



**MCDO MISSION STATEMENT**

The Marion Community Development Organization (MCDO) is an organization under the laws of the State of Ohio, not-for-profit. The mission of the organization shall be to act as a coordinating body to assist local organizations meet the changing needs of the Marion Community through planned development while maintaining its agricultural profile. The activities will be directed toward, but not limited to, development of infrastructure, housing, family care, education, small business, recreation, and agriculture.

President, Ted Bertke called the October meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on October 8, 2024, at 7:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Building.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

The Financial Report was presented by Shannon Everman. Mark Hardesty moved to approve the financial report. Lisa Buschur seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The month ended September 30, 2024, financial report is as follows:

**Total Cash Balance: \$317,499**

<i>Cash Summaries</i>	
Checking	\$283,110
CD's	\$17,176
Savings	\$17,214
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b><u>\$317,499</u></b>

<i>Organization Fund Summaries</i>	
Recreation Fund	\$18,894
General Fund – MCDO	\$36,729
Marion Soccer	\$15,574
Girls' Softball	\$10,518
ML FFA	\$25,459
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$26,664
Boys Baseball	\$40,751
Ag Ed Boosters	\$32,218
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$854
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$22,819
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,124
Multi-Use Path	\$58,763
Fundamental League	\$7,566
Youth Basketball	\$2,057
Carthage Park	\$15,512
<b>Total Organization Funds</b>	<b><u>\$317,499</u></b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. RECREATION COMMITTEE: Committee Chairperson – Luke Bertke**

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

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| September 16: Nick & Julie Schulze      | September 30: Brad & Susie Everman |
| September 23: Curtis & Stefanie Moeller | October 7: Kendra Wolters          |

## **2. MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE:** *Committee Chairperson –Allison Moeller*

Memberships help facilitate growth in the community with projects like the expansion of the industrial park and facilitate youth sports.

## **3. HOUSING:** *Committee Chairperson – Bob Unrast*

The St. Francis housing development south of Chickasaw has four building lots available. The lots are between .381 and .711 acres starting at \$28,500 and include village water and sewage. Contact Tess Mescher for more information at 419-305-0106.

The Woodview Estates subdivision still has lots available for sale. For more information, please contact Jay Ruhenkamp at 937-295-4244.

Dan Jutte has a development underway off Jackson Street. Please contact him at 419-733-0053 for more information on the available lots.

Osgood is moving forward with development of land on the west end of town off State Route 705. This development is to the north of the current OPPAC building and the Osgood Community Veterans Center being built currently. It also borders and has lots off Mendenhall Road. Lot prices have not been set yet, but the village expects sales of land to be ready to take place first quarter of 2025. Please contact any of the Osgood Town Council representatives listed below for more information.

Steve Kramer 937-621-1096

Ron Lange 937-670-2302

Rob Kemper 937-417-6632

Jim Arling 937-467-1632

Dan Brown 419-953-6416

Beth Winner 419-305-3444

Kate Langenkamp 419-305-5748

Lisa Beasley 937-638-4673

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## **4. HEALTH, EDUCATION, & SAFETY:** *Committee Chairperson – Lisa Buschur*

Mercer Health is excited to welcome Todd Brophy, MD, a non-invasive cardiologist. He will begin seeing patients at the new Mercer Health Medical Group Cardiology office, which will be located at the Marion Campus in early 2025. A board-certified cardiologist, Dr. Brophy specializes in the prevention, evaluation and management of cardiovascular disease with expertise in echocardiography, stress testing, cardiac CT and vascular ultrasound. He will care for patients with chronic high blood pressure, heart failure, and cardiovascular diseases and conditions. A graduate of St. Henry High School, Dr. Brophy completed his education at The Ohio State University, Duke University Medical Center and Cleveland Clinic and is currently practicing in Texas. Additional details, including scheduling information, will be available soon.

## **5. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT:** *Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty*

The Marion Local FFA chapter competed in the District 5 Soils Contest on September 25th. Aaron Albers, Kelsey Bergman, Justing Bergman and Mitchell Fleck were the top scorers leading the team. Chapter members Alea Pohlman, Emily Schlater and Gina Bruns competed in the District 5 Job Interview contest in St. Mary's on October 7th. On September 28th, chapter members Alea Pohlman, Katrina Will and Lilly Moles set up a craft table for kids at the Celina Farmers Market, where they made buckeye keychains with the kids. 17 FFA members are preparing to head to the National FFA Convention with members from New Bremen. At the convention, members Amber Wendel and Amanda Homan will be receiving their American Degrees! The next FFA meeting is on October 14th.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

No other business to report.

**VILLAGES, TOWNSHIP, PARKS, & SCHOOL REPORTS:**

- 1. **Carthage Park Report** – For information on renting the shelter house, call Nancy Koesters at 419-925-5192.
- 2. **Chickasaw** – No new information to report.
- 3. **Chickasaw Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters (both the VFW and Ball Diamond), contact Jay Schwieterman at 419-733-6811.
- 4. **Osgood** – No new information to report.
- 5. **Osgood Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters, call Nick Beasley at 937-621-7718.
- 6. **Marion Township** – No new information to report.
- 7. **Marion Township Park Board Report** – Please follow Marion Township Park on **Facebook (Marion Township Park)** and on **Twitter (@MarionTwpPark)**. You can also contact us through email: [mariontwppk@gmail.com](mailto:mariontwppk@gmail.com).

The Monthly Park Raffle Winners for October are as follows:

\$50 – Josh & Maria Schmitz	\$30 – Velma Thobe
\$25 – Rosemary Prenger	\$25 – Jeff & Jeanna Heitkamp

- 8. **Marion Local Schools** – Marion Local Schools received a 5-star rating and ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the State of Ohio for PI score. The performance index score is calculated by taking the students results (advanced, accelerated, proficient, basic, limited, or test not taken) on the state assessment and assigning an overall performance index number to your district.

Allison Moeller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 a.m. Mark Hardesty seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. The next MCDO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14th, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

**Board of Directors**

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