



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, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Building. Meeting minutes that include updates not covered at the meeting were approved as discussed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The month ended October 31, 2023 Treasurer's report was given by Shannon Everman. Bob Unrast moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Dippold seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS     \$315,166**

*Asset Allocations*

Checking	\$284,934
CD's	\$16,831
Savings	\$13,401
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$315,166</b>

*Funding Allocations*

Recreation Fund	\$15,865
General Fund – MCDO	\$38,437
Marion Soccer	\$17,825
Girls' Softball	\$6,719
ML FFA	\$34,792
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$26,153
Boys Baseball	\$19,141
Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,345
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$1,538
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$17,711
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,254
Multi-Use Path	\$73,042
Fundamental League	\$8,128
Youth Basketball	\$2,692
Carthage Park	\$18,524
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$315,166</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Luke Bertke*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

October 16:	Jordan Brunswick	November 6:	Alan & Nancy Winner
October 23:	Dustin Rethman	November 13:	Luke & Roni Bertke
October 30:	Carl & Linda Koenig		

**MARION TOWNSHIP PARK**

*Committee Chairperson – Lee Heitkamp*

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 November are:

- \$50 – Jean Thobe
- \$30 – Keith & Renee Pohlmann
- \$25 – John & Linda Huelsman
- \$25 – Amy Grieshop

**MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold*

Thank you to all who have supported the MCDO in 2023! Memberships help facilitate growth in the community with projects like the expansion of the industrial park and facilitate youth sports. Please contact Bob Dippold (419) 305-0128 or Shannon Everman (419) 925-5707 or email to: [admin@marioncommunities.com](mailto:admin@marioncommunities.com) if you have any questions about the status of your membership. The 2024 membership forms will be sent out in late December.

**HEALTH, SAFETY, & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Lisa Buschur*



*Monday, December 11th*

**4:00 p.m. • RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**  
**4:30-6:30 p.m. • OPEN HOUSE & TOURS**



**GRAND  
OPENING**



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**Monday, December 11th, 2023**  
Marion Campus • 8106 Booster Drive, Maria Stein  
**4:00 pm • Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**  
**4:30 – 6:30 p.m. • Open House and Tours**

**Marion Industrial Park  
Open House**  
Monday, December 11th  
Multiple locations • Hours may vary

Businesses throughout the Marion Industrial Park will be opening their doors for a shop local event, just in time for the Holiday season.

**Join in the celebration and support your local community.**



More information about Marion Campus, including available services and providers, is available at [www.mercer-health.com](http://www.mercer-health.com).

## 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.

Heitkamp Developers has Lot number 7 on 8039 Lincoln Ave. in Marion Acres for sale. Please contact Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307 for more information.

RCS Construction has 2 lots, 1841 and 1857 Washington Ave., available for sale and new home construction. For information on all lots available for sale in Marion Acres, please contact Randy Bruns at 419-305-1869.

Dan Jutte started land development off Jackson Street. Please contact him at 419-733-0053 for more information on available lots.

## AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

*Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty*

Matt Elsass and Mark Hardesty provided an update on the FFA and Ag Boosters. The FFA Chapter attended the National FFA Convention November 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> with the New Bremen FFA Chapter. The group explored the Career and College Expo and toured Winners' Meats, Dougherty Orchards, and Garfield Conservatory. Students also attended sessions where National Awards were given and National FFA officers gave their retiring addresses. The Marion Local FFA Chapter received the National 3-Star Chapter Award at the convention.

FFA members Troy Moeller, Emily Schlater, Kelsey Bergman, and Joe Kunk competed in the District 5 job interview contest. Emily Schlater finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in her division, narrowly missing advancement to the State Contest.

FFA Cheese Sales have ended, and the cheese will be delivered in early December.

24 FFA members will be attending the Coldwater State Leadership Night on November 14<sup>th</sup> and the next FFA meeting is on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in the Marion Local Ag Room.

<b>OTHER BUSINESS:</b>
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The MCDO is still working on quotes and designs for the Welcome to Marion Communities signs in the community.

<b>VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS:</b>
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**Carthagena Park Report** – For information on renting the shelter house, call Nancy Koesters at 419-925-5192.

**Chickasaw** – No new information to report.

**Chickasaw Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters (both the VFW and Ball Diamond), contact Jay Schwieterman at 419-733-6811.

**Osgood** – No new information to report.

**Osgood Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters, call Nick Beasley at 937-621-7718.

**Marion Township** – No new information to report.

**Marion Township Park Board** – For information or concerns about the park, call Ryan Stucke 419-852-5088.

**Marion Local Schools** – No additional information to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m., with a motion from Mark Hardesty and seconded by Lisa Buschur. The next MCDO meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building. Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

**Board of Directors**

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