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Quarterly Report Under Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

For the quarterly period ended **March 31, 2004**,

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 0-26128

**NorthWest Indiana Bancorp**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Indiana**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**35-1927981**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**9204 Columbia Avenue**  
**Munster, Indiana**  
(Address of principal executive office)

**46321**  
(Zip code)

**(219) 836-4400**

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

There were 2,763,931 shares of the registrant's Common Stock, without par value, outstanding at March 31, 2004.

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NorthWest Indiana Bancorp  
Consolidated Balance Sheets

	March 31, 2004	December 31, 2003
	(unaudited)	
<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and non-interest bearing balances in financial institutions	\$ 16,785	\$ 15,888
Interest bearing balances in financial institutions	9,340	—
Federal funds sold	230	182
Total cash and cash equivalents	26,355	16,070
Securities available-for-sale	63,100	60,806
Securities held-to-maturity; fair value:   March 31, 2004 - \$5,651 December 31, 2003 - \$2,936	5,596	2,927
Loans held for sale	148	75
Loans receivable	412,219	409,808
Less: allowance for loan losses	(3,846)	(3,787)
Net loans receivable	408,373	406,021
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	2,810	2,775
Accrued interest receivable	2,247	2,249
Premises and equipment	14,212	14,419
Other assets	2,762	3,433
Total assets	<u>\$525,603</u>	<u>\$ 508,775</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Deposits:		
Non-interest bearing	\$ 47,963	\$ 41,616
Interest bearing	385,827	380,024
Total	433,790	421,640
Borrowed funds	45,269	40,895
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	4,050	4,686
Total liabilities	483,109	467,221
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' Equity:		
Preferred stock, no par or stated value;		
10,000,000 shares authorized, none outstanding		
Common stock, no par or stated value; 10,000,000 shares authorized;		
shares issued: March 31, 2004 - 2,832,095,		
December 31, 2003 - 2,822,232		
shares outstanding: March 31, 2004 - 2,763,931,		
December 31, 2003 - 2,754,068		
Additional paid in capital	354	353
Accumulated other comprehensive income	3,733	3,567
Retained earnings	698	540
Treasury stock, common shares at cost:   March 31, 2004 - 68,164, December 31, 2003 - 68,164	39,149	38,534
Total stockholders' equity	(1,440)	(1,440)
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$525,603</u>	<u>\$ 508,775</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

NorthWest Indiana Bancorp  
Consolidated Statements of Income  
(unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2004	2003
Interest income:		
Loans receivable		
Real estate loans	\$ 5,332	\$ 5,418
Commercial loans	516	499
Consumer loans	82	103
Total loan interest	5,930	6,020
Securities	606	598
Other interest earning assets	14	19
Total interest income	<u>6,550</u>	<u>6,637</u>
Interest expense:		
Deposits	1,363	1,717
Borrowed funds	348	317
Total interest expense	<u>1,711</u>	<u>2,034</u>
Net interest income	4,839	4,603
Provision for loan losses	60	120
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	<u>4,779</u>	<u>4,483</u>
Noninterest income:		
Fees and service charges	485	435
Gain on sale of loans, net	22	142
Trust operations	140	122
Gain on sale of securities, net	124	45
Loss on sale of foreclosed real estate	—	(4)
Other	3	4
Total noninterest income	<u>774</u>	<u>744</u>
Noninterest expense:		
Compensation and benefits	1,661	1,574
Occupancy and equipment	604	508
Data processing	176	170
Marketing	77	53
Other	771	618
Total noninterest expense	<u>3,289</u>	<u>2,923</u>
Income before income tax expenses	2,264	2,304
Income tax expenses	792	861
Net income	<u>\$ 1,472</u>	<u>\$ 1,443</u>
Earnings per common share:		
Basic	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.53
Diluted	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.52
Dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.30

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

NorthWest Indiana Bancorp  
Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity  
(unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2004	2003
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 41,554	\$ 39,148
Comprehensive income:		
Net income	1,472	1,443
Net unrealized gain/(loss) on securities available-for-sale, net of reclassifications and tax effects	158	(149)
Comprehensive income	1,630	1,294
Issuance of shares of common stock	167	18
Cash dividends	(857)	(822)
Balance at end of period	<u>\$ 42,494</u>	<u>\$ 39,638</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

