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**KAMMA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**August 20, 2019**

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

**LOCATION: Kingman Airport Administration Building**

**7000 Flightline Drive, Conference Room**

**August 20, 2019 MEETING SUMMARY**

- I. **Welcome:** John Hansen gave a warm welcome to all. Guest introduced themselves around the room. The 20 attendees were:

John Hansen	Laron
Jeff McKnight	I-Corp Arizona, Inc.
Dolly Moore	1-Call Staffing
Tim Woods	Mohave County Fair Association
Kenny Dean	Lomanco West
Carl Hays	M-14P
Tim Lamoreaux	Dillon Transportation
Tom Beller	1-Call Staffing
Steve Johnston	Airport Manager – City of Kingman
Becky Fawson	Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce
Michael Jimmerson	Arizona Commerce Authority MEP
Ken Hewitt	AZDES, ARIZONA@WORK
Christine Murphy	ARIZONA@WORK
Scott Brackett	Brackett Aero Filters
Kristine Fessenden	Brackett Aero Filters
Carol Gunnerson	KUSD CTE
Lisa Black	GEO Group
Dotty McNulty	Properties at Valle Vista
Tami Ursenbach	Mohave County Economic Development
Don Dallman	Northern Arizona Consolidated Fire District (NACFD)

- II. Discussion about the July 23, 2019 meeting minutes included a change to the “next meeting date” to August 20, 2019 as it were posted as July 23, 2019. The correction was made and the correct document uploaded to the KAMMA Website archives. All KAMMA Meeting minutes are posted on the KAMMA website: (<http://www.mohavemfgassociation.com/>)

**III. Financial Report:** John Hansen reported the bank balance of \$9,568.35 as of July 31, 2019. Upcoming expenses projected for the coming month are Directors and Officers Insurance annual premium as well as purchase of jump kit bags for the EMR graduates.

**IV. Old Business:**

a. **Membership Update:** Dolly Moore reported total membership of 51 which consists of 36 paid, 12 Ex-Officio and 3 comp'd members. Dolly noted the newest member Chromascape who recently joined the organization.

b. **Website Maintenance:** Dolly Moore reported that the website is running well and she was recently able to get the Mohave County Fair Association's member page constructed and published to the website. Dolly encouraged all to use the calendar for research on upcoming events and to use your member login to post an event that you would like to put on the KAMMA calendar.

John Hansen took a moment to recognize the tireless effort Dolly extends to keep up with the critical internal work relative to membership, website maintenance and other administrative tasks that keeps the organization on track and well organized. The attending group applauded Dolly and her contributions.

c. **Training Update – EMR-Final Certifications:** John Hansen noted that jump kit responder bags were being procured by KAMMA for presentation to the graduates of the Emergency Medical Responder course recently completed. John encouraged members who sponsored an employee in the program to bring them to the next meeting for the presentation. John noted the great importance of this achievement and what it means to the local businesses within the Industrial Park to have trained responders to assist until professional services arrive on the scene.

Member Carl Hays noted the great idea of possibly having the contact information for the Medical First Responders published on the KAMMA website for Industrial Park businesses to easily find if need be.

Mohave Community College is hosting a Technical Training Visit Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30am to 10:00am in Building 100. John noted that Dr. Stacy Klippenstein who is the new president of the College is looking to learn how MCC can fill the gap in technical training that our manufacturing community so desperately needs. John encouraged members to take part in this opportunity if available Friday morning.

d. **Active Shooter Training-Thursday, 22 August, 1:30pm, KACR:** Active Shooter Training is set to take place in the Kingman (Airport) Administrative Conference Room Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm with Mohave County Sheriff's Office providing the presentation.

**V. New Business**

- a. **MFG Day 2019 – Update:** Carol Gunnerson reported that MFG Day 2019 is coming quickly and that her group needs commitments from any companies wanting to host tours and participate in the event by the next meeting date or sooner whereas schedules and plans can be put in place. It were noted that WAVE/JTED would sponsor lunch as they have in the past events.

Carol noted that Sept 18<sup>th</sup> would be Aviation Day where they would take 6 students from each campus out to the airport and visit companies in the aviation industry.

October 29<sup>th</sup> will be the College and Career Fair where the students will be allowed entry from 10am to 2pm and the general public will be welcomed from 5pm to 7pm. Carol encouraged members to consider a booth or table to showcase your businesses at the event.

