



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 February meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on February 13th, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Building.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Deb Otte presented the financial report. The report for the month ended January 31, 2024, is as follows:

Total Cash Balance: \$339,659

<i>Cash Summaries</i>	
Checking	\$295,419
CD's	\$17,320
Savings	\$26,919
Total Cash	<u>\$339,659</u>

<i>Organization Fund Summaries</i>	
Recreation Fund	\$30,781
General Fund – MCDO	\$35,429
Marion Soccer	\$9,725
Girls' Softball	\$4,584
ML FFA	\$22,676
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$26,607
Boys Baseball	\$50,727
Ag Ed Boosters	\$32,059
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$1,500
ML Bowling	\$275
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$22,714
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,118
Multi-Use Path	\$63,851
Fundamental League	\$6,928
Girls Youth Basketball	\$1,273
Boys Youth Basketball	\$2,702
Carthage Park	\$26,710
Total Organization Funds	<u>\$339,659</u>

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

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| January 13: Howard & Marlene Bruggeman | January 20: Sam & Sandy Hartke |
| January 27: Ted & Nancee Homan | February 3: Scott & Linda Tangeman |
| February 10: Matt & Mindy Muhlenkamp | |

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

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

NOTICE: Visitor restrictions are now in effect at Mercer Health hospital due to an increase in respiratory illnesses within the community. Adult patients are allowed to have one visitor at a time. No visitors under the age of 14, except siblings visiting in the Childbirth Center. If you are exhibiting signs of cold or flu symptoms (e.g. fever, cough, sore throat) and are not seeking treatment, we kindly ask that you do not visit. To ensure the health and safety of patients, their families, and staff, these restrictions are in effect until further notice.

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

The FFA chapter is celebrating National FFA Week from February 18th - February 21st with various events such as a Tractor Drive-in, theme days, the Community Breakfast and more! On February 20th, the Marion Local Ag Sales team will compete at the district 5 contest in Covington. Other contests such as Dairy Evaluation, General Livestock, and Ag Mech Skills are also being prepared for. The Ag Boosters had a successful event with the Marion Young Farmers featuring speakers from Homan Inc and Farm Credit to discuss beef and hog operations.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Bob Unrast made a motion to sponsor the 2025 FlyerGate that was seconded by Mark Hardesty. The motion passed.

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 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 December are as follows:

\$50 – Art & Joyce Moeller	\$30 – Kurt Heitkamp
\$25 – Todd & Carla Fleck	\$25 – Ken & Karen Broering

8. **Marion Local Schools** – All of the bids are in, and vendors will be selected and notified soon. Once the ground thaws, progress can continue on the waterline and new addition. The community can follow along on the Marion Local Schools website www.marionlocal.org/constructionproject.

Mark Hardesty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 a.m. Bob Unrast seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. The next MCDO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 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
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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

2025 MCDO Membership Form

2 Membership Form Options:

- Complete the online form at <http://marioncommunities.com>.
- Complete and mail the membership form below.

MCDO Membership Business \$60 / Family \$15			
Name:			
Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
Email:			
Phone:		Date:	

3 Payment Options:

- Please make checks payable to: Marion Community Development Organization
 - Please send remittance to: MCDO - PO Box 65 - Maria Stein, OH 45860
- Pay by Venmo - Username: @MarionCommunity-DevelopmentOrg
 - (Please include "MCDO Membership" in Description)
- Pay by Paypal: paypal.me/marioncommdeveloporg

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