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**KAMMA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**February 26, 2018**

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

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

**February 26, 2018 MEETING SUMMARY**

- I. **Welcome:** John Hansen welcomed the attending group and invited all to introduce themselves. The 27 attendees were:

John Hansen	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
Jen Miles	Vice Mayor – City of Kingman
Tim Lamoreaux	Dillon Transportation
Lisa Black	GEO Group
Joe Throneberry	Allied Forces
Mary Mendola	ARIZONA@WORK
Ken Hewitt	ARIZONA@WORK
Carl Hays	M-14P
Tom Beller	1-Call Staffing
Wally Brice	Freeport McMoRan Bagdad
Justin Cross	Freeport McMoRan Bagdad
Ben Poore	Kingman Terminal Rail
Robert Freeman	MCC
Bennett Bratley	Mohave County Economic Development
Jason Scott	NACFD (Northern Arizona Consolidated Fire District)
Robert Barnett	JAVC (Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council)
Lora Atchley	ARIZONA@WORK Goodwill
Mike Hindenach	Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce
Hubble Ray Smith	Kingman Daily Miner
Angie Foltz	Goodwill
Robert Batty	American Woodmark

II. The January 22, 2018 meeting minutes were not available at meeting time. The January meeting minutes will be reviewed and approved at the March meeting along with the February meeting minutes. Meeting minutes are posted on the KAMMA website: (<http://www.mohavemfgassociation.com/>)

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

<b>Beginning Balance (Through 12/31/2017):</b>	<b>\$10,011.04</b>
<b>Ending Balance (Through 01/31/2018):</b>	<b>\$10,667.20</b>

IV. **Old Business:**

- a. **Membership Update:** John Hansen reported total membership at 39 which consists of 22 paid, 14 Ex-Officio and 3 comp'd members. John reminded members that the option to pay by credit card is now available.
- b. **TPT Panel Discussion: Update on Video of Event:** Jen Miles provided KAMMA with an edited copy of the TPT Panel Discussion video recorded during the event that took place at the January meeting. The video will be published on the KAMMA website for public access.

The TPT Panel Discussion brought together City Councilman David Wayt, KAMMA Directors John Hansen and Bruce Forthun and Sunbelt Development and Realty Managing Partner, Bill Lenhart to answer questions and explain details relative to the Transaction Privilege Tax and what opportunities it presents for our community looking ahead to capitalize on the I-11 development. The four panelists were presented questions of critical concerns by moderator, Scott Brackett. The panel discussion exposed very positive facts and clarified reasoning from multiple viewpoints. The content will enlighten and educate those looking to further understand details relative to this important challenge.

V. **New Business**

- a. **Transportation Board Meeting Discussion – Interchange Progress:** John Hansen briefed the attending group on an ADOT Transportation Board meeting held in Yuma, AZ on February 16<sup>th</sup> that Councilman Lingenfelter and John attended to represent and provide a voice for Kingman. John confirmed the fact that the I-11 project is on the ADOT 5Year Plan and has a scheduled completion in year 2023. John shared his concern that Arizona may be extraordinarily delinquent in execution of the project based upon Nevada's expeditious approach to I-11 development near Boulder City. Delays are common on Highway 93 west of Kingman due to the increasing volume of traffic traveling north and south between Phoenix and Las

Vegas. John was able to engage in discussions at the Board Meeting and voice these concerns to the attending ADOT representatives.

John encouraged the membership to contact our local elected officials and make our voice louder for this paramount need. Three more ADOT Transportation Board meetings are scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> (Sahuarita), April 20<sup>th</sup> (Flagstaff) and May 18<sup>th</sup> (Phoenix). John has been working closely with Vice Mayor Jen Miles to coordinate attendance to these important meetings and elevate participation for our community. Preparation for I-11 development is key to expanding our manufacturing footprint in Northwest Arizona and making Kingman a true inland port and transportation hub.

- b. First Responder Training (Cintas):** John Hansen shared details of the Cintas First Responder Training class that board member, Kenny Dean has been working to pull together for our membership. The class will be 20 hours of instruction that will probably be broken into 4 hour segments. 25 people would be the optimum class size and the cost would be approximately \$225 per person. John encouraged all members to consider putting some of their employees in the class and take advantage of this training opportunity. John stated that it would be possible for KAMMA to contribute to the training costs to help assist in containing the cost for members but would need the Board's approval. John suggested that anyone wanting more details on this training to contact Kenny Dean.

