



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 13th, 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>	
Checking	\$309,725
CD's	\$17,334
Savings	\$26,919
Total Cash	<u>\$353,979</u>

<i>Organization Fund Summaries</i>	
Recreation Fund	\$30,050
General Fund – MCDO	\$36,749
Marion Soccer	\$9,725
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
Carthageana Park	\$27,108
Total Organization Funds	<u>\$353,979</u>

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

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| 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

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

the year in various categories and requires members set goals, report outcomes, and describe the impact of the activity.

OTHER BUSINESS:

No new business to report

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 February are as follows:

\$50 – Wes Everman	\$30 – Jason & Abby Bruns
\$25 – Mike & Renee Bertke	\$25 – Jay & Sharon Thobe
8. **Marion Local Schools** –The last couple of weeks, the weather has not cooperated with preparing the building pad, but we are still in a good position in regards to our overall timeline. We are continuing our plan to add geopiers in areas with unsuitable soil. The waterline project has progressed to the pump house. The community can follow along on the Marion Local Schools website www.marionlocal.org/constructionproject.

Lisa Buschur made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 a.m. Mark Hardesty seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. The next MCDO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10th, 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
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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
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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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