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**KAMMA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**February 18, 2020**

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

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

**February 18, 2020 MEETING SUMMARY**

- I. **Welcome:** John Hansen welcomed all and invited guest to introduce themselves. The 16 attendees were:

John Hansen	Laron
Jeff McKnight	I-Corp Arizona, Inc.
Dolly Moore	1-Call Staffing
Tim Woods	Mohave County Fair Association
Bennett Bratley	City of Kingman
Gary Kellogg	City of Kingman
Jen Miles	Mayor – City of Kingman
Jake Rhoades	Fire Chief – City of Kingman / NACFD
Michael Jimmerson	Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) – MEP
Beth VanHoose	KUSD
Carol Gunnerson	KUSD
Christine Murphy	ARIZONA@WORK
Jason Millen	ARIZONA@WORK
Casey Farrell	JAVC
Pat Farrell	JAVC
Anthony Lombardi	Unisource Energy Services

- II. The meeting minutes from the December 17, 2019 were approved as written. KAMMA Meeting minutes are posted on the KAMMA website: (<http://www.mohavemfgassociation.com/>)
- III. **Financial Report:** Jeff McKnight reviewed the bank statement for period ending January 31, 2020 with the group. Beginning balance of \$8,052.89. Total credits \$4,850. Total debits \$809.75. Ending balance \$12,093.14. Credits consisted of 23 member dues payments @ \$200 each and one donation of \$250 by 1-Call Staffing, Tom Beller for beverages to be served at the Chamber Mixer. Debits consisted of two checks, 1094 for the amount of \$201.35 and 1095 for \$550.00. The \$809.75 total was expenses (catering and beverages) for hosting the Chamber Mixer held January 16, 2020. John Hansen noted that he has two checks totaling \$400 pending deposit.
- IV. **Old Business:**

- a. **Membership Update:** Dolly Moore noted 2020 total membership of 40 which consists of 25 paid, 12 Ex-Officio and 3 comp'd members. Membership totals for recent years was noted; 33/2016, 31/2017, 28/2018 and 37 in 2019.
- b. **Website Maintenance:** Dolly Moore noted non paid member's pages have been made hidden within the website. Dolly raised the question, "Would Laron be able to continue hosting due to the recent acquisition of the company and John confirmed that Laron will continue to host the website and support KAMMA. John noted that there is an upcoming domain fee of approximately \$80 and he would get that paid. John also noted that the Intern Recruitment web page is still a target to get created and operative to allow local businesses as well as students seeking internships to get connected. This feature will be a very useful and effective tool to help our area expand the ability to utilize interns within our local manufacturing community. The feature would be a win/win for both companies and students. John indicated that the committee hasn't been able to meet recently but is looking to continue the work to get the Intern Tracking System created and functioning.
- c. **Training Update:** John Hansen reported that he along with Mayor Miles and Vice Mayor Lingenfelter have been meeting and working with MCC to develop a Training Center to be located within the Industrial Park. The Training Center would be a much needed tool to help develop workforce resources within our park. John indicated that the manufacturing community must find ways to engage and support such a center whereas it can survive and ultimately grow. Work is being done to find a suitable location to house the Center. John reminded all of the Medical First Responders that have been trained within the recent years and noted that we must continue to expand our resources in these ways. Providers for specialized training such as Industrial Electrical and Power transmission skills will need to be identified as MCC is limited to what they can provide. The intention is to be able to serve all manufacturing operations with training options.

## V. New Business

- a. **Chamber Mixer – Discussion:** John Hansen briefed the group on the successful Chamber Mixer hosted by KAMMA January 16<sup>th</sup> at the Kingman Municipal Airport. The event was the sixth one hosted by KAMMA and truly yields great attendance each time. The event was catered by The Garlic Clove and they provided a great spread of tasty food items. Tom Beller, owner of 1-Call Staffing graciously donated \$250 toward the beverage bar at the event. Tim Woods, mixer committee chair noted that the expenses came in under budget without compromise to quality food and entertainment. Sound was provided by Bill Burrows.

The event attracted many prominent people and officials of the community including out of town guest, Bill Lenhart, Founding Partner and Manager of Sunbelt Development, Las Vegas. Bill is one of the key investors / land owners working with

the City of Kingman on the development of the Rancho Santa Fe Traffic Interchange and the adjacent area. Sunbelt owns over 1000 acres and has donated land for a new park in the RSFTI area. Sunbelt is a great partner and Bill has many ties to Kingman through family over the years.

**b. City of Kingman Census 2020 – Presentation (Sylvia Shaffer or Census Rep):**

Deferred until March 2020

**c. Workforce Education – Industrial Park Training Center Progress:** Much of this topic was discussed in IV, c.

Jake Rhoades reported that a training and pre-planning event is underway to allow Kingman Fire to elevate familiarization of buildings and hazards within the Industrial Park whereas they can safely assist NACFD resources in coverage and support of the Municipal Airport and Industrial Park needs relative to fire safety and medical responses. Jake noted that the old ARF foam truck has been decommissioned at this point.

