



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 16th, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Building.

TREASURER REPORT:

Deb Otte presented the financial report. Bob Unrast made a motion to accept the financial report, and Lisa Buschur seconded it. The motion passed. The report for the month ending August 30, 2025, is as follows:

Total Cash Balance: \$361,764

Cash Summaries	
Checking	\$316,253
CD's	\$22,019
Savings	\$23,492
Total Cash	\$361,764

Organization Fund Summaries	
Recreation Fund	\$23,949
General Fund – MCDO	\$36,774
Marion Soccer	\$17,804
Girls' Softball	\$9,455
ML FFA	\$22,556
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$40,044
Boys Baseball	\$44,585
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	\$74,903
Fundamental League	\$8,238
Girls Youth Basketball	\$2,373
Boys Youth Basketball	\$4,202
Carthage Park	\$19,938
Total Organization Funds	\$361,764

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. RECREATION COMMITTEE: Committee Chairperson – Doug Bender

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

August 11: Tim & Joyce Moeller

August 25: Jarren & Brook Griesdorn

September 8: Jay & Karen Homan

August 18: Cory Homan

September 1: John Spoltman

September 15: Dan & Lisa Homan

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

Thank you to everyone who renewed their 2025 Memberships. We appreciate your continued support for the MCDO organization and our communities. We are in the process of trying something new for the business memberships in 2026. We would like to use monthly minutes as an opportunity to spotlight our business members. Our plan is to send out a questionnaire to each business. If you would like to be spotlighted in the monthly minutes, please fill out and return. Businesses will be drawn at random to start being spotlighted 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

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

Mark your calendars! Mercer Health's 2025 Drive-Up Flu Shot Clinics are coming Monday, October 6th across all local communities. In Maria Stein, it will be held at the Mercer Health Marion Campus from 10am-12pm and 1pm-4pm. Appointments are required. Marion Campus number is (419) 925-7177. Call today to reserve your spot.

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

The FFA chapter is going to be busy in the coming weeks with members competing in soil and job interview contests, the September FFA meeting and preparation for the National FFA Convention. The chapter will also be providing a petting zoo at the Heritage Days Festival this Sunday, September 21st from noon-4 pm. We hope to see you there!

The Marion Local Ag Boosters had their first meeting of the school year on September 17th at Elsass Vineyards and School House in Anna, OH. Matt Elsass gave a vineyard tour and talked about vineyard management. At the meeting, the Ag Boosters discussed the new facility, including options for designs outside of the classrooms. Special programming was also discussed for the upcoming Ag Booster meetings. The next ML Ag Booster meeting will be on October 20th in the High School Ag Room.

In notes from the LIA meeting. Grand Lake is currently 5 inches below normal pool with only .4 inches of rain in August. The new playgrounds are to be installed by spring.

OTHER BUSINESS:

If anyone is interested in joining the MCDO Board in any capacity, please contact Deb Otte at 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.

The Monthly Park Raffle Winners for September are as follows:

\$50 – Dale Schulze

\$30 – Brian Seitz

\$25 – Bob Will

\$25 – Tony & Linda Broering

8. **Marion Local Schools** – The Marion Local school year is off to a great start! Congratulations to the district on receiving a 5 Star rating on the state report card and on placing 3rd in the state on the Performance Index scores. Please feel free to follow along with the school construction progress on the website [Construction Project](#).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am with a motion from Allison Moeller and a 2nd from Bob Unrast. The next MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21st, 2025, at 7:30 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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