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KAMMA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

May 21, 2018

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**LOCATION: True Value Company (Distribution Center) Conference Room Upstairs
4005 E Mohave Airport Drive, Kingman, AZ**

May 21, 2018 MEETING SUMMARY

- I. **Welcome:** John Hansen welcomed the attending group and invited all to introduce themselves. The 18 attendees were:

John Hansen	Laron Inc.
Bruce Forthun	Cascades
Kenny Dean	Lomanco West
Beth VanHoose	KUSD - CTE
Carol Gunnerson	KUSD – CTE
Joe Throneberry	Allied Forces
Carl Hays	M-14P
Gregg Martin	UESAZ / Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce
Robert Barnett	JAVC (Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council)
Lora Atchley	ARIZONA@WORK Goodwill
Tim Lamoreaux	Dillon Transport LLC
Lisa Black	GEO Group
Harley Petit	Guest – Candidate for City Council
Ryan Dooley	Guest – Candidate for City Council
Bill DeJulio	Kingman Airport
Jason Scott	NACFD
Mary Dixon	Nucor Steel Kingman, LLC
Mike Hindenach	KACC

- II. Meeting minutes for April 16, 2018 were approved without corrections. Meeting minutes are posted on the KAMMA website: (<http://www.mohavemfgassociation.com/>)

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

Beginning Balance (Through 02/28/2018): **\$10,667.20**

Ending Balance (Through 04/13/2018): **\$11,259.99**

One outstanding check for \$82.00 for one (1) year rental of post office box.

IV. Old Business:

- a. **Membership Update:** John Hansen reported total membership at 42 which consists of 24 paid, 14 Ex-Officio and 4 comp'd members. John noted that we were "plus one" relative to the same time last year. John has made contact at Goodyear so there is a possible prospect there. John encouraged members to speak about KAMMA to their contacts to encourage membership.
- b. **First Responder Training:** John Hansen explained to the attendees that there were fewer people interested in the training than expected and those who were interested were comprised mostly of board company employees. This lent an air of impropriety. Given the cost factor and after discussion with Cintas, it was decided to postpone training until there was more participation. John suggested that we may be able to move this training forward with support from MCC, however pricing would have to be reviewed. Carl Hays suggested that the Fire Department may be able to help. AMR is offering a short CPR training for the public in conjunction with EMS Week however it is a two-minute instruction. John shared that his initial interest in learning CPR was compelled by familial needs and what to do for parents or children in need as well as in the workplace. Joe Thornberry stated he would look at WIOA funds as they may be able to assist with cost. The drawback to that is that the students would have to qualify for the program.
- c. **Board of Director Elections:** John Hansen noted that no petitions were received for board elections and asked if anyone knew of anyone interested in volunteering for the board. Since there was no positive response to his question, John stated that the Board will re-appoint positions and make the announcement at the next meeting.

V. New Business

- a. **Introduction of New Kingman Airport Administration Team:** Bill DeJulio (formerly of Unisource) has received a call from Gary Kellogg stated that they needed help and Bill agreed to assist in the transition from the Airport Authority to the Airport Administration. While Bill is the interim Business Administrator, Joe Husband is handling the airport side. Joe has extensive FAA knowledge and experience with the Goodyear AZ Airport, from which he will be retiring. Bill went on to talk about the changes that have been facilitated with the support of the City of Kingman such as the involvement of Public Works and Parks & Rec in landscaping, changing the lights at the overpass to LED energy conscious lighting, and general clean-up of the grounds, all of which takes time and money. Additionally Bill noted that new signage is going up. They are in the process of getting company logos to update the entrance signs all at no cost to the companies

themselves, and there will be no annual fee for maintaining the signs. The small “real estate type” signs that exist at the roadside for a company are being replaced with more professional signage to comply with any restrictions/requirements. Bill has been meeting with the Industrial Park tenants, asking them what their needs and concerns are, and how to make the park better. This will give the Airport Administration a much better idea of what the tenants want.

There was a public meeting held last Friday that Bill felt was very beneficial due to the openness and quality of in-put that was received. From that meeting it was clear that the majority of the tenants are happy with the changes thus far. Bill’s strategy to improve the park includes developing relationships with the current tenants as well as prospective tenants, and improving communication between the Administration and tenants.

The Fire Department will route any emergency calls through its dispatch, who will then contact Bill, the Sheriff and/or EMS if necessary to handle any emergent situations.

Original survey maps are still official which can impede the use of Google Maps, MapQuest, etc. so those will be updated. A directory of who is in the park is also being developed, which will be shared with the Economic Development website as well as local outsourcing. FAA regulations can be tricky with requirements. Bennett Bratley (Mohave County Economic Development) is working with the county to attract and bring in new businesses.