- b. **MCC Technical Training Visit, Friday August 23, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.:** \*Noted in Section "IV", Old Business, Paragraph "c"
- c. **Representative Gosar Visit – Opportunity Zones:** U.S. Congressman Paul Gosar, representing Arizona's 4<sup>th</sup> District paid a visit to Kingman Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> and discussed Opportunity Zones and their importance to regional growth. The event was held at the City complex downtown at 1pm. John Hansen expressed concern that the discussion pointed primarily toward large investors and seemed to short side other opportunities within our region. If existing businesses spend time and money to educate and train employees then this is investing in the community and opportunity zone.

Tami Ursenbach, Economic Development Director for Mohave County encouraged working with the attorney representative who accompanied Congressman Gosar to learn more about the Opportunity Zone details. Tami indicated that the incentives are very difficult to understand but that changes are coming with how the government manages these incentives. The information can be confusing and one must seek proper guidance to fully know options available. Tami urged all interested to take action as there is only 7 years left in a 10 year window of opportunity for this assistance. Tami noted that there are a few local companies taking advantage of the Opportunity Zones but time is expiring.

- d. **Industrial Park – Update on Improvements:** Steve Johnston, Kingman Municipal Airport Manager reported the following news relative to airport activities; Two acres of airport land in the Industrial Park has been cleared by FAA review and been sold to Import Corner for development. An airport project is underway to develop an airport website. An economic impact study has been completed for the Airport and Industrial Park and will be mailed out this week. ADOT Aeronautics has offered a \$200K design grant for taxiway Bravo and the application should be here in two months. The airport and FAA are working on completion of engineering agreements as part of an FAA grant for the design of an overlay improvement project for runway 03/21. This year's Air Fest airport event is scheduled for Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. The

event organizers are working on a B-17, DC-3 and other vintage aircraft to be on site, some of which will be offering rides.

- e. **Partner Updates: JTED, MCC, Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Kingman and Others:** Becky Fawson, President and CEO of Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce reported that the Morning Mixer upcoming Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup> will be held at the Pioneer Title building. Becky encouraged all to consider attending. Also noted on the Chamber's calendar of events is the Andy Awards which recognize and honor individuals, businesses and organizations that make significant contributions to the community. Becky encouraged all to consider nominating someone for the various award categories. Nomination forms can be found online at the Chamber's website: <http://www.kingmanchamber.com/>

Tami Ursenbach, Economic Development Director for Mohave County noted that there has been quite a lot of activity within her office recently with multiple meetings as well as site visits with prospective companies considering our area for expansions and/or new development. Tami noted there are a couple of company's very close to announcing their move to the area.

Tami also shared that the Pegasus Group will hold a hiring event at the ARIZONA@WORK office within the Mohave County Administration Building Tuesday August 27, 2019 from 1pm to 5pm. Pegasus is the managing partner for The Hive project being constructed off of the I-40 corridor near Griffith Road.

Michael Jimmerson, Senior Client Advisor for the Arizona Manufacturing Extension Partnership reported to the group that the MEP is working to bring a workshop up to Kingman similar to ones that are held down in Phoenix. The topic would be ISO 9001:2015 STANDARD & INTERNAL PROCESS AUDITING and would be a 6-1/2 hour workshop. Michael is working with MCC to arrange a location for the event scheduled for December 2, 2019. The flyer with details can be found online; <https://www.azcommerce.com/media/1543750/iso-workshop-1202.pdf>

Lisa Black, Education Administrator with the GEO Group shared news that MCC is working with their group at the prison to get a culinary program working to help prepare some of their population for entry into the workforce.

Christine Murphy, Business Services Coordinator, ARIZONA@WORK echoed details of the Pegasus hiring event upcoming August 27<sup>th</sup>. Also Christine noted that there is activity taking place that would qualify applicants for a pre-apprenticeship for Unisource electricians. Unisource would like to work locally to fill their needs for skilled tradesmen as opposed to reaching out beyond our region.

Tim Woods, General Manager, Mohave County Fair Association reminded all of the upcoming Mohave County Fair that will take place at the Fairgrounds September 12 – 15, 2019. Tim indicated that tickets could be purchased on Facebook or the Fair website. General admission is \$10. Tim encouraged all to come out and enjoy the fair and all it has to offer.

**VI. NEXT REGULAR KAMMA MEETING:**

**September 25, 2019 (\*originally set for September 17<sup>th</sup>)**

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

**Location: Kingman Airport Administration Building**

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