NorthWest Indiana Bancorp  
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows  
(unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2004	2003
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income	\$ 1,472	\$ 1,443
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Origination of loans for sale	(404)	(4,864)
Sale of loans originated for sale	339	4,904
Depreciation and amortization, net of accretion	294	440
Amortization of mortgage servicing rights	12	26
Amortization of investment in real estate limited partnerships	12	12
Equity in (gain)/loss of investment in limited partnership, net of interest received	7	9
Change in equity of investment in limited liability corporation	41	(7)
Net gains on sale of securities	(124)	(45)
Net gains on sale of loans	(22)	(142)
Net loss on sale of foreclosed real estate	—	4
Provision for loan losses	60	120
Net change in:		
Interest receivable	2	7
Other assets	522	(855)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	(667)	959
Total adjustments	72	568
Net cash from operating activities	1,544	2,011
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Proceeds from maturities and pay downs of securities available-for-sale	5,064	4,470
	3,145	2,051
Proceeds from sales of securities available-for-sale		
Purchase of securities available-for-sale	(10,103)	(11,542)
Proceeds from maturities and pay downs of securities held-to-maturity	3	3,599
Purchase of securities held-to-maturity	(2,675)	—
Purchase of Federal Home Loan Bank stock	(35)	—
Loan participations purchased	—	(220)
Net change in loans receivable	(2,412)	(6,400)
Purchase of premises and equipment, net	(111)	(1,247)
Proceeds from sale of foreclosed real estate	—	37
Net cash from investing activities	(7,124)	(9,252)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Change in deposits	12,150	(3,338)
Proceeds from FHLB advances	7,000	—
Repayment of FHLB advances	(2,000)	—
Change in other borrowed funds	(626)	792
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	167	18
Dividends paid	(826)	(767)
Net cash from financing activities	15,865	(3,295)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	10,285	(10,536)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	16,070	35,200
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 26,355	\$ 24,664
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest	\$ 1,691	\$ 2,044
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL NONCASH INFORMATION:</b>		
None		

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**NorthWest Indiana Bancorp****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements****Note 1 – Basis of Presentation**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of NorthWest Indiana Bancorp (the Bancorp), its wholly-owned subsidiary, Peoples Bank SB (the Bank), and the Bank's wholly-owned subsidiaries, Peoples Service Corporation and NWIN, LLC. The Bancorp has no other business activity other than being a holding company for the Bank. The Bancorp's earnings are dependent upon the earnings of the Bank. The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with instructions for Form 10-Q and, therefore, do not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete presentation of financial statements. In the opinion of management, the consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring accruals) necessary to present fairly the consolidated balance sheets of the Bancorp as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, and the consolidated statements of income and changes in stockholders' equity for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, and cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003. The income reported for the three month period ended March 31, 2004 is not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

**Note 2 – Use of Estimates**

Preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period, as well as the disclosures provided. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates associated with the allowance for loan losses, fair values of financial instruments and status of contingencies are particularly susceptible to material change in the near term.

**Note 3 – Concentrations of Credit Risk**

The Bancorp grants residential, commercial real estate, commercial business and installment loans to customers in its primary market area of Lake County, in northwest Indiana. Substantially all loans are secured by specific items of collateral including residences, business assets and consumer assets.

**Note 4 – Reclassifications**

Certain amounts reported in the December 31, 2003 consolidated financial statements and the March 31, 2003 Form 10-Q have been reclassified to conform to the March 31, 2004 presentation.

**Note 5 – Stock Compensation**

The following proforma information presents net income and basic and diluted earnings per share had the fair value method been used to measure compensation for stock options granted. The exercise price of options granted is equivalent to the market price of the underlying stock at the grant date; therefore, no compensation expense has been recorded for stock options granted.

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2004	2003
Net income as reported	\$ 1,472	\$ 1,443
Proforma net income	1,459	1,398
Reported earnings per common share		
Basic	0.53	0.53
Diluted	0.53	0.52
Proforma earnings per common share		
Basic	0.53	0.52
Diluted	0.52	0.52

**Note 5 – Stock Compensation (continued)**

The weighted average fair value of stock options granted during the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 were \$3.48 and \$1.42. The fair value of options granted during the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 were estimated using an option pricing model with the following weighted average information as of the grant dates:

	2004	2003
Risk free rate of interest	3.28%	3.46%
Expected option life	6-7 years	6-7 years
Expected dividend yield	4.13%	4.40%
Expected volatility	16.5%	10.0%

