



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 June meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on June 10, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Building.

TREASURER REPORT:

Jean Bender presented the financial report. The report for the month ending May 31, 2025, is as follows:

Total Cash Balance: \$291,667

Cash Summaries		Organization Fund Summaries	
Checking	\$263,267	Recreation Fund	\$13,841
CD's	\$17,479	General Fund – MCDO	\$36,217
Savings	\$10,921	Marion Soccer	\$13,141
Total Cash	\$291,667	Girls' Softball	\$4,193
		ML FFA	\$30,888
		ML FFA Pork Producers	\$9,807
		Boys Baseball	\$29,437
		Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,345
		Ag Ed Scholarship	\$1,500
		ML Bowling	\$646
		Marion Industrial Park Association	\$22,714
		Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$798
		Multi-Use Path	\$63,324
		Fundamental League	\$8,803
		Girls Youth Basketball	\$2,373
		Boys Youth Basketball	\$4,202
		Carthage Park	\$18,438
		Total Organization Funds	\$291,667

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. RECREATION COMMITTEE: Committee Chairperson – Luke Bertke

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

May 12: Kevin & Brenda Nagel

May 19: Sam Thobe

May 26: Brian & Kylee Seitz

June 2: Mark Griesdorn

June 9: Ron & Rose Lochtefeld

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. Every membership is invested locally, for the benefit of all current and future residents and generations! There is still time to renew your membership or become a new member for 2025. Please see a link to the membership form on this email. 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 the 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*

As the weather outside gets nice, please be mindful and watch out for kids, bicycles, walkers crossing the area roads, especially near school and parks.

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 Marion Local FFA and Marion Local Ag Boosters will be having a joint cookout on July 20th at the Marion Township Park, starting at noon, with an FFA meeting to follow around 12:30 pm. There will be 4 door prizes for those in attendance. The Marion Local FFA in conjunction with the St. Henry FFA will be operating the pork stand again this year at the Mercer County Fair. Be sure to come and get a meal!

The LIA will be holding a Wetland tour on Saturday, July 19th. The tour will include lunch and a wildflower and plant identification activity with a prize at the end if completed. For more information go to: [Wetland Tour - Lake Improvement Association](#)

Also, check out the [Grand Lake Trails](#) website for more information on the many scenic trails around the lake that anyone can explore.

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 are as follows:

\$50 – Darrin & Kim Poeppelman

\$30 – Todd & Angie Francis

\$25 – Mike & Kathy Broering

\$25 – Marcus & Allison Moeller

8. Marion Local Schools –

There was a \$3M transfer to the Capital Projects Fund in June, which aligns with the Capital Improvement Plan at Marion Local. This is a 5-year estimate of potential large cost items. Items that are usually on a capital plan include, but are not limited to, roofs, parking lots, chillers, HVAC units, renovations, upgrades, buses, etc. The delegated funds will enable the school to cover the costs of unexpected projects while keeping the general fund expenses relatively steady year over year.

The next MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19th, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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