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KAMMA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

June 18, 2019

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

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

June 18, 2019 MEETING SUMMARY

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

John Hansen	Laron
Jeff McKnight	I-Corp Arizona, Inc.
Dolly Moore	1-Call Staffing
Tim Woods	Mohave County Fair Association
Nicole Hubbard-Szala	American Woodmark
Travis Lingenfelter	Vice Mayor – City of Kingman
Steve Johnston	Airport Manager – City of Kingman
Scott Brackett	Brackett Aero Filters, Inc.
Joe Throneberry	Labor Systems / Allied Forces
Kenny Dean	Lomanco West
Bennett Bratley	City of Kingman
Tom Beller	1-Call Staffing
Andrea Moran	MCC
Shawn Bristole	MCC
Lisa Black	GEO Group
Jean Bishop	Mohave County Supervisor District 4
Tami Ursenbach	Mohave County Economic Development
Ken Hewitt	AZDES, ARIZONA@WORK
Becky Fawson	Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce
Debra Sixta	City of Kingman – Economic Development / Tourism Liaison
Amy West	WAVE/JTED
Gabe Esquibel	Unisource
Christine Murphy	ARIZONA@WORK
Anne Marie Ward	US Senate – Office of Martha McSally
Christy Crow	Goodwill

- II. The meeting minutes from the May 21, 2019 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: Nicole Hubbard-Szala reported the bank balance of \$10,108.97 for the period ending May 31, 2019. There was one debit of \$92.00 for the post office box rental.

IV. Old Business:

- a. Membership Update:** Dolly Moore reported total membership of 49 which consists of 34 paid, 12 Ex-Officio and 3 comp'd members.
- b. Website Maintenance:** Dolly Moore noted that Matt Hecht had recently set her up with full administrator rights to the website and that she appealed for patience as she moves more deeply into the maintenance aspects of the site. Dolly reminded all that agendas and minutes are published on the website for members to view. In routine work, Dolly is continuing to create new member's pages as they supply the digital content they would like to publish.
- c. Training Update:** Andrea Moran reported that the EMR class started June 4th and that all is going well. It were noted that KAMMA intends to purchase each student that successfully completes the course and is employed by a member company an EMS Jump Kit bag to complement their new skill set and allow them to be prepared at all times for a medical emergency. Joe Throneberry indicated that there might be some funds to assist this effort through workforce development.

John Hansen extended a sincere "Thank You" to all of the people making this training happen for the area companies.

- d. Board of Directors – Election Results:** John Hansen reported that there were no petitions received for new directors therefore the existing positions of President, Secretary and Director of Membership will continue to be filled by the incumbent directors, John Hansen, Jeff McKnight and Dolly Moore respectively.

V. New Business

- a. Board of Directors – Announcement:** John Hansen announced that Tim Woods, General Manager of the Mohave County Fair Grounds came forward and volunteered to serve on the Kingman and Mohave Manufacturing Association Board of Directors. John confirmed that the Board accepted his application and is in the process of finalizing the oath of office. Tim will serve as the Vice President of KAMMA.
- b. Legislation-Budget Passage-Interchange News:** Vice Mayor Travis Lingenfelter reported that he along with Mayor Miles are working with Representative Regina

Cobb to move forward with the Rancho Santa Fe project now that the State has allocated monies that must be matched by the City to allow forward progress with the build of the interchange. The monies approved by the State are directed toward the RSF interchange only and the City must now work with the landowners to pull together the funds to match the State's contribution. The project will allow an additional main entrance into the Airport and Industrial Park and as well will spark the start of Phase II development at the Airport which will open 1800 acres to develop.

Travis noted that there will be a press conference Thursday June 20, 2019 at the Powerhouse to honor state Representative Regina Cobb and discuss details of the \$20 million appropriation for the Rancho Santa Fe Interchange.

