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KAMMA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

November 19, 2018

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**LOCATION: Kingman Airport Administration Building
7000 Flightline Drive, Conference Room**

November 19, 2018 MEETING SUMMARY

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

John Hansen	Laron
Kenny Dean	Lomanco West
Jeff McKnight	I-Corp Arizona, Inc.
Scott Brackett	Brackett Aero Filters
Pat Farrell	JAVC (Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council)
Mike Hindenach	Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce
Jen Miles	Mayor Elect / City of Kingman
Bennett Bratley	City of Kingman
Tim King	NACFD
Carol Gunnerson	KUSD CTE
Beth VanHoose	KUSD CTE
Joe Throneberry	Labor Systems / Allied Forces
Della Gray	AZDES, ARIZONA@WORK
Carl Hays	M-14P, Inc.
Keli Hindenach	MCC
Mary Mendola	Mohave County Workforce Development
Wally Brice	Freeport McMoRan Bagdad
Lisa Black	GEO Group
Yvonne Rydgren	GEO Group
Amy West	WAVE / JTED
Oz Khan	AIMS (Arizona Institute of Medicine & Surgery)
Debra Sixta	Economic Development and Tourism Commission Liaison

- II. The meeting minutes from the October 15, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved without correction or edits. All KAMMA 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 09/30/2018):	\$11,133.64
Ending Balance (Through 10/31/2018):	\$5,704.64

Kenny noted two debits; Check 1081 in the amount of \$5,000 for legal representation for TPT petition lawsuit and Check 1082 in the amount of \$629 for D&O Insurance for the Board of Directors. One deposit of \$200 was made October 30, 2018

IV. Old Business:

- a. **Membership Update:** John Hansen reported total membership at 45 which consists of 28 paid, 14 Ex-Officio and 3 comp'd members. It were noted that the newest member to join is Northern Arizona Physical Therapy Associates.
- b. **Training Update:** Member, Joe Throneberry who is the Chairman for the Workforce Development Board along with Mary Mendola, Workforce Program Supervisor (ARIZONA@WORK) indicated that there is grant money available through the WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) that is available to offset costs for training. The monies must be used or they risk being lost.
KAMMA member Lisa Black, Education Administrator with The GEO Group, has already been in contact with Mary to request funding for testing services within the prison, and tuition for programs through Mohave Community College. There will be a January Board Meeting and a Core Partners Monthly Meeting to discuss options. Representatives from JTED and WAVE expressed interest in funding for their programs as well.
- c. **Website Maintenance:** John Hansen indicated that the dated material and residual content relative to initiatives supported by the organization would be cleaned up in the near future. John encouraged all to utilize the website and engage the calendar of events to stay informed of upcoming meetings and member events.
- d. **Election Outcomes Discussion:** John Hansen reiterated that KAMMA is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization that endorses ideas and concepts but not individual people. John indicated that KAMMA went all in to support the Rancho Santa Fe Parkway and the TPT funding that would become the mechanism to make the interchange become a reality. John expressed the grave disappointment he and the board have relative to Proposition 413 being voted down by our community. It were noted that KAMMA would continue to support the Rancho Santa Fe Parkway interchange and push to gain a second entry/exit to the Industrial Park.

John noted that Proposition 412, Home Rule Option passed but with a very close margin. This exemplifies just how uninformed and uneducated the voting public has become relative to such paramount issues for our community. Also noted was the Proposition 305 (State) was voted down and that funding would continue for public schools (not private).

John encouraged all members to realize the importance of getting accurate information to their employees and helping educate and understand our civic responsibilities.

V. New Business

- a. **MFG Day 2018 – Review of Event; Beth VanHoose:** Beth VanHoose shared details of the MFG Day 2018 Kingman event that toured 74 total visitors through 10 Industrial Park businesses on Thursday September 20, 2018. There were 58 students and 16 adult chaperones that met at the Airport Administration building and then were bused to the various companies for tours. WAVE/JTED sponsored lunch that was served at the admin building.

Beth distributed a handout of the MFG Day 2018 Survey that was compiled with the students input and responses to various questions relative to the event. The survey conveyed predominately positive responses from the students and supported the importance of the event to show young people the opportunities existing in manufacturing jobs right in their own community.

- b. **Rancho Santa Fe Parkway – Next Steps:** John Hansen indicated that himself, Jen Miles, Travis Lingenfelter and Bill Lenhart have been attending ADOT monthly meetings and noted that Kingman will host the meeting January 18, 2019. John conveyed the importance to keep pushing the Rancho Santa Fe Parkway Interchange project forward and noted that it must get back on ADOT's Plan.

