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KAMMA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

August 15, 2016

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Kingman Airport Authority Conference Room
7000 Flightline Drive, Kingman, AZ

August 15, 2016 MEETING SUMMARY

I. Welcome: Bruce Forthun welcomed the attending group and thanked them for joining our monthly meeting. Bruce had everyone introduce themselves. The 19 attendees were:

- Kenny Dean Lomanco West
Jeff McKnight I-Corp Arizona, Inc.
Bruce Forthun Cascades Tissue Group
Jen Miles Mohave County Workforce Development
Scott Brackett Brackett Aero Filters
Carl Hays M-14P
Harley Pettit City of Kingman - Commissioner
Lisa Black GEO Group
Bob Riley Kingman Airport Authority
Brad Noonan Manpower
Mary Mendola Mohave County Workforce Development
Lynne Petersen UESAZ / Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce
Jon Rowley Nucor Steel Kingman
Amy West Western Arizona Vocational Education / JTED
Bill Sisson Frontier Communications
Michael Bradle Preston Investments
Beth VanHoose Kingman High School CTE
Carol Gunnerson Kingman High School CTE
David Wayt City Council Candidate

II. The July 18, 2016 meeting minutes were not available at meeting time to approve.

III. Financial Report: Kenny Dean reported the bank balances of:

Table with 2 columns: Balance Type and Amount. Rows: Beginning Balance (Through 7/18/2016): \$4,155.95; Ending Balance (Through 8/15/2016): \$4,155.95

There were no checks written and no deposits made during the last month.

#### IV. Old Business:

- a. **Website Update:** Dolly Moore was absent at today's meeting. No new information was shared about the website.
- b. **Membership Update:** Kenny Dean confirmed that there are 47 members total to date with 33 paid and 14 comp'd members.

#### V. New Business

- a. **Industrial Training; OSHA 30/10, Medical First Responder** Mary Mendola reported that the OSHA 10 Training would take place October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 1 pm for 5 hours each day. The cost would be \$5 per card. Mary indicated that there were two instructors coming up to Kingman from Tucson to administer the training.

Amy West added that vocational students are going to be required to have OSHA 10 training in the near future.

Mary informed the group that an email would soon come from Alex Ball with actual costs, confirmation of times and confirmation of location of the training.

- b. **Update: Manufacturing Day** October 27<sup>th</sup> is the date that has been set to celebrate Manufacturing Day here in Kingman and Mohave County. Amy West indicated that approval was gained for use of school buses for the event. In general discussion about the event, Amy shared the concept of having some dynamic speakers offer an informative presentation about the critical points of how students can successfully engage the opportunities that exist within the manufacturing community right here at home.

Currently the WAVE & JTED students are set to engage the event with the possibility of the Kingman Academy being added to the roster. Companies tentatively positioned to host tours are Lomanco West, Cascades Tissue, Nucor Steel and I-Corp Arizona. There is a need for more companies for come forward to host tours and make the event a larger success. Amy reported that Gary Jeppsen had talked of having groups of 10 to 12 students to be shuttled from location to location. Discussion within the group concluded that smaller groups of 4 to 6 students would be better for tours within the company facilities. Jon Rowley asked, "What would the general age group be for the students?" as Nucor cannot permit anyone under the age of 18 in their facility. It was stated that the students would predominately be between 14 and 18 years of age.

In other WAVE/JTED news, Amy reported that due to the Funding Restoration Bill that passed earlier in the year, their group is working on gaining many certifications for their students and looking forward to continuing the progress the program is working on to prepare students for the workforce.

Bruce Forthun stated that Cascades has been working with Jody Schanaman at Kingman High School to have 2 to 3 managers offer a presentation in class to her

students. This presents the opportunity to get the students closer to the manufacturing community and offer the chance to hear from the people engaged in the environments that implement industrial equipment they are learning about. In other news, the Robotics Group is looking to acquire a 40 ft. x 60 ft. building to use as their home moving forward.

- c. **Partner Updates: KAA, JTED, MCC, Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce, Others:** Bob Riley reported that the \$2.5M project on taxiway "Charlie" is complete and that final inspection should be complete in the next few weeks. In other news, Bob indicated that the company, Big Industrial has finalized the acquisition of the old Southwire building and that there is much activity around the property executing major clean up and filling holes in the floor within the building where many of the wire machines were removed upon Southwire's departure. Bob indicated that Big Industrial was working with 3 prospective tenants for the property.

Lynne Petersen reported that the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Candidates Forum at Mohave Community College, Neal Campus, Room 240 on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. There will be 9 candidates there to speak to the public.

Lynne indicated that the Chamber is actively interviewing applicants for the CEO position at the Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce.

Lynne extended an appeal for help with the Andy Devine Awards nominations which will take place next month (September). Nomination forms can be found on the Chamber website and also from the Kingsmen. Nominations are due Friday August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

In Legislative news, Lynne shared that our region is set to lose \$1.5M per year from the change in ownership of the land that the Kingman Prison is located on. The State has taken over ownership of the land and the State doesn't pay taxes. Lynne is urging business leaders and the general public to voice appeal to the Governor and State Legislators to replace the funds lost in the change. It was noted that the GEO Group is still managing the prison.

Lynne briefed the group on the recent Lunch & Learn with Senator John McCain that took place at the Beale Celebrations building in downtown Kingman. Senator McCain spoke on multiple topics including the legalization of marijuana as well as the minimum wage debate. After the Lunch & Learn there was a roundtable discussion afterwards with some local business leaders and dignitaries attending. One main topic discussed with Senator McCain was how we move toward getting the I-40 crossings that our local governments have been working toward. Senator McCain suggested being in direct communication with his staff during the development of the grant application. A careful strategy such as preservation of the Historic Route 66 should be the focus Senator McCain suggested. Avoid focus on safety and egress issues. The Grant Application needs a local component.

Mary Mendola representing Arizona @ Work refreshed the group on the LEAP Apprenticeship Program and made appeal for all to consider utilization of this

valuable program. The 8000 hour program can offer certifications in Machinist, Millwright and Welding trades. Mary stated that it is their desire to get a cohort starting in late 2016 and expects to have an orientation in the lab at Laron in the near future.

- d. **Manufacturing Internship Coordination:** This item had no discussion due to John Hansen's absence. The item will be added to next month's agenda.
- e. **Initiatives for the Election – Discuss our Priorities;** Bruce Forthun refreshed the group on KAMMA's political position in that KAMMA doesn't offer support for a specific individual but does support ideas and strategies in the political arena.

General discussion within the attending group included the topic of legalization of marijuana and how it might affect industry. Lynne Petersen indicated that Kingman Police Chief Robert DeVries believes there could be a 50/50 split on this decision and that the bill could be on the ballot in November. It was noted that currently there is no test to determine if a person is under the influence of marijuana. Current testing only confirms the presence of the chemical THC which can remain in the body for up to 30 days after ingestion. Chief DeVries believes that legalization will affect schools negatively in that the types of marijuana are much more potent than that of the past and also that oils used in vapor inhalers cannot be detected like the burning odor most commonly associated with marijuana use. It was noted that the way the Arizona bill is written that every human would have the statutory right to consume THC.

Bruce Forthun reminded all that it is possible to weigh in on opposition to legalization and encourage all to consider the effects this change could have on our manufacturing industry.

Lynne Petersen agreed to send Bruce copies of letters from the Arizona Chamber of Commerce on the issue.

**VI. NEXT REGULAR KAMMA MEETING:**

**Monday, September 19, 2016**

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

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**VII. Adjournment: (2:22 pm)**