John Hansen expressed Thanks to Vice Mayor Lingenfelter and Council for their diligence in this effort. John noted that the hard news is that the appropriation is not enough money and that our community needs to fight to pull the remaining funds together and compliment the State's contribution to develop and expand our infrastructure and ultimately expand our manufacturing footprint here in Northwest Arizona.

- c. **Industrial Park Road Improvements:** Bennett Bratley reported that street improvements have been progressing nicely within the Industrial Park and that Sunday June 23rd Mohave Airport Drive (main road) will be chip sealed from Route 66 to Flightline Drive. Bennett indicated that his group is still working with the County to accept some roads for maintenance that have long been without care.
- d. **Partner Updates: JTED, MCC, Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Kingman and Others:** Amy West Superintendent for WAVE / JTED reported that activity within their programs has been running very smoothly. Amy noted that her group would discuss with City Council about fire training. In other JTED activity Amy noted working with the Department of Education on moving to exclusion from the A-F letter grade accountability system. Also, the group is working to gain 4th year funding. Amy noted that they are working with pre-recession level funding.

John Hansen noted that he would speak to our legislators to continue to the fight for funding to help develop the workforce required to expand into the future.

Shawn Bristle, Chief Advancement Officer for Mohave Community College reported having met and shared a visit with the new College President, Dr. Stacy Klippenstein recently and indicated that Dr. Klippenstein was very outgoing and seemed energetic to tackle the new responsibilities. Shawn noted that Building 600 was completed recently and that there was a good article in the paper about the new lab. John Hansen suggested gathering a group of company managers from area companies to go see the new electrical lab and give feedback to the college.

Becky Fawson, President and CEO of Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce reported that the installment of new officers will take place Thursday June 20, 2019 right

after the press conference with Representative Regina Cobb. Becky also reminded the group of the upcoming Stick Pony Derby hosted by the KACC Saturday June 29, 2019 to be held at the Fairgrounds.

Steve Johnston, Municipal Airport Manager for the City of Kingman noted that the dross cleanup project is still underway with more drilling taking place. A visit to the FAA is upcoming June 24 to explore future grant opportunities. Runway 0321 is well positioned to earn a \$2.3 million overlay and paint upgrade. Steve indicated that the Airport Master Plan is progressing forward positively.

Bennett Bratley, Economic Development Manager for the City of Kingman offered updates on activities within the Airport and Industrial Park that include preparations of useable acreage being completed with a 7 acre parcel next to ISCO ready for occupancy. Bennett noted that he is seeing current industries looking to expand and need more space for operations as well as warehousing.

Bennett shared news of the new website the City has created to help with economic development: <https://www.choosekingman.com/>
A stand-alone website for the Kingman Municipal Airport is under construction and will complement the existing site.

Tami Ursenbach, Economic Development Director for Mohave County along with Jean Bishop, Mohave County Supervisor District 4 shared in telling the great news of securing an agreement with partnering companies Pegasus Group Holdings and Plus Minus Power to build a \$3 billion renewable energy powered data center nicknamed “The Hive” to be located within the I-40 Industrial Corridor near Griffith Energy plant. The project will bring 50 new jobs to the area after completion.

The group applauded the work by Jean, Tami and entire Mohave County group to make this incredible project come to reality.

Joe Throneberry, Director on the Mohave / La Paz Workforce Board noted that he has recently met with Pegasus representatives and they are looking to pull masonry and fence workers into “The Hive” project right away.

Joe noted that the ACRC Training is government funded for the next 5 years and that it doesn’t work unless businesses become a part of the program. Joe encouraged all managers to endorse the ACRC and take part in it to help elevate the level of talent within the various local companies here in our area.

Cristy Crow, Manager, Mission Services for Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona reminded the group that Goodwill strengthens communities and can work with employers to train workers for entering the workforce in various companies. Cristy encouraged anyone seeking more information to contact her.

VI. NEXT REGULAR KAMMA MEETING:

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

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