In discussion it were noted that much of our area is designated in the newly formed Opportunity Zones and for that reason many projects could move to the front of the list for grant opportunities. It were noted that a BUILD Grant is available that could assist in the Rancho Santa Fe interchange and KAMMA has submitted a letter of support for it. More can be learned about these grants here;

<https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants/about>

In further transportation discussion John shared the idea of getting a drone video of the Highway 93 traffic backups at I-40 to share with the ADOT group at the January meeting. This visual of the incredible traffic delays could help communicate the desperate need to improve the Highway 93 / I-40 traffic interchange to the ADOT staff as they consider future development.

- c. **Discussion of ADOT Transportation Board Meeting – Wickenburg:** John Hansen briefed the members on details of Freeport McMoRan or FMI Bagdad requesting assistance from ADOT to consider improvements on State Road AZ-97 leading into the FMI mine site. The road has proven incredibly hazardous with upwards of 20+ trucks of lime per day traveling the dangerous road. The issue was presented to the ADOT representatives and appeal made to consider safety improvements.

Wally Brice expressed sincere gratitude to John and KAMMA for the demonstration of support for this needed cause.

- d. **Trucking Survey – Developing an Accurate Account of Trucking Activity:** John Hansen explained to the attending group details of the critical need to collect accurate information relative to the trucking traffic into and out of our Industrial Park. John would like to present the data to ADOT in January when the Transportation Board holds its meeting here in Kingman.

Bennett Bratley, Economic Development Manager for the City of Kingman suggested collecting an email survey from the tenant list for the Industrial Park. John Hansen agreed to develop the survey.

- e. **Talent Attraction – Brainstorm:** John Hansen proposed the question to the group; *“How/What can we do to advertise and attract manufacturing talent to our Community?”*

There was a considerable discussion within the group sharing ideas and specific challenges in their own businesses relative to recruiting and retaining quality talent. The discussion led to the formation of a committee to work toward a Talent Attraction initiative. Members joining the committee are Oz Khan, Mike Hindenach, Keli Hindenach, Pat Ferrell, Lisa Black, Amy West, Joe Throneberry and Mary Mendola as acting chair of the committee.

- f. **Partner Updates: JTED, MCC, Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Kingman and Others:**

Amy West Superintendent for WAVE / JTED offered kudos to KUSD CTE Administrators Carol Gunnerson and Beth VanHoose for the work they put in to making the College & Career Fair held November 1st such a success. Amy noted that the students were excited to engage the event and embraced having their own choice to do so. Amy encouraged folks to see WAVE / JTED on Facebook to keep up with current events and news.

Keli Hindenach, Community/Corporate Education Coordinator of MCC shared details of the Management Training Series to be offered as a joint effort by the SBDC (Small Business Development Center) and Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce. The Training Series offers seven core competency classes to build skills in applied math, critical thinking and other important management areas.

Mike Hindenach, President and CEO of Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce thanked those that participated in the Reality Store put on for the 8th grade students recently. Mike indicated that the event was a great success. Mike encouraged all to visit the KACC website and read news and information about upcoming events.

Bennett Bratley, Economic Development Manager for the City of Kingman shared details on the economic development plan being put together by Chabin Concepts. Bennett indicated they should have a rough draft back next week relative to the work done in the recent weeks preparing the plan.

Industrial Park activities include meeting with Mohave County Public Works to identify streets not in the maintenance plan and move toward strategies to maintain those streets. The Airport group has placed a “For Sale” sign at the 127 acre parcel on Shipping Lane and plans are being made to add signage on all available lots. Bennett indicated that the City is looking to work with all companies to help them meet their needs and allow their businesses to prosper.

Jen Miles, Mayor Elect for the City of Kingman shared details of the City Council meetings Tuesday December 4, 2018 where the new Council members will be sworn in to their new positions on City Council. The first meeting will be at 4:30pm where the Council Members will be sworn in. The second and regular meeting will start at 5:30pm. Jen encouraged all to attend and welcome the new City Council.

Tim King, Interim Fire Chief, Northern Arizona Consolidated Fire District reported no incidents within the Industrial Park within the recent weeks. J-M Eagle recently held fire extinguisher training at their facility. Tim indicated that NACFD will perform the training at individual businesses and encouraged managers to consider this valuable training. The cost is small relative to what is gained and asked anyone interested to reach out to him to schedule and plan. Call NACFD at 757-3151 for more information.

VI. NEXT REGULAR KAMMA MEETING:

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

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