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**KAMMA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**November 14, 2017**

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

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

**November 14, 2017 MEETING SUMMARY**

- I. **Welcome:** John Hansen welcomed the attending group and invited all to introduce themselves. The 25 attendees were:

John Hansen	Laron
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
Jen Miles	Vice Mayor – City of Kingman
Tim Lamoreaux	Dillon Transportation
Mark Horton	Dillon Transportation
Lisa Black	GEO Group
Gregg Martin	Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce
Robert Freeman	MCC
Wally Brice	Freeport-McMoRan / Bagdad
Joe Throneberry	Allied Forces
Harley Pettit	Guest
Mary Mendola	ARIZONA@WORK
Kenneth Fielder	Mohave County Assessor’s Office
Kurt Lander	Lander Industries
Norm Umberger	Northwest Arizona Human Resources Association
Dotty McNulty	Properties at Valle Vista
Lora Atchley	ARIZONA@WORK – One Stop
Joe Burrs	ARIZONA@WORK
Jeremy Summers	First Due Fire

II. The October 16, 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:

<b>Beginning Balance (Through 10/16/2017):</b>	<b>\$8,146.32</b>
<b>Ending Balance (Through 10/16/2017):</b>	<b>\$8,117.68</b>

It was noted that check 1069 was written to Merribell Corporation in the amount of \$111.14 for Appreciation Plaques for the MFG Day Coordinators.

IV. **Old Business:**

- a. **Membership Update:** Dolly Moore reported total membership at 48 which consists of 33 paid, 12 Ex-Officio and 3 comp'd members. Dolly noted that the most recent members joining were MC2 and Scott's AZ Electric Motor Repair.

John Hansen explained to the group how the Board implemented a new payment option for members to pay their dues by credit card per many requests from various members. The Board made the decision to utilize the feature within the Intuit / QuickBooks Software currently being used for the Association's accounting needs. Dues rates were held at \$200 annually with no additional fees for the use of credit card payment.

- b. **Training Update:** Robert Freeman of MCC introduced Jeremy Summers who is in position to instruct a First Aid, CPR and AED training class as early as December 17<sup>th</sup>. The curriculum is American Heart Association approved, would take a total of 20 hours to complete and cost approximately \$300 per student. The class would require a minimum of 6 to fill a class.

Robert explained that MCC has had some dialog with a potential technical training instructor that could possibly create a curriculum for classes that could be offered to the manufacturers. John Hansen explained the extreme need and urgency for this type training that many of our companies locally are starving for.

Mary Mendola reminded the group that the employees of local companies could be eligible for financial assistance for training through the Arizona Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and urged managers to consider this asset when coordinating training for employees.

V. **New Business**

- a. **MFG Day 2017 – Summary & Discussion:** Carol Gunnerson distributed a handout of survey results generated from the input of all students participating in the MFG Day 2017 event held October 26, 2017 while Beth VanHoose informed the attending group of the details of the day that attracted 49 students to tours within the

Kingman Industrial Park. Unfortunately the attendance didn't reach the expected projection of over 90 students from five area high schools although the event was a huge success in getting 49 high school youth exposure to some of the opportunities existing here in their own community. Over 91% of the participants found the tours interesting and engaging with the similar majority willing to participate in more of these type events.

John Hansen reminded the group of the great national exposure this event creates for us right here in Kingman Arizona. John encouraged all to embrace the opportunity to continue this great event in the future.

As a token of appreciation for their hard work and diligence in planning and preparation of the MFG Day 2017 event, John presented Carol, Beth and Amy West plaques and gift cards to a local restaurant on behalf of KAMMA. John extended sincere gratitude to the companies that hosted tours and gave their time and effort to make the event very successful.

- b. I-11 East Kingman Connection Project – Update:** Vice Mayor, Jen Miles explained that the two projects, Kingman Crossing and Rattlesnake Wash Interchanges would be renamed under the I-11 East Kingman Connection Project and be inclusive of both projects under one name per advisement from our regional legislators. Common Council has appointed a delegation to accompany Arizona State Representative Regina Cobb to present the project to the Governor. Council currently has an RFQ for a program manager that would oversee design and construction. Jen indicated that coordination with ADOT by City engineering would be paramount. It were noted that Applied Economics was hired to generate an economic analysis and fiscal impact study on the project. The goal is to appeal for a \$20M contribution from the State for development of the interchanges. Plans are being made now for the November 27, 2017 meeting with the Governor in Phoenix. Results of the efforts will not be known until February.
- c. Internship Coordination Project – Funding Website Page Development:** John Hansen refreshed the group on the Internship Coordination Project objective and explained the next step of developing a web page on KAMMA's website that would allow students and companies to connect for Internship opportunities within our area. Ultimately, John appealed to the members to approve spending of up to \$2500 for the web page development. By a show of hands, it was approved by the members unanimously in approval to spend up to the \$2500 amount.

Wally Brice, Administrator for Freeport McMoRan, Bagdad stated to the group that internship programs are how they fill positions in engineering, purchasing and other critical positions within the company. Wally conveyed FMC's support for the project and offered to help in any way he could to move the project forward.

The committee working on the Internship Project is made up of John Hansen, Dolly Moore, Scott Brackett and Mary Mendola.

- d. Laughlin Bullhead Int'l Airport (IFP) Promotion – Update:** Dolly Moore informed the group that Bob Riley was the winner of the \$200 gift card incentive for the American Airlines promotional event recently.

John Hansen encouraged the members to consider Laughlin Bullhead airport for travel options as opposed to going to Las Vegas. John cited the need for ridership on the American Airlines services in and out of IFP to help position the airport to retain the flight services.

- e. Partner Updates: KAA, JTED, MCC, Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce, Others:** Bob Riley, Economic Development Director of the Kingman Airport Authority stated that Scot Industries has moved their operations from the building they have been in since moving to the Industrial Park into an area within the old Southwire building. The building vacated at 4550 Mohave Airport Drive will be occupied by a new tenant after Thanksgiving and should eventually employ 30+ people. Bob noted that Star R Foam is making a \$30K addition to their operations at 4555 Olympic Way. Also noted, the Mohave County Board of Supervisors accepted another 1.6 miles of roads in and around the Airport and Industrial Park.

Gregg Martin, President – CEO of Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce shared details of a "Reality Store" event that will be held for a group of 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup> that will allow the students to get experience managing a household and budgeting for needs in a real world scenario.

In other Chamber news, Gregg indicated that many of the Chamber members have voiced concerns relative to the sales tax increase and that the Chamber has polled its members and is getting feedback on the issue. Gregg confirmed the Chamber wants and needs growth but must respect its member's concerns.

City of Kingman Vice Mayor, Jen Miles shared with the group the challenges being faced locally with water allocation and usage. Currently the Central Arizona Project or CAP is positioning to purchase water allocations that could affect us locally in the near future. Jen indicated that local mayors of Lake Havasu City and Bullhead along with Mayor Gates here in Kingman are looking to gain strategies on opposing the transfer of water allocation and create a network and dialog to work through solutions without the engagement of attorneys. The Arizona Department of Water Resources must approve the transfer of water allocations.

Mary Mendola, Workforce Program Supervisor (ARIZONA@WORK) introduced Joe Burns and Lora Atchley as recruiting resources with the ARIZONA@WORK staff. Mary encouraged contacting Joe and Lora for help in filling staff requirements for your companies.

**VI. NEXT REGULAR KAMMA MEETING:**

**Monday, December 18, 2016**

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

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