John recently spoke with Fire Chief Eder of the Northern Arizona Consolidated Fire District (NACFD) about the cause and Chief Eder was very supportive and willing to help in any way as it would help the community at large. Currently NACFD seeks volunteer firefighters to help the needs of the department as there is not enough resources to adequately service the community as needed. Having more people trained in Medical First Responder skills would be a huge benefit to the community. NACFD representative, Jason Scott indicated that there is more information on their website for those interested in volunteering.

- c. Change in Website Hosting:** John Hansen explained the situation with the KAMMA website whereas recent problems with hosting and software updates have caused the site to be offline and a maintenance plan from the original creator proves to be too costly for sensible management. The Laron IT group has the ability and capacity to provide KAMMA with support that will improve reliability and contain the cost of doing so. The approximate cost of hosting is \$200 on an annual basis.

Many thanks go to Laron, Inc., Matt Hecht and the Laron IT group.

- d. Partner Updates: KAA, JTED, MCC, Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce, Others:** Bob Riley, Economic Development Director of the Kingman Airport Authority reported that crack filling operations recently began to fill over a half mile of cracks in the tarmac at the airport. Occupancy for the Industrial Park is down to less than 3 percent vacancy.

Robert Freeman, Corporate Education Manager for Mohave Community College (MCC) reported that the week of March 19 will be Spring Break for MCC campuses. In news relative to industrial training MCC is working to start a Certified Production Technician (CPT) class that will train students on safety, maintenance practices and general manufacturing skills to prepare them for successful entry into industrial manufacturing . Robert distributed a printed class syllabus for the course describing all details relative to the CPT training. Cost for individuals will be approximately \$2,200 per person. WIOA funding is available for those qualifying for this assistance.

John Hansen reminded all that the price for this course is extremely reasonable if you consider acquiring the training anywhere else in the State. John encouraged all members to consider this great opportunity and help fill the class.

Mike Hindenach, President – CEO of Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce thanked all that attended and supported the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Hollywood and Wine event that took place this last Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Mike reminded all that an evening mixer is coming up March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Club for Youth (formerly The Boys & Girls Club)

City of Kingman Vice Mayor, Jen Miles reported that Gary Kellogg, Interim Economic Development & Planning Manager was working to develop a commission within the group of Economic Development and Planning & Zoning that would have a manufacturing voice and that there would be discussion at the next Council meeting. Jen also indicated that the City is getting closer to signing a permanent city manager.

Mary Mendola, Workforce Program Supervisor (ARIZONA@WORK) reported that her department is preparing to start a LEAP (Laron Expanded Apprenticeship Program) and that orientation is set for March 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm for candidate screening and March 9<sup>th</sup> for an employer orientation. The WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) could provide up to \$5K in funding for supplies if candidates are eligible. Mary encouraged everyone to consider this great opportunity and shared handouts containing details of the program.

The LEAP program is designed to train machinists, millwrights and welders for industrial manufacturing services. One day per week is dedicated to classroom work and instruction. The apprentices progress with on the job training and are typically 85% productive on the job within one year.

Lora Atchley, with ARIZONA@WORK / Goodwill distributed a flyer that gave details of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Employer Workshop to be held at the Mohave County Administration Building, 700 W. Beale St., Kingman, AZ on March 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am till 2pm. Lunch will be provided by the Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council. Arizona State Subject Matter Experts will be presenting important topics to assist businesses in saving time and money.

Joe Throneberry with Labor Systems Temporary Services shared details of an initiative called “Mayors Challenge to End Homelessness for Veterans” and appealed

to all members from Industrial Park Businesses for information relative to shift schedules and potential numbers of employees that could benefit from bus service provided by KART (Kingman Area Regional Transit) to allow transportation for employees to and from their jobs in the park. Joe indicated that there would be a meeting at City Hall March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2pm on this initiative.

Angie Foltz representing Goodwill AZ indicated that they would be joining as a member of KAMMA and was excited to work with KAMMA to bring talent to the area.

Wally Brice representing Freeport McMoRan Bagdad was pleased to introduce Justin Cross who is the General Manager of the Bagdad operation. FMI Bagdad is an open pit copper and molybdenum mining complex located approximately halfway between Kingman and Phoenix. FMI Bagdad has been a member of KAMMA since 2017.

Wally indicated to the group that FMI Bagdad was still very interested in hosting a group of members to come out and tour the mine and see the operation in the near future.

Robert Barnett (attending for Pat Farrell) representing new KAMMA member, Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council (JAVC) distributed a handout to the attending group that gave details of the Tri-State Veterans Stand Down to be held in Bullhead City March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. JAVC is a coalition of individuals and organization in our area that have joined forces to support Veterans needing a “Hand Up”.

**VI. NEXT REGULAR KAMMA MEETING:**

**Monday, March 19, 2018**

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