In future years, as additional options are granted, the proforma effect on net income and earnings per share may increase. Stock options are used to attract and retain the best available personnel, to provide additional incentives for employees and to encourage their continued employment by facilitating employees' purchases of an equity interest in the Bancorp. Options are issued for ten-year periods and have varying vesting schedules. Information about options available for grant and options granted follows:

	Available For Grant	Options Outstanding	Weighted- Average Exercise Price
Balance at December 31, 2003	50,192	121,904	\$ 21.15
Options exercised	—	(7,813)	19.41
Options issued	(11,450)	11,450	30.00
Options forfeited	500	(500)	22.45
Balance at March 31, 2004	<u>39,242</u>	<u>125,041</u>	22.06

At March 31, 2004, options outstanding had a weighted average remaining life of approximately 5 to 6 years. There were 41,129 options exercisable at March 31, 2004 with a weighted-average exercise price of \$19.55.

During the current three month period, pursuant to the Bancorp's Stock Option and Incentive Plan the Options Committee granted the issuance of restricted stock to several employees. During the current quarter, 2,050 restricted shares were issued at a price of \$30.00 per share. As of March 31, 2004, outstanding restricted stock totaled 4,600 shares with a weighted average price of \$27.37. Stock restrictions generally expire upon completion of five years of service after the date of grant.



## Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

### Summary

NorthWest Indiana Bancorp (the Bancorp) is a bank holding company registered with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Peoples Bank SB, an Indiana savings bank, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bancorp. The Bancorp has no other business activity other than being the holding company for the Bank.

At March 31, 2004, the Bancorp had total assets of \$525.6 million and total deposits of \$433.8 million. Stockholders' equity totaled \$42.5 million or 8.1% of total assets, with book value per share at \$15.37. Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2004, was \$1.5 million, or \$0.53 earnings per common share for basic and diluted calculations. The annualized return on average assets (ROA) was 1.15%, while the annualized return on average stockholders' equity (ROE) was 13.95%, for the three months ended March 31, 2004.

### Financial Condition

During the three months ended March 31, 2004, total assets increased by \$16.8 million (3.3%), with interest-earning assets increasing by \$16.9 million (3.5%). At March 31, 2004, interest-earning assets totaled \$493.4 million and represented 93.9% of total assets.

Loans receivable totaled \$412.2 million at March 31, 2004, compared to \$409.8 million at December 31, 2003. At March 31, 2004, loans receivable represented 83.6% of interest-earning assets, 78.5% of total assets and 95.0% of total deposits. The loan portfolio, which is the Bancorp's largest asset, is a significant source of both interest and fee income. The Bancorp's lending strategy stresses quality loan growth, product diversification, and competitive and profitable pricing. The loan portfolio includes \$27.3 million (6.6%) in construction and development loans, \$232.0 million (56.3%) in residential mortgage loans, \$10.1 million (2.5%) in multifamily loans, \$92.8 million (22.5%) in commercial real estate loans, \$5.1 million (1.2%) in consumer loans, \$36.9 million (9.0%) in commercial business and \$8.0 million (1.9%) in government and other loans. Adjustable rate loans comprised 42.3% of total loans at March 31, 2004. During the three months ended March 31, 2004, loans increased by \$2.4 million (0.6%), which included increases in construction & land development, government and commercial business loans. During the three months ended March 31, 2004, loan growth was affected by a decrease in loan originations and an increase in commercial loan payoffs. Management expects to fund future loan growth with retail funds.

The Bancorp is primarily a portfolio lender. Mortgage banking activities are generally limited to the sale of fixed rate mortgage loans with contractual maturities generally exceeding 15 years. These loans are identified as held for sale when originated and sold, on a case-by-case basis, in the secondary market as part of the Bancorp's efforts to manage interest rate risk. The Bancorp retains the servicing on all loans sold in the secondary market. During the three months ended March 31, 2004, the Bancorp sold \$339 thousand in fixed rate mortgages compared to \$4.9 million during the three months ended March 31, 2003. Net gains realized from current year sales totaled \$22 thousand compared to \$142 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2003. The decrease in gain on sale of loans is a result of the current interest rate environment and a reduction of loans originated for sale. Management believes that, during the remaining months of 2004 gains on sale of loans will be less than that reported during the prior year. At March 31, 2004, the Bancorp had \$148 thousand classified as loans held for sale.

