



President, Jim Keller called the August meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on August 12, 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. Elaine Wolters moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Maria Rethman seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. There is a new account included in the financial report for the Marion Township Industrial Park Association. The MCDO has taken over this fund effective August 1, 2014. The purpose of the fund is to handle all expenses related to the Industrial Park for community items such as the sign, mowing, landscaping, etc. All businesses within the park are members of the association.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$105,352.87

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$79,811.00
CD's	\$10,425.22
Pass Book	<u>\$15,116.65</u>
Total Assets	\$105,352.87

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$15,477.23
General Fund - MCDO	\$18,493.14
Marion Soccer	\$8,632.28
Girls' Softball	\$7,179.64
ML FFA	\$15,480.65
Boys Baseball	\$4,009.49
AS Promo	\$3,817.87
AG Solutions	\$2,436.28
Ag Ed Boosters	\$20,804.06
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$5,000.00
ML Bowling	\$300.30
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$3,721.93
Total Assets	\$105,352.87

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kirk Stucke

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

June 15:	Jerry & Ann Everman	July 13:	Jon & Julie Bergman
June 22:	Dan & Lisa Homan	July 20:	Aaron & Kendra Rose
June 29:	Doug & Shelly Hartings	July 27:	Scott & Marlene Livingston
July 6:	Dan & Kelly Koenig	August 3:	Dave & Kelly Budde
		August 10:	Roger & Lynn Ungruhn

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 Shannon Everman (419) 925-5707 or email to mcdo@bright.net if you have any questions about the status of your membership.

BUSINESS RETENTION & DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Tony Kaiser

Osgood State Bank and MCDO are cohosting an event on Friday, August 22nd, 2014 at the Maria Stein Legion at 8:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Congressman Jim Jordan. Approximately 80 reservations have been turned in for the event. If you are interested in attending, please contact Shannon Everman at (419) 925-5707 or email to mcdo@bright.net.

HEALTH, SAFETY & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

Mercer Health will offer free prostate-screenings during clinics on Tuesday, September 9th from 8-11am and Thursday, September 11 from 4-6:30pm at the Community Medical Center in Celina. For more information about the screening or to register call 419-586-1220. A limited number of openings are available.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month. Immunization helps prevent dangerous and sometimes deadly diseases. To stay protected against serious illnesses like the flu, measles, and tuberculosis, adults need to get their shots-just like kids do. Call your local Health Department to find out more about immunizations or to schedule an appointment.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

On July 21st Marion Local Superintendent Mike Pohlman addressed the Ag Ed Boosters and a number of other concerned residents. He assured the attendees that the Marion Local board and administration has and will continue to support the Ag Ed program. Concerns had been triggered by Lucy Bambauer's resignation. Ms. Bambauer resigned her teaching position to continue her career at St. Marys schools. Mr. Pohlman also advised that he was expediting the hire of a replacement hopefully in time for the fall 2014 school year. He's met with success since Marion Local has since hired Kara Uhlenhake as the Ag Education teacher/FFA coordinator. The community thanks Mr. Pohlman, the board and the administration for their timely and effective action.

All are welcome at the monthly Ag Boosters meeting which is held at 8pm on the third Monday of the month in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. The next meeting will be held on September 15.

Ag Solutions did not conduct a July meeting. Their next meeting will be held at 8pm on September 8th at the Chickasaw Library. Heidelberg University will present a report on the phosphorus levels entering the lake through several area creeks. Heidelberg has been monitoring these levels for a number of years. Heidelberg recently presented their findings locally to the Lake Improvement Association (LIA). Ag Solutions meetings are open to anyone wanting to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

The MCDO Website is coming along! Officials and Board Members of all organizations in the community have been updated with contact information. MCDO meeting minutes and quarterly newsletters will be posted on the site. Any organization desiring to have their minutes or other information posted can do so by contacting us. Additionally, a brief history/background about each of the organizations has been included. We have 16 pages of community

businesses that must be updated to provide the most current contact information. These updates are about 70% complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barb Kahlig sent in a nice thank you note to all the MCDO Board Members for the small token of appreciation that was sent to her for all her years of service.

The MCDO is sponsoring the Marion Local Marching Band for the Midwest Ohio Marching Band Competition to be held on Saturday, October 18th, 2014. Maria Rethman motioned to approve to donate the same as last year. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Maria Rethman provided the new Chapel Hill Preschool budget for the 2014/2015 school year. Additionally, it was discussed to continue the Preschool Advisory Committee and a meeting will be held at a future date. The preschool continues to provide the community with a great service. Thanks Maria and staff.

Maria Stein Commercial Rentals (old Gossman Pools building) in the Industrial Park has open space. For rental information, please contact Nick and Monica Moeller at 509-710-5120.

NKTELCO Update

As of August 6, the crew finalizing the conduit installation phase of the NKTELCO project advised that the special order fiber optic cable still has not arrived. NKTELCO General Manager, Preston Meyer attended the Industrial Park groundbreaking ceremony and informed us that they continue to expedite this cable and will be installing it as soon as it arrives.

INDUSTRIAL PARK EXPANSION

The Industrial Park Expansion has sold all of the ten (10) available lots in the Phase III Expansion. The buyers and the MCDO have closed on 7 of the 10 lots with the 8th lot closing on August 14. Revenue from the closings on these 8 lots is sufficient to cover the loan costs plus all expenses incurred to date. The owners of the lots that have closed are as follows:

- Elizabeth Huelsman
- MTI Enterprises Limited
- Daniel Heitkamp – 2 lots
- David & Danielle Buschur
- MDE Investments, LTD – 2 lots
- C & K Enterprises, LLC

The MCDO has been directed by the EPA to seed all of the land in the Phase III area because of soil erosion and runoff concerns. Bob Unrast is working to contract this project as economically as possible. We do not like to incur this expense however with a directive from the EPA we have little choice. After discussion, Elaine Wolters made a motion to approve this project. Jean Bender seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Phase III Expansion held on July 31, 2014 went very well. Attending were the Mercer County Commissioners and representatives from the County Economic Development Office, Park property owners, the Osgood State Bank, Midwest Electric, NKTELCO, and the MCDO board. Local TV stations covered a brief shovel ceremony in the park after which the group gathered for lunch in the Township Building. There the Township Trustees and the MCDO thanked all the many people who worked diligently to make this expansion a reality.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Chickasaw – On August 6, the committee coordinating the Chickasaw water project met with RCAP representatives to review a recently completed Preliminary Engineering Report. The group also discussed approaches to fund the project.

Chickasaw Park Board Report – For information on renting the park shelters, call Kelli Thobe at 419- 925-5810.

Osgood – The village and park board recently completed improvements to the tennis courts. All are welcome to come and try them out.

Osgood Park Board Report – For information on renting the park shelters, call Alan Wendel at 419-582-4502.

Marion Township – No update this month

Marion Township Park Board – For information or concerns about the park, call Ron Hartings at 925-4804.

Marion Local School – The August Newsletter was sent out last week with all of the updates for the coming school year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m., with a motion from Jean Bender, seconded by Jim Keller. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

Board of Directors

Jim Keller, President	419-925-4764
Shannon Everman, Secretary	419-925-5707
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Committee Chairpersons

Agricultural Development:	Mark Hardesty, DVM 419-925-4212
Business Retention & Dev.:	Tony Kaiser
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Housing:	Bob Unrast 419-925-4151
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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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