



**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 November meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on November 14, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Building.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

The Financial Report was presented by Jean Bender. The month ended October 31, 2024 financial report is as follows:

**Total Cash Balance: \$317,348**

<i>Cash Summaries</i>	
Checking	\$282,958
CD's	\$17,176
Savings	\$17,214
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$317,348</b>

<i>Organization Fund Summaries</i>	
Recreation Fund	\$19,144
General Fund – MCDO	\$34,623
Marion Soccer	\$10,604
Girls' Softball	\$8,331
ML FFA	\$29,600
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$26,327
Boys Baseball	\$42,801
Ag Ed Boosters	\$32,218
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$279
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$22,819
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,124
Multi-Use Path	\$57,484
Fundamental League	\$7,566
Girls Youth Basketball	\$625
Boys Youth Basketball	\$4,852
Carthageana Park	\$16,954
<b>Total Organization Funds</b>	<b>\$317,348</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

- |                                      |                                 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| October 14: Matt & Angie Schoenlein  | October 21: Kyle & Kendra Seitz |
| October 28: Bob & Patsy Unrast       | November 4: Dave & Jenny Albers |
| November 11: Scott & Kristina Kremer |                                 |

## **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. The MCDO membership drive will be starting in January.

## **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 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.

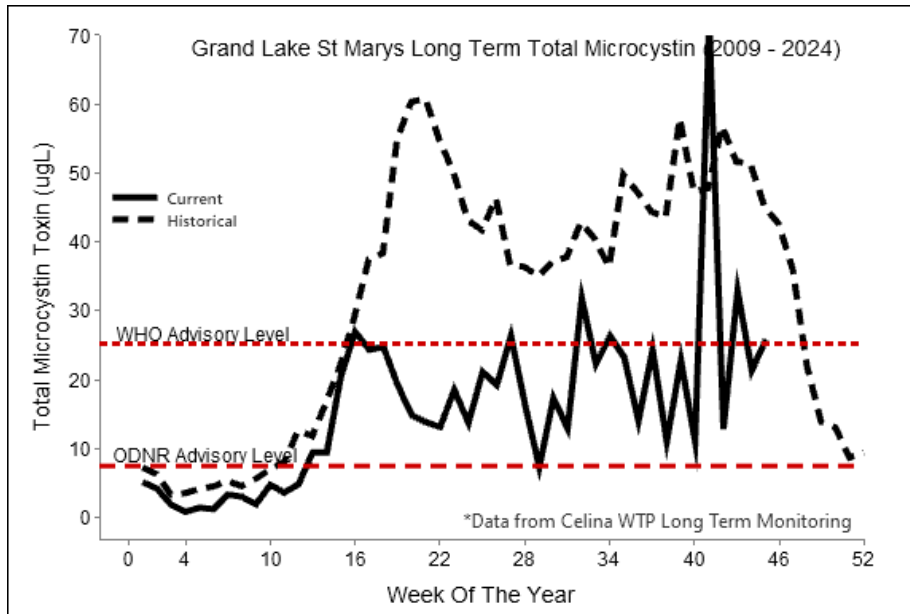
## **5. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT:** *Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty*

Mark Hardesty provided an update on the FFA and Ag Solutions. We had 17 members attend the National FFA Convention. These students took tours of Beck's Hybrids, Reproductive Specialty Group, and Apache Sprayers. They also listened to Temple Grandin during the 4th session of the convention. The Chapter is bracing for award season where students will apply for State and American degrees, among other award areas. The next FFA meeting is November 18th at 7pm. Three alumni from the program will come to that meeting to do an activity with our members.

Ag Solutions projects are wrapping up for the year. We are seeding and planting trees currently at a couple of sites. I hope to have an event next summer to unveil some of these new projects and “officially” open them to the public.

Work has begun on a new two-stage ditch near the Mercer/Auglaize County Line, and the one we completed over the summer is doing some final soil spreading and leveling. They are working on the design of another and about to submit a grant for another ditch project.

Lake level is low, about 13.5 inches below normal pool. Attached is the most recent microcystin toxin update.



**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 – Will Winner  | \$30 – Chad & Jill Prenger      |
| \$25 – Gary Mescher | \$25 – Doug & Michelle Hartings |

8. **Marion Local Schools** – The Early Site Package was approved at a special Board meeting Friday morning. We will likely see equipment moving onsite the week of Thanksgiving and will start moving dirt the first week of December.

Bob Unrast made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 a.m. Mark Hardesty seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. The next MCDO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

**Board of Directors**

Ted Bertke, President	419-852-1072
Deb Otte, Secretary	419-305-4014
Jean Bender, Treasurer	419-925-4254
Deb Otte, Coordinator	419-305-4014

**Committee Chairpersons**

Agricultural Development:	Mark Hardesty, DVM 419-925-4212
Business Retention & Dev.:	Jill Nagel 419-925-9101
Health, Safety & Education:	Lisa Buschur 419-305-0858
Housing:	Bob Unrast 419-925-4151
Infrastructure:	Nick Moeller 619-884-9958
Membership:	Allison Moeller 567-644-5207
Recreation:	Luke Bertke 419-953-6114



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