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KAMMA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

May 15, 2017

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Kingman Airport Authority Conference Room
7000 Flightline Drive, Kingman, AZ

May 15, 2017 MEETING SUMMARY

I. Welcome: John Hansen directed the meeting today. John welcomed all attending. The 18 attendees were:

- John Hansen Laron Inc.
Dolly Moore Laron Inc.
Jeff McKnight I-Corp Arizona, Inc.
Scott Brackett Brackett Aero Filters
Jen Miles City of Kingman
Bob Riley Kingman Airport Authority
Carl Hays M-14P
Bennett Bratley Mohave County Economic Development
Lynne Petersen Unisource
Leanne Hoagland Smith Advanced Systems
John Hastings MCAA - Laughlin / Bullhead International Airport
Catherine Walker Kingman Area Food Bank
Gregg Martin Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce
Alex McAfee J-M Eagle
Jaime Ramirez J-M Eagle
Ben Poore Patriot Rail
William Palmer Sunstate Equipment
Sheri Furr City of Kingman - KART

II. The April 17, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as written with no objections or changes.

III. Financial Report: Kenny Dean reported the bank balances of:

Beginning Balance (Through 4/17/2017): \$9,665.33
Ending Balance (Through 05/15/2017): \$9,865.33

There was only one transaction which was a deposit of \$200 (membership dues payment).

IV. Old Business:

- a. **Website Update** (<http://www.mohavemfgassociation.com/>): Dolly Moore discussed the website briefly indicating no major changes to the website and encouraged members to utilize the events calendar and access other resources available there.
- b. **Membership Update:** Dolly Moore confirmed KAMMA's membership count to be at total of 39 members of which 26 are paid, 11 are ex-officio and 3 members are comp'd. John Hansen noted that KAMMA is behind the curve in membership numbers for 2017 and encouraged all to inform your friends and business relations about KAMMA and help keep the momentum moving in the right direction.
- c. **Training Update:** John Hansen noted that there are continuing discussions with Northland Pioneer College to move Mechatronics training forward in our area.

John indicated that National Apprenticeship Week is scheduled for the week of November 13 – 19 this year and encouraged all to consider apprenticeship in their respective businesses.

V. New Business

- a. **Board of Directors Nominating Committee Appointment – Upcoming Election:** John Hansen explained to the group that the appointed Nominating Committee consisting of Kenny Dean, Bruce Forthun and Jen Miles will offer a slate of candidates to fill the positions of President, Secretary and Director of Membership on the KAMMA Board of Directors no more than 20 days before the election targeted for week of June 12th. If any member has interest in serving on the Board of Directors it is recommended that they contact one of the current Board members to get their name on the slate.

Anyone seeking to nominate a candidate would need to have a letter submitted no later than June 1st

- b. **Economic Development Project - Update:** Lynne Petersen noted that the Economic Development Project was moving forward nicely and that the initiative is designed to help Kingman position itself to gain traction in many ways. Lynne explained there would be 4 steps to the process and the first would be a survey to help increase awareness for the project. The second event would be a Youth Event to be held August 8, 9 & 10 that would take High School Students on a field trip to Mohave Community College. The event would help explore and identify what would it take to make Kingman more attractive for youth in our area. The third event would be the main event in the form of an all day workshop to be held August 19, 2017 from 8:30am to 4:30pm. The main event would allow areas of focus to be established and initiatives to be defined. Later in the workshop teams would be formed to discuss topics like water conservation, workforce development and many others. The fourth event would take place August 21st from 7:30am to 9:00am for those

that could not attend the event on the 19th. Lynne hopes there to be 9 to 12 initiatives to work on in the project.

John Hansen stated that it would be very important for KAMMA to have a voice in this arena and that KAMMA can bring a different perspective than most relevant to manufacturing. John believes that we could bring some good ideas to the table.

John commended Lynne Petersen for her diligent work on this project.

- c. **River Valley Medical – CPR Challenge:** Bob Riley distributed a flyer to the attendees explaining the details of the upcoming River Medical / AMR World CPR Challenge to take place the week of May 22 – 26, 2017. The goal is to train 3,000 individuals in compression only CPR in our area. The Kingman Airport Authority will host training in the administration build on May 24th from 10:30am till 2:00pm.

