



## **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 August meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on August 7th, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Building.

## **TREASURER REPORT:**

Deb Otte presented the financial report. The report for the month ending July 31, 2025, is as follows:

### **Total Cash Balance: \$312,631**

| <i>Cash Summaries</i> |                  | <i>Organization Fund Summaries</i> |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Checking              | \$272,966        | Recreation Fund                    | \$24,431         |
| CD's                  | \$17,591         | General Fund – MCDO                | \$35,933         |
| Savings               | \$22,073         | Marion Soccer                      | \$17,133         |
| <b>Total Cash</b>     | <b>\$312,631</b> | Girls' Softball                    | \$4,560          |
|                       |                  | ML FFA                             | \$22,556         |
|                       |                  | ML FFA Pork Producers              | \$7,852          |
|                       |                  | Boys Baseball                      | \$42,225         |
|                       |                  | Ag Ed Boosters                     | \$31,285         |
|                       |                  | Ag Ed Scholarship                  | \$1,500          |
|                       |                  | ML Bowling                         | \$646            |
|                       |                  | Marion Industrial Park Association | \$22,714         |
|                       |                  | Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund      | \$798            |
|                       |                  | Multi-Use Path                     | \$65,647         |
|                       |                  | Fundamental League                 | \$8,838          |
|                       |                  | Girls Youth Basketball             | \$2,373          |
|                       |                  | Boys Youth Basketball              | \$4,202          |
|                       |                  | Carthage Park                      | \$19,938         |
|                       |                  | <b>Total Organization Funds</b>    | <b>\$312,631</b> |

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

|                                   |                                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| June 16: Josh & Kelly Cline       | June 23: Curtis & Stefanie Moeller |
| June 30: Mark & Tracy Mescher     | July 7: Kyle & Kendra Seitz        |
| July 14: Jesse & Diane Alexander  | July 21: Justin & Janelle Jones    |
| July 28: Greg & Jennifer Koesters | August 4: Kyle & Abby Moeller      |

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

There is still time to renew your membership or become a new member for 2025! Every membership is invested locally, for the benefit of all current and future residents and generations. To all of the families and businesses who supported the Marion Community Development for 2025, thank you! We appreciate your support!

## **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*

With the kids going back to school, be mindful of kids walking and biking. Also be watchful for slow moving vehicles with harvest around the corner.

Take charge of your heart health with Mercer Health's Heart Score CT scans. Heart disease often progresses silently, but early detection can make all the difference. This advanced, non-invasive Heart Score CT scan provides a personalized "score" to help assess your risk and guide proactive care. Tests are available at Mercer Country Community Hospital in Coldwater. This scan is self-pay, no provider order required, and cost \$80. Call 419-678-5112 to schedule.

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

The FFA chapter held their summer picnic at Marion Township Park in July. It was well attended and enjoyed by all who came.

The Marion Local FFA Chapter worked with the St. Henry FFA chapter to once again run the Pork Stand at the fair. Congratulations also to the many FFA members who entered projects at the fair.

The LIA held a wetland tour for directors of ODA, EPA and ODNR in July. Top officials toured the wetlands to see the work that is being done. To learn more about the Lake Improvement Association, please visit the website below:

[Home - Lake Improvement Association](#)

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

If anyone is interested in joining the MCDO Board in any capacity, please contact Deb Otte at [admin@marioncommunities.com](mailto:admin@marioncommunities.com).

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

1. **Carthage Park Report** – To reserve the park please 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 AJ Homan at 419-733-1171.
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 July and August are as follows:

|         |                               |                              |
|---------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| July:   | \$50 – Dan & Mary Jo Hess     | \$30 – Art & Joyce Moeller   |
|         | \$25 – Kevin & Sandy Hartings | \$25 – Brian Dwenger         |
| August: | \$50 – Jon & Julie Bergman    | \$30 – Jay & Joyce Huber     |
|         | \$25 – Jason & Becky Ranly    | \$25 – Dennis & Mary Wuebker |

8. **Marion Local Schools** – The Marion Local Schools is excited to start a new school year. Wishing health, safety and luck to all students, parents and staff for the upcoming year!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am. The next MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 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        |



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