

Achievements 2017-2018

- ❖ Continued to facilitate local-manufacturer relationships with Center of Workforce Innovations and Ivy Tech Corporate College, coordinated meetings of the Pulaski County Industrial Forum, partnered with all of the above to offer first-in-the-nation NIMS electrical-duty training to incumbent workers as part of the Northwest Indiana Manufacturers' Consortium Skill Up grant implementation, and collaborated with local schools and employers to host National Manufacturing Day activities.
- ❖ Continue to provide support and coordination for the Pulaski County Repair and Maintenance Technology (RAM-Tech) vocational education program at West Central High School.
- ❖ Assisted a local manufacturer in obtaining a tax abatement on new equipment that led to a 35-percent increase in the company's workforce.
- ❖ Coordinated meetings of the Pulaski County Human Resource Group and developed countywide, cross-sector compensation survey project.
- ❖ Held first-ever CDC farmers' breakfast to improve relations with agriculture sector and to expand agricultural economic-development possibilities.
- ❖ Project Coordinator served as staff/market master for the Pulaski County Farmers' Market.
- ❖ Participated in five-county Rural and Rustic Tourism Group.
- ❖ Coordinated meetings of the Pulaski County Tourism Advisory Council and expanded tourism-promotion activities for Pulaski County
- ❖ Provided staffing for implementation of the Pulaski County Hometown Collaboration Initiative capstone project, working toward final roll-out of the Pulaski County Bike Route Network.
- ❖ Director served on Tippecanoe River State Park Access Committee, working to extend the Panhandle Pathway to the state park.
- ❖ Coordinated meetings of local community-development and business-promotion organizations to improve collaboration and coordination, to eradicate redundancy, and to encourage cooperation to strengthen efforts across the county.
- ❖ Director served as secretary and economic-vitality chair for the Wander Our Winamac! Main Street organization and on the steering and economic-vitality committees for the UpTown Project, Francesville's Main Street organization.

- ❖ Assisted Town of Winamac in reviving the Winamac Economic Development Commission, which will serve in a tax-abatement advisory role, issue economic-development bonds as requested, and provide support to development projects as appropriate.
- ❖ Managed the Pulaski County Revolving Loan Fund, including the issuance of one new loan and updates to program guidelines.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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; spoke to a business-management class at Winamac Community High School; and participated in Extension's Reality Store at West Central Middle School.
- ❖ Project Coordinator served as mentor to elementary-school students.
- ❖ Continued public-relations efforts through a quarterly newsletter and increased social-media presence.
- ❖ Director served on Pulaski County Transportation Plan Committee.
- ❖ Director served as advisor to the Advisory Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, coordinating efforts to update the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and Rules of Procedure.
- ❖ To promote regional cooperation and growth, director participated on the Northwest Indiana Forum's Economic Development Committee, served as a secretary of the Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission, and participated with the Region 1 Works Council.