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KAMMA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

September 12, 2017

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

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

September 12, 2017 MEETING SUMMARY

I. Welcome: Jeff McKnight welcomed the group and invited all to introduce themselves. The 15 attendees were:

- Jeff McKnight I-Corp Arizona, Inc.
Kenny Dean Lomanco West
Scott Brackett Brackett Aero Filters
Bob Riley Kingman Airport Authority
Beth VanHoose KUSD - CTE
Carol Gunnerson KUSD – CTE
Robert Davis Karnak West
Donna Davis Expect More Arizona
Amy West WAVE / JTED
John Hastings Laughlin Bullhead International Airport
Monica Gates Mayor – City of Kingman
Carl Hays M-14P
Tim Lamoreaux Dillon Transportation
Klark Kohamk Dillon Transportation
Hubble Ray Smith Kingman Daily Miner

II. The August 21, 2017 meeting minutes were not available at the time of the meeting. Meeting minutes will be posted on the KAMMA website: (http://www.mohavemfgassociation.com/)

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

Table with 2 columns: Balance Type and Amount. Beginning Balance (Through 07/17/2017): \$8,175.32; Ending Balance (Through 08/21/2017): \$8,775.32

It were noted that a deposit of \$600 was made recently. (Membership Dues)

IV. Old Business:

- a. **Membership Update:** It was noted that the membership count is 45 total with 30 paid members, 12 Ex-Officio members and 3 comp'd members.
- b. **Training Update:**
  - i. **Automation Training by Heitek – Recap:** No one was present that could offer a summary of the Automation Training.
  - ii. **NFPA 70E Electrical training September 14th and 15th to be Hosted by Nucor:** The book summarizing the NFPA 70E Electrical Training was made available to the attending guests for review.
  - iii. **Advanced First Aid Training:** No one was present to offer an update on the Medical First Aid Training

## V. New Business

- a. **Hurricane Harvey – Dillon Transportation Project / Impact on Local Industry:** Tim Lamoreaux from Dillon Transportation described how successful the recent disaster relief effort put together by Dillon and the area businesses and residents. Dillon offered to collect donations and send a trailer that would be half filled with paper products donated by Cascades and the remaining space to be filled with donated goods from others. As it turned out the trailer was filled immediately and a second trailer was prepared and filled as well with goods donated by generous people in our community. The response to this effort was incredible and the attending group applauded the work done by Dillon and all donors.

Local businesses were affected by the recent storms in many ways. Robert Davis, general manager of Karnak West reported that they were impacted locally due to much of their raw materials coming from Fort Lauderdale, Florida and the storms delayed shipments of materials required for production. Jeff McKnight indicated that I-Corp felt delays in shipments from their sister company in Beaumont, TX. Also noted was the fact that many of the plastics processing plants locally could be affected by delays in resins that are produced in the refining and petrochemical plants in Texas.

- b. **Kingman Crossing / Rancho Santa Fe Parkway – Update:** Mayor Monica Gates offered an overview of the Interchange projects indicating that it is the will of the City Council to pull the sub-committees together and move forward productively on the efforts to make the two interchange projects come to reality. It was noted that there is a lot of work to be done and Mayor Gates encouraged all to communicate to the Council Members ideas and thoughts relative to projects. The project proposal could burden the people of the city with a \$130M responsibility. Movement forward must be fiscally responsible and represent the best interest of the people.

- c. **Laughlin Bullhead Int'l Airport Promotion – Update:** John Hastings was present to award Bob Riley a \$200 gift card as the winner of the August Laughlin Bullhead International Airport Promotional contest. John explained to the group that they are marketing the new airline service heavily to increase the ridership with the goal of reaching a consistent level of use to help secure the service in the future. Currently there is a 2 year contract between American Airlines and IFP although either party has a 30 day notice option to exit the agreement. The average weekly ridership is about 420 seats. This number needs to be 740 to sustain the service. John indicated that is very difficult to forecast and is hopeful that our area communities realize the convenience and benefit of the air service. John encouraged all to consider flying from IFP as opposed to McCarron Airport in Las Vegas.
- d. **MFG Day 2017 – Update:** Beth VanHoose and Carol Gunnerson were on hand to offer intricate details of the upcoming MFG Day 2017 event to be held October 26<sup>th</sup> here in the Kingman Industrial Park. Handouts including a written summary of the event, complete schedule for the day and chart showing the times and locations for the groups and companies. It was noted that there are 13 companies committed to hosting tours which is nearly double relative to last year's inaugural event. Sign-ups for students at KUSD will begin September 13<sup>th</sup>. KAOL (Kingman Academy of Learning) is expected to have approximately 20 students attending the event. The Colorado River Schools to include Mohave High School in Bullhead City, AZ and River Valley High School in Fort Mohave, AZ are expecting to have approximately 30 students brought up for the event.

The MFG Day Committee will hold a meeting October 11<sup>th</sup> to finalize details relative to kicking off the event. It was noted that there would need to be at least 10 adult chaperones to accompany the student groups on the plant tours. Beth indicated that the next step will be to coordinate the busses for bringing the students out to the Industrial Park. Students will arrive at the Kingman Airport Authority Administration building and then break into groups to be transported around the complex on two busses. Safety glasses and earplugs provided by KAMMA will be distributed to the students once they arrive at KAA. These items are a mandatory requirement in most all of the manufacturing plants being toured. Lunch will be provided to the student groups courtesy of WAVE/JTED (Amy West) at KAA around the noon hour before beginning the afternoon tours.

In parallel theme with Governor Doug Ducey proclaiming October as the fifth annual "Arizona Manufacturers Month" Mayor Gates committed to making proclamation that October would be Kingman Manufacturers Month at the City Council's meeting October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- e. **Partner Updates: KAA, JTED, MCC, Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce, Others:** Bob Riley, Economic Development Director of the Kingman Airport Authority indicated to the group that three different companies toured the vacant Southwire building near the entrance of the Industrial Park. Bob was confident that a lease for

approximately half of the building's use would be finalized in the very near future as it was in the negotiation stage at this time.

Amy West, Superintendent, Western Area Vocational Education #50 (A Joint Technical Education District) offered details on the video that is to be created showcasing the MFG Day 2017 event. The video would be posted to various websites to promote Kingman and highlight the great event. Mayor Gates indicated that she would explore funding from the City to support the creation of the video that could be made available on the City's website as well.

In other news, Amy discussed a funding cut for 9<sup>th</sup> grade JTED programs and work is being done to help recover the funding. Also there is discussion with the WAVE board about serving adult students in some various ways.

Amy commended Donna Davis, Senior Community Engagement Manager at Expect More Arizona for her efforts to improve education statewide. Expect More Arizona champions a world class education from early years through career for every child. Donna expressed her excitement and is adamant to attend MFG Day 2017 here in Kingman. Donna complimented KAMMA for the efforts being made to get the students exposed to manufacturing and the many opportunities available within the various industries.

Mayor Gates shared news that the "Most Improved Student" would earn the opportunity to ride with Mayor Gates in the Andy Devine Days parade upcoming soon. This strategy behind the decision is to give focus to students making efforts to make positive changes to their lives and create opportunities to succeed.

**VI. NEXT REGULAR KAMMA MEETING:**

**Monday, October 16, 2016**

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

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