



President, Jim Keller called the April meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on April 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Marion Township Building. Meeting Minutes which include updates not covered at the meeting were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was given by Jean Bender. Bob Unrast moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Don Rosenbeck seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$119,692.34

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$85,669.25
CD's	\$10,409.71
Pass Book	<u>\$23,613.38</u>
Total Assets	\$119,692.34

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$24,395.06
General Fund - MCDO	\$23,259.48
Marion Soccer	\$3,992.28
Girls' Softball	\$9,504.85
ML FFA	\$14,442.45
Boys Baseball	\$11,630.59
AS Promo	\$3,817.87
AG Solutions	\$2,481.16
Ag Ed Boosters	\$20,868.30
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$5,000.00
ML Bowling	<u>\$300.30</u>
Total Assets	\$119,692.34

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kirk Stucke

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

- March 16: Gary & Pam Depweg
- March 23: Dan & Chris Kramer
- March 30: Mike & Maria Rethman
- April 6: Tom & Jane Feltz

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you to those who have sent in their memberships. Please contact Bob Dippold (419) 305-0128 or Barb Kahlig (419) 925-6301 or email to mcdo@bright.net if you have any questions about the status of your membership.

HEALTH, SAFETY & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the Coldwater American Legion on April 14, from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Mercer Health Neighborhood Nurse will be performing free hearing screenings & blood pressure checks at the Chickasaw Library on May 1st, from 1:00 – 3:00PM. For more information please call 419-586-1220.

We have so many demands on our time-jobs, family, errands- not to mention finding some time to relax. To fit everything in, we often sacrifice sleep. Sleep affects both mental and physical health. It’s vital to your well-being. “Loss of sleep impairs your higher levels of reasoning, problem-solving and attention to detail,” according to the NIH. But sleep isn’t just essential for the brain. Sleep affects almost every tissue in our bodies including stress hormones, our immune system, appetite, breathing, blood pressure and cardiovascular health. To make each day a safe, productive one, take steps to make sure you regularly get a good night of sleep.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

Mark Hardesty informed us that there were 11 students who received their State FFA Degree and 5 Students who received their American Degree. Congratulations to Lucy Bambauer and our students. This is a significant accomplishment. Plans with the Ag Program continue to progress. All are welcome at the monthly Ag Boosters meeting which is held beginning at 8pm on the third Monday of the month in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom.

State Representative Jim Buchy spoke at the April Ag Solutions meeting. A bigger than usual crowd heard Jim explain the impact of Ohio Senate Bill 150. This bill which requires farmers to be certified before they can spread manure or commercial fertilizer will not impact GLSM watershed farmers since they are already certified under their Certified Nutrient Management Plans. (CNMP’s) Jim fielded some questions including one from a farmer who had been accused of applying manure outside the rules. The farmer was found to have complied completely with the rules and was wondering how such false accusations could be stopped. No one including Mr. Buchy had a truly workable answer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thank you to all who attended the Community Address showing your support for the Marion Community. We had a really nice turnout and Keith Westrick did a fabulous job sharing his story about how great of a place the Marion Community is to live and raise a family. Congratulations again to Chickasaw Garage and Ohio Production Paint and Assembly Corporation (OPPAC) recipients of the MCDO’s 2014 Distinguished Developer Awards.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Keller informed us that Tony Kaiser is willing to accept our Business Retention and Development chairperson position. As an employee of the Osgood State Bank, he would like to connect with the business people of the Marion Community and do what he can to entice businesses to come and stay. Welcome to the MCDO Tony!

Barb Kahlig has accepted a position at Marion Local School replacing Lucy Moeller who is retiring. Barb has announced her resignation from the MCDO. We are looking for a person to fill this paid administrative position. This position requires a good working knowledge of Word, Excel and Quickbooks. The position requires about 20 - 25 hours of work a month, hours with a fair degree of flexibility and which can be performed primarily from your home. The position requires interaction with multiple members of the community and a close association with MCDO coordinator Jim Keller. If you are interested in more information about this job, please call Jim Keller (419) 925-4764, email your resume to mcdo@roadrunner.com or send it to MCDO, PO Box 65, Maria Stein, Ohio.

NKTELCO Update

The severe winter we experienced played havoc with NKTelco’s installation plans but with the break in the weather, they are burying conduit along SR 716 north from Maria Stein to Chickasaw. A shortage of fiber optic cable is also impacting their schedule. To make use of previously buried undersized conduit they had to order 12,000 feet of special fiber causing additional delays. The company is still optimistic that they can begin providing service by midsummer.

INDUSTRIAL PARK EXPANSION

The township trustees, legal counsel, Ron Puthoff and Jared Ebbing joined the MCDO in the later part of the meeting. After considerable discussion the group all agreed that the MCDO will be the entity purchasing the land from Pat and Nancy Nieberding and reselling the lots. The MCDO board had previously passed a motion agreeing to perform this service. The MCDO will use any money remaining after all transactions are complete to reduce the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) loan. This will be most beneficial for entities such as the school, that rely on tax income. We have strong to super strong commitments from businesses to purchase all 10 lots in the development making this a very positive development for our community. Thanks a ton to Ron Puthoff and Jared Ebbing who spearheaded this project. They did a great job!

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

- Chickasaw** – No recent meetings on the water project and no other news this month
- Chickasaw Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters, call Kelli Thobe at 419-925-5810.
- Osgood** – No news this month
- Osgood Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters, call Alan Wendel at 419-582-4502.
- Marion Township** – The Township has been intimately involved in the Industrial park expansion.
- Marion Township Park Board** – For information or concerns about the park, call Ron Hartings at 925-4804.
- Marion Local School**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm, with a motion from Jean Bender, seconded by Bob Unrast. The next meeting of the MCDO is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 7:00p.m at the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

Board of Directors

Jim Keller, President	419-925-4764
Barb Kahlig, Secretary	419-925-6301
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Elaine Pierron	419-925-5704
Coordinator: Jim Keller	419-925-4764

Committee Chairpersons

Agricultural Development:	Mark Hardesty, DVM 419-925-4212
Business Retention & Dev.:	Open
Health, Safety & Education:	Elaine Wolters 419-925-4620
Housing:	Bob Unrast 419-925-4151
Infrastructure:	Open
Land Use:	John Bruns 419-925-4712
Membership:	Bob Dippold 419-305-0128
Recreation	Kirk Stucke: 419-733-6261

2014
MCDO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Business Membership Dues: \$60.00 _____ Family Membership Dues: \$15.00 _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

e-mail address: _____

Please circle any committees listed if you are interested:

MEMBERSHIP/PROMOTION
PARK AND RECREATION
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

HEALTH/EDUCATION
LAND PLANNING
HOUSING

AG-DEVELOPMENT
INFRASTRUCTURE
TOURISM sub-committee

COMMENTS: _____

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