



### **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 March meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Building.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Jean Bender presented the financial report. The report for the month ending February 28, 2025, is as follows:

#### **Total Cash Balance: \$353,979**

<i>Cash Summaries</i>		<i>Organization Fund Summaries</i>	
Checking	\$309,725	Recreation Fund	\$30,050
CD's	\$17,334	General Fund – MCDO	\$36,749
Savings	\$26,919	Marion Soccer	\$9,725
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$353,979</b>	Girls' Softball	\$11,142
		ML FFA	\$30,634
		ML FFA Pork Producers	\$26,107
		Boys Baseball	\$49,809
		Ag Ed Boosters	\$32,059
		Ag Ed Scholarship	\$1,500
		ML Bowling	\$159
		Marion Industrial Park Association	\$22,714
		Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,118
		Multi-Use Path	\$64,101
		Fundamental League	\$6,928
		Girls Youth Basketball	\$1,373
		Boys Youth Basketball	\$2,702
		Carthage Park	\$27,108
		<b>Total Organization Funds</b>	<b>\$353,979</b>

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

February 17: John & Irene Bruns

February 24: Jerry & Eileen Bohman

March 3: Brad & Angie Knapke

March 10: Mark & Michelle Ashman

March 17: Jon & Julie Bergman

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

To all of the families and businesses who supported the Marion Community Development Organization in 2024 through your annual membership, thank you! We appreciate your commitment to our community.

MCDO is the umbrella group that helps the facilitation of our community through fund management of various organizations. These include Marion Local FFA, Marion Township Greenway Bike Path, Chapel Hill Preschool, and many youth sports activities in conjunction with the 301 Club. This generates growth for infrastructure and business development, agricultural education for our students, agricultural solutions for farmers, and housing development.

Every membership is invested locally, for the benefit of all current and future residents and generations! The 2025 membership drive is underway, please see a link to the membership form on this email or on page 3. We would appreciate your support in 2025!

## **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, [villageofosgood@hotmail.com](mailto:villageofosgood@hotmail.com)

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

Mercer Health is excited to now offer Vascular Screening. This screening is considered a patient-authorized, direct access test, meaning an order or referral is not required. But an appointment must be made by calling 419-678-5112. Vascular Screenings test vascular function to help detect early warning signs of vascular issues like stroke, peripheral artery disease, and abdominal aortic aneurysm. They can also help those at risk of heart attack. The greatest benefit of a vascular screening is its ability to detect health issues that haven't yet shown symptoms.

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

The FFA chapter has been busy! We just held our annual FFA Banquet last Tuesday at the Knights Hall. Students were recognized for activities, accomplishments, we sold pies to help send students to FFA Camp this summer, and the new officers were installed. We are extremely grateful for the support of parents, administrators, and boosters as well as anyone who donated to the pie auction.

Students have been competing in livestock judging invitationals and are preparing for state contests. The State Dairy Evaluation and Handlers contest will be March 26th at the Spring Dairy Expo.

The Marion Local FFA Chapter also earned a silver rating on their National Chapter application, an honor reserved for the top 15% of FFA Chapters in the state of Ohio. The application assesses activities conducted throughout





Marion Community Development Organization  
Box 65  
Marion, OH 45860-0065