



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 September meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on September 10, 2024, at 8:00 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. Bob Dippold seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The month ended August 31, 2024, financial report is as follows:

Total Cash Balance: \$333,806

<i>Cash Summaries</i>	
Checking	\$297,553
CD's	\$17,041
Savings	\$19,212
Total Cash	<u>\$333,806</u>

<i>Organization Fund Summaries</i>	
Recreation Fund	\$19,392
General Fund – MCDO	\$37,870
Marion Soccer	\$16,176
Girls' Softball	\$10,518
ML FFA	\$25,128
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$28,707
Boys Baseball	\$50,258
Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,285
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$854
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$22,755
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,124
Multi-Use Path	\$59,720
Fundamental League	\$7,566
Youth Basketball	\$2,057
Carthage Park	\$18,396
Total Organization Funds	<u>\$333,806</u>

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

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| August 19: Randy & Ithaca Moeller | September 2: Craig & Shannon Everman |
| August 26: David & Lucy Mescher | September 9: Larry & Dianne Post |

2. MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE: *Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold*

Memberships help facilitate growth in the community with projects like the expansion of the industrial park and facilitate youth sports. Bob Dippold will be transitioning off of the Membership Committee and Allison Moeller has stepped up to take on this role. Welcome Allison and thank you so much to Bob for his years of dedicated service to the MCDO!

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.

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

Flu season is right around the corner. Mercer Health has multiple drive-thru flu shot clinics. Monday, October 7th is at the Maria Stein location. Appointments are required, please call the office at (419)925-7177 to schedule. The Mercer Country Health Dept. is also holding a drive-thru clinic on October 8th from 9:30am-6pm at Mercer County Fairgrounds. Please call (419)586-3251, Option 2 for more information.

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

Mark Hardesty provided an update on FFA and Ag Solutions. The St. Henry and Marion Local FFA chapters had a successful fair. Good weather and the movement of the days from the last Thursday to the first Thursday helped increase sales. 30 FFA members will be attending the Farm Science Review Wednesday, September 18th. These students will get to explore the show, career opportunities, and new innovations in agriculture. 10 FFA members competed in the county soils contest last Friday in Fort Recovery. The First FFA meeting was held on September 10th at the Chickasaw Shelterhouse. New members were welcomed, and the first business meeting of the year occurred. The FFA Chapter held a petting zoo at the annual Heritage Days Festival on Sunday, September 15th at The Maria Stein Shrine. On September 28th, Marion Local FFA Members will be at the Celina Farmers Market with a craft making table for kids.

Grand Lake's most recent toxin level was at 14.1 ppb (below WHO-24ppb, above Ohio-8ppb). The lake level is currently 9.5" below normal pool – the lake could really use some rain!

The Lake Erie State of the Science conference was recently held. Based on data from the National Center for Water Quality, it appears that the spring-dissolved phosphorus load has been trending down the last five years, around 32% (plus or minus 12%). However, they are learning that summer loads may have more impact than originally thought. They also spent a lot of time on their current Shallow Run demonstration project, where they hope to get 70+% adoption of no-till, cover crops, and subsurface P placement in that subwatershed and compare that to the neighboring Potato Run subwatershed as the control. The last few years they have been collecting baseline data and now are in process of getting the land enrolled in H2Ohio. This special project will give those landowners involved an additional incentive on top of the H2Ohio incentive rates.

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.
The Monthly Park Raffle Winners for September are as follows:

\$50 – Josh & Maria Schmitz	\$30 – Nick & Amy Pierron
\$25 – Greg & Jennifer Koesters	\$25 – Bill & Jean Garman
8. **Marion Local Schools** – Marion Local Schools received a 5-star rating and ranked 1st 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.

Mark Hardesty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 a.m. Lisa Buschur seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. The next MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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