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KAMMA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

October 16, 2017

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

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

October 16, 2017 MEETING SUMMARY

- I. **Welcome:** John Hansen welcomed the attending group and invited all to introduce themselves. The 22 attendees were:

John Hansen	Laron
Bruce Forthun	Cascades
Dolly Moore	Laron
Kenny Dean	Lomanco West
Jeff McKnight	I-Corp Arizona, Inc.
Scott Brackett	Brackett Aero Filters
Bob Riley	Kingman Airport Authority
Beth VanHoose	KUSD - CTE
Carol Gunnerson	KUSD – CTE
Donna Davis	Expect More Arizona
Monica Gates	Mayor – City of Kingman
Jen Miles	Vice Mayor – City of Kingman
Travis Lingenfelter	Councilman – City of Kingman
Carl Hays	M-14P
Tim Lamoreaux	Dillon Transportation
Lisa Black	GEO Group
Gregg Martin	Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce
Robert Freeman	MCC
Wally Brice	Freeport-McMoRan / Bagdad
Jose Garcia	MC-2
Joe Throneberry	Allied Forces
Rob Owen	City of Kingman – Public Works

- II. The September 12, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted as written. Meeting minutes will be posted on the KAMMA website: (<http://www.mohavemfgassociation.com/>)
- III. **Financial Report:** Kenny Dean confirmed the bank balances of:

Beginning Balance (Through 09/12/2017):	\$8,775.32
Ending Balance (Through 10/16/2017):	\$8,146.32

It was noted that the Directors & Officers Insurance renewal premium was paid with check number 1067 in the amount of \$629.00. Kenny reminded the group that there would be website expenses coming due soon

IV. Old Business:

- a. **Membership Update:** Dolly Moore reported total membership at 45 which consists of 30 paid, 12 Ex-Officio and 3 comp'd members. Dolly informed the group that membership invoices would be generated and distributed in November.
- b. **Training Update:** It was noted that a First Responder Training class is still yet to be in place for training area workers. Work is being done to make this needed asset available for member's employees.

John Hansen expressed KAMMA's goals of bringing training to our members as well as helping defray costs of the training as this has been one of the primary visions of the organization since creation in 2012. Our area manufacturers need to be able to continually develop the skills of their employees as well as companies looking to expand in our area need these support services available to build and maintain a successful staff.

Robert Freeman of MCC distributed a handout to the group giving details of Management Training Series courses to be offered by MCC Corporate Education in partnership with SBDC. The cost is estimated to be around \$100 per person and there will be 12 different courses available.

V. New Business

- a. **Proclamation by Mayor Gates in Honor of Arizona Manufacturer's Month (October 2017) - Memorandum:** Mayor Gates read the Proclamation as written to the audience. The group applauded the Mayor for her support and enthusiasm toward the upcoming MFG DAY event to be held here in Kingman, AZ.
- b. **MFG DAY 2017 – Update:** Beth VanHoose gave summary on the preparation for the MFG DAY 2017 event to be held October 26th. At this time there are 94 students confirmed with the majority (50) being KUSD (Kingman Unified School District) students (KHS & LWHS). KAOL (Kingman Academy of Learning) will have 14 students and then Mohave High (Bullhead City, AZ) and River Valley (Mohave Valley, AZ) will have the remaining 30 students attending. Bob Riley of KAA is coordinating the tables and chairs required at the administration building. KAMMA will be providing safety glasses and ear plugs for all students and chaperones touring the businesses. The KUSD Digital Photography department will have 10 students (one with each group) taking photos during each group's tours. Beth indicated that she is

working diligently to complete the bus route and schedules for the event. Tee shirts will be given to the participants commemorating the event.

John Hansen commented that this event is a really big event for us as MFG DAY is a nationwide event and creates great exposure for our manufacturing businesses, local schools as well as our community.

More information can be found here: <http://www.mfgday.com/>

- c. **Kingman Connection Water Project – Update by Rob Owen:** Rob Owen, Director of Public Works for the City of Kingman offered a handout and presentation on the current water report (file attached) as the City looks for proactive solutions to the water issues facing our area. The report contains many facts about our groundwater and water system. Rob explained that the City has been studying the possible uses for the reclaimed water generated by the wastewater plants to help alleviate the stress on the natural groundwater sources. The reclaimed water could be used in many ways including parks & golf course, industrial park use and/or injection back into the groundwater aquifer. Unfortunately most all options would require significant funding with the least costly being the recharge injection option. Currently there is no regulatory control over water usage and with the recent farming operations in our area using tremendous amounts of water the City and County must look ahead to take steps toward conservation and planning. Rob indicated that the study being conducted could help motivate regulatory change.

