

Achievements 2015-2016

- ❖ Facilitated local-manufacturer relationships with Center of Workforce Innovations and Ivy Tech Corporate College, partnered with Ivy Tech to provide soft-skills training for local employers, and coordinated meetings of the Pulaski County manufacturers' group.
- ❖ Assisted Galbreath (a Wastequip company) in obtaining a small tax abatement to assist in the acquisition of new equipment that would help to increase production.
- ❖ Nominated local industrialist Don Galbreath for membership in the Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana. Mr. Galbreath was not only inducted, but recognized as a Fellow of the Society for his innovative work in the waste-equipment-handling industry.
- ❖ Coordinated efforts to establish a Pulaski County human-resources group.
- ❖ Provided staffing and coordination for the Pulaski County Hometown Collaboration Initiative committee, which proposed a countywide bicycle-network project as its capstone and has called for the development of tourism plan and the establishment of a tourism advisory committee, projects that will be undertaken by PCED staff.
- ❖ Managed the Pulaski County Revolving Loan Fund, including the issuance of one new loan, the early payoffs of two loans, and the improvement of administrative guidelines to ensure greater risk protection.
- ❖ Director served on the Loan Approval Committee of the Regional Development Company (RDC), an SBA-504 small-business lender. This role not only exposes staff to business-growth financials, but also strengthens the connection between the RDC and potential local borrowers. Connected an RLF borrower with the RDC for a successful loan.
- ❖ Coordinated a student-business-plan competition in classes taught by Brandon Burgess at Winamac Community High School. Long-term plans are to expand the program beyond Mr. Burgess's classroom and to West Central High School.
- ❖ Sponsored an Indiana Small Business Development Center business-plan workshop.
- ❖ Director visited multiple high-school and middle-school classes, participated at one middle-school function, and served on the board of directors for Junior Achievement Serving Pulaski County. Project coordinator visited Eastern Pulaski Elementary School for series of programs for JA.
- ❖ Partnered with Purdue Extension – Pulaski County to establish Leadership Pulaski County, a program designed to educate and to cultivate local civic leaders.

- ❖ Continued public-relations efforts through a quarterly newsletter, increased social-media presence, and the CDC coffee hour.
- ❖ Participated in five-county Rural and Rustic Tourism Group, contributing to a new Website for the region.
- ❖ Director served as secretary of the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce.
- ❖ Director served as staff to the Pulaski County Advisory Commission on Industrial Affairs, which oversaw the sale of land to the Town of Winamac.
- ❖ Director served as advisor to the Advisory Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, coordinating efforts to develop and to have adopted a new Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance.
- ❖ Director served on Winamac Parkway Committee.
- ❖ Director served on steering committee for new Winamac Main Street organization.
- ❖ Spearheaded efforts to establish the Pulaski County Farmers' Market.
- ❖ Project Coordinator served as Pulaski County coordinator for Indiana Bicentennial celebrations.
- ❖ To promote regional cooperation and growth, director participated in the Indiana Technology's Corridor economic-development group and the Northwest Indiana Forum's Economic Development Committee, and served as a secretary of the Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission.
- ❖ Director served on Pulaski County Safety Committee.