- d. **Transit Committee – Update:** Sheri Furr with the City of Kingman KART (Kingman Area Regional Transit) program raised the question; *“Would companies be able to utilize the transit service it were provided to the Kingman Airport and Industrial Park?”* The committee (Cere Tabbert, Dolly Moore, John Hansen, Travis Lingenfelter and Chelsea Arvin) has been working to contact the many companies in the Industrial Part to gauge the interest of workers looking to use the resource. Ongoing work by the committee includes filling a matrix for review of the information. It was noted that the transit service would improve safety relative to the many workers that walk to their respective places of employment in the Industrial Park.

- e. **MFG Day 2017 – Update:** Bob Riley explained there would be the first meeting for the MFG Day 2017 event held Thursday May 18, 2017 at Kingman High School, room E-113 from 9:00am to 10:30am. John Hansen described to the group how successful the first event was last year and how the students enjoyed seeing manufacturing activities and opportunities here in our Industrial Park. The intent is to keep the momentum moving forward and make the MFG Day 2017 event bigger and better for maximum influence on our up and coming workforce.

- f. **Advanced Technology Corridor Meeting – Review:** John Hansen explained to the group the details of the Advanced Technology Corridor meeting he was invited to participate in recently. The main thing John quickly realized was that the State Chamber of Commerce study didn’t include I-40 and Northern Arizona. This is a major problem that needs to be addressed in that there are many resources and opportunities in the Northern Arizona region. John noted that big businesses are looking for workforce development and that is the most key ingredient to the successes of businesses in manufacturing. John indicated that the Southern Arizona Manufacturing Partnership (SAMP) has its main focus on workforce development and that two high schools in the Tucson area are graduating NIMS (National Institute of Metalworking Skills) certified machinists. This is a huge step ahead to put skilled workers in place at an early age to help build manufacturing businesses.

John is looking to work with our regional partners, Mohave Community College, Northland Pioneer College, local high schools, WAVE/JTED and other local leaders to emulate the successes of the Southern Arizona entities.

- g. Partner Updates: KAA, JTED, MCC, Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce, Others:** Bob Riley, Economic Development Director of the Kingman Airport Authority reported that there have been a few prospective tenants looking at the old Southwire building. Bob noted that the BNSF Police group utilized the building for canine training recently.

Gregg Martin, President – CEO of Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce was excited for the upcoming Economic Development Project and was looking to increase coordination between the KAA, Mohave County Economic Development, KAMMA as well as other contributors. Gregg stressed how important and effective this project could be for our area.

Gregg noted that Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting will be held Friday May 19, 2017 at the Burge Family Tractor Barn in the Hualapai Mountains. Although the time is rapidly approaching, Gregg encouraged anyone interested in attending to contact his office to be put on the guest list.

Also upcoming is the Kingman Stick Pony Derby hosted by the Chamber of Commerce to take place Saturday June 3, 2017 at the Mohave County Fairgrounds. All proceeds of the event support Economic Development in our City.

June 13th Mark Retersdorf, Director of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at MCC will be offering a discussion on “Generational Differences” to be held at the Mohave County Administration Building. The event is offered at no cost but everyone is asked to register for the event.

Jen Miles, Vice Mayor – City of Kingman expressed excitement for the upcoming Economic Development collaboration. Jen indicated that the Council is ready to engage this critical event. Also noted was that the City Budget process was underway and that it is streamed on television. Jen said there are some big decisions that must be made and to stay tuned as things develop.

John Hastings, President of Mohave County Airport Authority / Laughlin Bullhead International Airport spoke on the struggles to finally achieve getting a national air carrier to Laughlin Bullhead and that the work is just beginning. Now that American Airlines has established passenger service in and out of IFP the work begins to try and market the service to make it healthy enough to survive in the coming years. John stated that it has been difficult for the casinos to bring in more visitors as they are now competing with more Indian gaming that is popping up all over the country. John indicated that the focus is to increase the local knowledge of the service and expand on what is able to be offered to the public. John made appeal to all to help get the word out about the air service offered here at our local airport.

Bennett Bratley, Director – Mohave County Economic Development Department reported that DOT Foods was in the process of hiring for their facility in Bullhead City. News from Lake Havasu City is that the Mall only had 40% occupancy and that a 50 – 100 person call center was considering the property to set up a new location.

Bennett indicated that he and his group would be heading up to Colorado City next month to look at opportunities there for economic development. Bennett made note that things were changing for the positive in this remote area and it is looking to grow.

The Mohave County Economic Development Department recently completed a marketing video for the Griffith / I-40 Industrial Corridor that can be found on the Mohave County website.

Bennett noted that there was a major truck stop in the permitting phase that would be located out in the White Hills area on Highway 93.

VI. NEXT REGULAR KAMMA MEETING:

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