**d. Intern Tracking System Committee Updates:** Covered in IV, b.

**e. Letter of Support for INFRA Grant:** John Hansen shared highlights of the KAMMA letter written in support of the City of Kingman’s INFRA (Infrastructure For Rebuilding America) Grant application for the construction of the Rancho Santa Fe Parkway Traffic Interchange. KAMMA very enthusiastically supports this cause as it will allow needed growth opportunities to our Industrial Park and Municipal Airport.

**f. ARIZONA@WORK – Jason Millen:** Jason Millen distributed flyers to the attending group relative to the upcoming Construction Day event to be held at the Mohave County Fairgrounds April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am – 3:00pm. The event is created similar to one taking place recently down in Phoenix where students as well as anyone interested in looking to experience what construction work can offer. The event allows experts in construction to answer questions and exhibit real work events with “hands on” opportunities with live tools and equipment.

Although the event is focused on construction it allows a cross pollination of workforce resources and from that the event can become a very positive energy for our manufacturing community. For that reason Tim Woods made a motion to offer a Platinum sponsorship of \$1000 to the event. Jeff McKnight seconded the motion. None opposed. KAMMA will have a table at the event with a representative there to engage the attending public.

Christine Murphy also noted an upcoming CPT Training event at MCC targeted for March 3<sup>rd</sup>. 12 Students are needed to start the class.

Cascades Hiring Expo will take place Friday February 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am – 5:00pm at the Kingman Municipal Airport, 7000 Flightline Drive. Lunch and snacks will be provided by ARIZONA@WORK Rapid Response.

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

Bennett Bratley, Economic Development Manager for the City of Kingman Park reported on many items ongoing within the Airport. They are as follows;

- February 25<sup>th</sup>; Night work to runways
- 15 planes incoming for storage
- Taxiway “Bravo” upgrades at approximately \$200K is moving forward.
- “Shock Center” demolition to begin soon
- FTZ Solutions LLC has been hired to develop a White Paper study relative to feasibility and subzone
- 3 Road Paving Project – Engineering 15% complete. 5 Roads to be put into the Mohave County Road Maintenance program. Reconstruction of a few roads in consideration.
- 2 Land sales recently; 1-Call Staffing & Interstate Trailers
- Rail stats: 1591 cars handled in 2018, 1775 in 2019. There have been some recent inquiries relative to companies looking for rail access.

Gary Kellogg, Economic Development Executive Director for the City of Kingman noted that more improvements in and around the Airport and Industrial Park are coming. Specifically, improvements near the entrance of the Industrial Park as well as upgrading fencing around the Airport Terminal.

Mayor Jen Miles, City of Kingman shared news of many recent activities including attending some events alongside Arizona Representative Regina Cobb. Representative Cobb is co-sponsoring HB2790 which if passed would allow community colleges to offer 4 year degrees. Representative Cobb is also primary sponsor of HB2895 and HB2896 and those are relative to irrigation non-expansion and rural management areas. Mayor Miles along with KAMMA President John Hansen have participated on the advisory committee for these bills.

Mayor Miles recently attended a presentation on the Tri-State Youth Internship & Leadership (TSYIL) that Dr. Waheed Zehri founded recently to serve the youth in our Tri-State communities. The TSYIL is looking for community members and businesses to mentor youth from 16 to 25 years of age in various 4-6 week internships to expose students to real world challenges and experiences. Carol Gunnerson of KUSD distributed flyer applications for those interested in becoming an associate member to assist the vision of the program.

Pat Ferrell, President – Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council (JAVC) passed out flyers relative to making a donation to the JAVC and earning a tax credit relative to your Arizona state income tax obligation. A couple can donate up to \$800 and receive this tax credit. These donations keep these tax dollars here in Mohave County and benefits struggling military veterans and their families.

Pat also encouraged all to consider being an organ donor as it is an opportunity to give life to those in dire need of failing organs.

Dolly Moore, KAMMA Director of Membership and Vice President-Market Development for 1-Call Staffing noted that KRMC was hosting a blood drive February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and encourage all to consider donating.

Michael Jimmerson, Senior Client Advisor for the Arizona Manufacturing Extension Partnership extended “Thanks to All” who supported and participated in the recent ISO Auditing workshop that was co-sponsored by Arizona MEP, America’s SBDC Arizona and Mohave Community College. Michael noted that there would be an opportunity to offer another workshop in our area possibly a LEAN Manufacturing event. \*John Hansen encouraged all to consider utilizing MEP training opportunities as they are great resources that can be tailored to specific company needs.

Tim Woods, General Manager, Mohave County Fair Association noted recent upcoming events at the Fairgrounds and encouraged all to attend and/or participate.

- Friends of the NRA – Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- Cirque Legacy (no animal circus) – February 20-23
- Construction Day – April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

**VI. NEXT REGULAR KAMMA MEETING:**

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