

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 April meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on Friday, April 17th, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. at the Marion Township Building.

TREASURER REPORT:

Jean Bender presented the financial report. The report for the month ending March 31, 2026, is as follows:

Total Cash Balance: $348,103

Cash Summaries	
Checking	$293,157
CD's	$22,559
Savings	$32,387
Total Cash	**$348,103**

Organization Fund Summaries	
Recreation Fund	$35,199
General Fund – MCDO	$34,924
Marion Soccer	$11,485
Girls' Softball	$18,497
ML FFA	$26,958
ML FFA Pork Producers	$9,452
Boys Baseball	$51,221
Ag Ed Boosters	$30,974
Ag Ed Scholarship	$1,500
ML Bowling	$959
Marion Industrial Park Association	$28,613
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	$794
Multi-Use Path	$65,508
Fundamental League	$4,898
Girls Youth Basketball	$2,921
Boys Youth Basketball	$4,382
Carthagena Park	$19,719
Total Organization Funds	**$348,103**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **RECREATION COMMITTEE:** *Committee Chairperson – Doug Bender*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

March 23rd: Steve & Julie Winner
March 30th: Jason & Abby Bruns
April 6th: Tony & Linda Broering
April 13th: Bill & Donna Elking

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

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 2026 membership drive is underway, please see a link to the membership form on this email or on page 4. We would appreciate your support in 2026!

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 includes 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 has residential lots and a commercial lot for sale through Arling Real Estate. This development is on the west end of town off State Route 705 and Mendenhall Road to the north of OPPAC and Osgood Community Veterans Center. Please contact Brandon Arling at 567-644-4851 for details.

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



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

The Marion Local FFA chapter is preparing to attend the State FFA Convention on April 30th and May 1st. Students Jenna Broering, Megan Homan, Aaron Albers and Alayna Birt will be earning their State Degrees. Megan Homan, Wyatt Fleck, and Jenna Broering will also be recognized for earning a gold rating on their officer books. Additionally,

Megan Homan and Michaela Osterholt will be performing with the FFA Band on Friday, May 1st. The chapter completed its township trash pick-up earlier this month with 23 members participating.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Jean Bender has decided to retire as MCDO Treasurer after 25 years of service to the organization. Wes Everman will be the new MCDO Treasurer. We thank Jean for her many years of service and wish her the best! We welcome Wes to the board!
- Steve Homan spoke to the board about his Ag Safety Awareness organization he started. He asked us to take the funds under the MCDO umbrella. The board approved.
- MCDO will be hosting CPR classes free of charge for its members on May 26th. Please stay tuned for more information and how to register.
- Starting a calendar for community events was discussed. This is being looked into and will be discussed further at next meeting. If you have any thoughts on how this should look, please reach out to Deb Otte.
- 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. **Carthagena 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 – Jay & Joyce Huber
   $30 – Dennis & Sharon Kremer
   $25 – Dan & Tori Liette
   $25 – Kyle Unrast

8. **Marion Local Schools –**The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce has recently awarded Marion Local Schools the 5 Star Award for academic achievement and performance! Construction continues on the exterior thanks to the favorable weather and you can see this progress driving by! The painters have been working very hard to complete the gymnasium painting since the flooring arrives on April 22nd and the hallways, locker rooms, and central office all have a coat of paint as well. It is exciting to see progress towards the final product!

Mark Hardesty made a motion to adjourn and Lisa Buschur 2nd it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am. The next MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

Board of Directors

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Membership:	Allison Moeller 567-644-5207
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2026 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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