hours by Chairman John France at Tonto Basin Fire Station #1, 46189 N AZ Highway 188, Tonto Basin, AZ.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Cliff Metz.

Roll Call of Board Members: The following Board Members were present: Chairman John France, Clerk Debra “Deb” Morris, Secretary/Treasurer Robert Cooper, Board Member Keli Smith, and Board Member Clifford “Cliff” Metz.

Also Present: Chief James Stoltenberg, Administrative Assistant Stormi Ewing, and Ben Archer-Clowes “Ben” with James Vincent Group (JVG)

Awards & Recognition: There were no awards and recognition for this meeting, however, Chief Stoltenberg did share that awards and recognition would be included at the October 14, 2023 Fire District Fire Safety Open House.

Reading and Approval of the August 17, 2023 & September 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes: Following the review of the prior regular meeting minutes on August 17 and the special meeting minutes on September 11, a motion to approve the minutes was duly made by Board Member Keli Smith and seconded by Board Member Debra Morris. Meeting Minutes were adopted and unanimously approved.

Reports and Correspondence: The Chief’s Report and Chief’s Fleet Report, as distributed at this meeting, were presented by Chief Stoltenberg. Discussions ensued on the items as presented. Ben presented the financial reports with the following ending balances as of 8/31/2023:

National Bank:	\$ 30,574.84
Warrant Account:	\$ 262,816.02
Capital Reserve Account:	\$ 334,678.26

Following discussions on the Chief’s and Financial Reports a motion was made by Board Chairman John France to accept the Chief’s Reports and Financial Reports. It was seconded by Board Clerk Debra Morris. The vote was unanimous. It was noted in the Chief’s Report that the District passed its ISO inspection and our rating will be maintained of 6/7/10 to keep our residents insurance premiums low.

Call to the Public None

Break was taken between 1020 and 1034 hours.

Discussion/Information and Action: proceeded regarding the Approval of the Fire District Liability Insurance Renewal (VFIS) as presented by Administrative Assistant Stormi Ewing. Following discussion on the Liability Insurance Renewal a motion was made by Board Member John France to approve the renewal of the Liability Insurance and was 2nd by Board Member Deb Morris. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion/Information and Action: proceeded regarding Update of the Board By-Laws, Approval of Changes on the District Mission, Vision, and Values Statement. Chief James Stoltenberg presented the existing Tbfd Mission, Vision and Core Values and stated he had some ideas for new ones and presented them to the Board. After much discussion a motion was made to create a subcommittee be made up of Chief James Stoltenberg, Board Secretary Robert Cooper, and Board Member Clifford Metz to work with employees to present proposals for new

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Mission, Vision, and Core Values by Board Member John France and 2nd by Board Member Cliff Metz. The vote was unanimous. They will make a time to meet and then present their options to the Board at a later date yet to be determined. Administrative Assistant Stormi Ewing also suggested that the Board By-Laws also be redone and presented the Board with copies of the current By-laws. After discussion a motion was made to create a separate subcommittee for new By-laws made up of the Board Chairman John France, Board Clerk, and the Administrative Assistant Stormi Ewing. Motion was made by Board Member John France and 2nd by Board Member Robert Cooper, vote was unanimous.

Call to the Public: The Board asked if our health insurance rates would be increasing, stated they say that all others were looking at an 8% increase in premiums. Administrative Assistant Stormi Ewing stated that we are coming up on our renewals starting in November and that we are hoping to stay with EMI health to keep our premiums down and hoping our increase will not be that high but have not received the quotes yet. Deb Morris asked about the Tesla vehicles and new fire fighting methods of fighting those type of fires. Chief Stoltenberg gave information regarding that question and that methods are still the same regarding them.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board meeting, upon a motion made by Board Member Deb Morris and seconded by Board Member Robert Cooper and was unanimously adopted, the meeting adjourned at 1114 hours.