KAMMA will continue outreach for new businesses to improve Kingman’s economy. There is still quite a bit of land that can developed for commercial use. The advantage of larger businesses closing locations is an opportunity to bring those businesses here. There are CC&R’s that were newly discovered so it may take a while for contacting prospects. The new Administration started May 5th and intends to make an impact and direct its efforts appropriately. Safety and security are paramount, adds value to the park and welcomes new companies. Bill DeJulio will spread the word through his interactions.

- b. Director of Membership:** Currently the position of Director of Membership for KAMMA is on hold. Dolly Moore, who currently holds the position, was involved in a RIF with Laron, no longer employed by them. John was exceptionally complimentary to Dolly’s work across the board. It is unclear yet if Dolly will continue to function in the role of Director of Membership for KAMMA. Laron’s IT Matt Hecht has taken over hosting the website for KAMMA at no charge. The position requires 4 to 8 hours a month commitment.
- c. Partner Updates: JTED, MCC, Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce, Others:** John Hansen spoke to the needs for skilled workers particularly in the area of electronics. This is where we need to be open-minded with **WAVE JTED** and use them as a

resource to help prepare candidates to fill these types of jobs. Dave Smith (Canada Training Group) is working with KAMMA and the JTED to assist in the development of a pre-apprenticeship program that will help to create a skilled technical workforce. He offered to bring Electrical Maintenance Technician training program (mobile Training Centers) on site and work with local companies. Estimated cost for a 3-week program is \$3 to \$4,000 per person.

- d. No one from **MCC** was present, but John Hansen indicated that **Jason Gee, Associate Dean** is developing classes outside of MCC requirements that may or may not be for credit, but that would fill the need for skilled workers. The big question that the college should ask the Industrial Community is *“Where were your training dollars spent?”* A building on the MCC campus is being re-purposed to accommodate students taking these classes.
- e. **Mike Hindenach** from the **Kingman Chamber** noted that there is a Morning Mixer at MCC on Thursday at 7 a.m. sponsored by the SBDA; an Open House and Ribbon Cutting will be held at the new Hilton Home2Suites behind the “old” Safeway from 11:30 to 1:30 on May 31st; and the Annual Derby Days is coming up on June 30th at 6 p.m.
- f. **Beth VanHoose**, CTE Assistant at **Kingman High School** reminded those present about the First Annual College and Career Fair to be held Thursday, November 1, 2018. This event, sponsored by KUSD’s Career & Technical Education Department is open to KUSD juniors, seniors and their parents.
- g. **Joe Throneberry** spoke on behalf of the **City of Kingman** regarding the return of KART to the airport. One of the biggest barriers to someone getting back to work is a lack of local transportation or the lack of routes and times that will get them to a job. Mayor Gates has proclaimed to end homelessness in Kingman and the ability of persons to secure gainful employment and a means to get them there is a key factor. The plan is to have a shuttle from Thompson Avenue to the airport. A grant has been applied for however there needs to be a faster turn-around time to get funding. Lower ridership in general is an issue and there needs to be a better operating schedule and well-considered pick-up locations.
- h. **Bob Barnett** represented the **Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council (JAVC)** and provided information on Operation 6, and the need for volunteers to help out the AmeriCorps VISTA program. This program provides volunteer opportunities for college students to gain hands-on experience and is an excellent way to get younger Veterans involved with being mentored by more experienced Veterans. Donations to support the expenses involved are being sought; \$8500/yr. for a full time 40 hour a week volunteer; \$4500 for 20 hours and \$2750 for 15 hours respectively. Anyone who wishes to donate can contact anyone at JVAC.
- i. It was discussed that the new Economic Development Committee was going to represent 7 different sectors and that as of yet there were several sectors still not represented. John Hansen (KAMMA) has volunteered to represent the Manufacturing Sector on the committee. Only about 1 in 10 people know about KAMMA so this is perfect opportunity to be active in the community and encourage businesses to relocate here.
- j. Work is ongoing to streamline City processes. **Candidates for City Council, Harley Petit and Ryan Dooley** spoke briefly to their stance on the Rancho Santa Fe Parkway

and Rattlesnake Wash. Both are in favor of the development but differ on how it should be paid for, taxes or bonds, and where any additional taxes should be spent.

- k. The VOTE Kingman website is a resource that provides information on the candidates and what they stand for. Voters need to be educated. This is a non-partisan platform. VOTE Kingman will sponsor mixers with candidates that allow for Q & A sessions and KAMMA will look at sponsoring a function/debate with the candidates.
- l. **Department of Transportation Board Meetings (Past):** John Hansen reported that the last ADOT Meeting held April 20, 2018 in Flagstaff; the only speaker representing Kingman at the ADOT meeting about the I-11 corridor was KAMMA. Concern was voiced about the impact of increased traffic in an already congested area in Kingman and how DOT envisions that being addressed. 2023 is the projected year that I-11 will be completed, 5 years from now. The Boulder Bypass is due for completion at the end of July 2018.

VI. NEXT REGULAR KAMMA MEETING:

Monday, June 18, 2018

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**Location: Kingman Airport Administration Conference Room
7000 Flightline Drive**