John Hansen encouraged all to consider how this affects your businesses and work to help make our collective voice louder. John suggested sharing views and concerns with our political leaders.

- d. **Industrial Park Property Taxes – Discussion:** Kenny Dean, Plant Manager of Lomanco West shared news that property taxes were up 17% this year and that many other industrial park property owners are seeing the same increases with no clear explanation understood. Discussion within the group confirmed that a large portion of all property taxes is paid to the Northern Arizona Consolidated Fire District and the Industrial Park property owners taxes make up approximately 50% of NACFD's budget. Members Scott Brackett (Brackett Aero Filters) and Carl Hays (M-14P) have previously made appeal on their tax bill and offered to share details on the process for other members.

Bob Riley reminded all to update records in the event any changes have been made to properties including any demolition of buildings.

Travis Lingenfelter suggested the possibility of having Jeanne Kentch, newly elected Assessor or Ken Fielder, Deputy Assessor come out and speak to the group at a later time regarding questions and concerns on property taxes.

- e. **Kingman Crossing & Rancho Santa Fe Parkway Projects – Update:** Vice Mayor Jen Miles shared news and information about the newly renamed project, I-11 East Kingman Connection Project that includes the Kingman Crossing and the Rancho Santa Fe Parkway interchanges. Jen indicated that efforts are being made to develop a presentation on financing and partnership moving toward one project with two interchanges developed at the same time. ADOT is the key player in the project and suggested the “one project / two interchange” approach. The Applied Economics firm has been contracted to take all information and evaluate the interchange development and help create a solid presentation to gain legislative support at the State level.

Councilman Travis Lingenfelter thanked John Hansen and KAMMA for the letter of support that was sent to the U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER Grant Committee. Travis indicated that it was a critical piece helping move this effort in a very positive direction. Travis noted that our legislators are on board to help move this toward being the first city to have an I-11 project on the ground.

John Hansen thanked the Mayor and Council for the work being done toward this great project and offered help and support in any way the organization could assist.

- f. **Partner Updates: KAA, JTED, MCC, Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce, Others:** Bob Riley, Economic Development Director of the Kingman Airport Authority shared that 90,000 sq. ft of the Southwire building was leased to Shelves West LLC, a storage container manufacturer. Bob indicated that KAA has been busy showing many buildings as well as land and attributes the increased activity to the more vibrant economy. Other work noted within the Industrial Park is the installation of new 69KV transmission lines into the park. Crews have been actively working within the Park and Bob encouraged all to drive cautiously.

Gregg Martin, President – CEO of Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce noted that the recent Andy Devine Awards annual event recognizing individuals, businesses and organizations in Kingman who make a significant contribution to the community held September 18th was a great success.

Gregg gave a brief overview of the upcoming event, Reality Store where KUSD’s 8th graders where the students will get the opportunity to experience real life scenarios relative to operating a household and having to budget for events such as child care, bills, medical events and other actual life events. The students will get to experience some of the same life challenges their parents face while raising their children and realize how good decision making must prevail.

Wally Brice, Contracts Administrator at Freeport McMoRan – Bagdad, AZ extended an invitation to KAMMA and local government officials to come out to Bagdad, see the operations and have lunch at some point in the near future. Wally praised the resources in our local region and specifically Laron, Inc. for completion of a very critical project that was highly technical with extraordinary safety challenges. Wally

noted that the project was completed safely, on time and with quality workmanship.

John Hansen presented membership certificates to Tim Lamoreaux, Dillon Transportation, Carol Gunnerson, KUSD CTE director and Lisa Black of the GEO Group

John commended Tim Lamoreaux and Dillon Transportation for the tremendous work done toward the disaster relief efforts made from right here in our community. Dillon filled and sent three trailer loads of goods to the Houston, TX area to assist those affected by the hurricanes in that area recently.

Dolly Moore, KAMMA Director of Membership and Corporate Recruiter for Laron, Inc. extended a sincere *"Thank You"* to Mayor Gates to the invitation to discuss MFG DAY 2017 during the *"Coffee with the Mayor"* media event Friday October 6th. Dolly was able to give details of the upcoming MFG DAY event to be held in the Industrial Park October 26th

VI. NEXT REGULAR KAMMA MEETING:

Tuesday, November 14, 2016

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

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