The primary objective of the Bancorp's investment portfolio is to provide for the liquidity needs of the Bancorp and to contribute to profitability by providing a stable flow of dependable earnings. Funds are generally invested in federal funds, interest bearing balances in financial institutions, U.S. government securities and federal agency obligations. Investments are generally for terms ranging from one day to seven years. The investment portfolio totaled \$68.7 million at March 31, 2004, compared to \$63.7 million at December 31, 2003. At March 31, 2004, the investment portfolio represented 16.4% of interest-earning assets, 15.4% of total assets and was invested as follows: 63.9% in U.S. government agency debt securities, 27.5% in U.S. government agency mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations, and 8.6% in municipal securities. At March 31, 2004, securities available-for-sale (AFS) totaled \$63.1 million or 91.9% of total securities. AFS securities are those the Bancorp may decide to sell if needed for liquidity, asset-liability management or other reasons. In addition, at March 31, 2004, the Bancorp had \$9.3 million in interest bearing balances in financial institutions, \$230 thousand in federal funds sold, and \$2.8 million in Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) stock. During the three months ended March 31, 2004, securities increased by \$5.0 million (7.8%), while interest bearing balances in financial institutions increase by \$9.3 million. The increase in securities and interest bearing balances in financial institutions was due to growth in deposits and borrowed funds.

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The allowance for loan losses (ALL) is a valuation allowance for probable incurred credit losses, increased by the provision for loan losses, and decreased by charge-offs less recoveries. A loan is charged-off against the allowance by management as a loss when deemed uncollectible, although collection efforts continue and future recoveries may occur.

The determination of the amounts of the ALL and provisions for loan losses is based on management's current judgments about the credit quality of the loan portfolio with consideration given to all known relevant internal and external factors that affect loan collectibility as of the reporting date. The appropriateness of the current year provision and the overall adequacy of the ALL are determined through a disciplined and consistently applied quarterly process that combines a review of the current position with a risk assessment worksheet.

The Risk Assessment Worksheet covers the residential, commercial real estate, commercial business, and consumer loan portfolios. Management uses a risk rating system to assist in determining the appropriate level for the ALL. Management assigns risk factors to non-performing loans; loans that management has internally classified as impaired; loans that management has internally classified as substandard, doubtful, loss, or watch; and, performing loans. Risk factors are based on an evaluation of the Bank's own historical information, industry trends, and subjective assessment and interpretation. While management evaluates the loan portfolio as a pool, judgment is applied to determine risk factors associated with impaired loans and large commercial loans.

Non-performing loans, which include those loans that are 90 days or more past due and those loans that have been placed on non-accrual status, totaled \$1.7 million, at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003. The ratio of non-performing loans to total loans was 0.41% at March 31, 2004, compared to 0.42% at December 31, 2003. The ratio of non-performing loans to total assets was 0.32% at March 31, 2004, compared to 0.34% at December 31, 2003. The March 31, 2004 balance includes \$1.4 million in loans accounted for on a non-accrual basis and \$331 thousand in accruing loans which were contractually past due 90 days or more. Loans, internally classified as substandard totaled \$2.4 million at March 31, 2004, a decrease of \$299 thousand from the \$2.7 million reported at December 31, 2003. No loans were classified as doubtful or loss. Substandard loans include non-performing loans and potential problem loans, where information about possible credit issues or other conditions causes management to question the ability of such borrowers to comply with loan covenants or repayment terms. In addition to identifying and monitoring non-performing and other classified loans, management maintains a list of watch loans. Watch loans represent loans management is more closely monitoring due to one or more factors that may cause the loan to become classified. Watch loans were \$8.5 million at March 31, 2004, an increase of \$229 thousand from the \$8.3 million at December 31, 2003.

At March 31, 2004, the balance for non-performing and substandard loans includes three loans to three borrowers totaling \$602 thousand that have been classified as impaired. Impaired loans are loans where full payment under the loan terms is not expected. There were no other loans considered to be impaired loans as of, or for the three months ended March 31, 2004. There are no loans, except those discussed above, where known information about possible credit problems of borrowers causes management to have serious doubts as to the ability of such borrowers to comply with the present loan repayment terms and which may result in disclosure of such loans as non-accrual, past due or restructured loans. Also, at March 31, 2004, there were no other interest bearing assets that would be required to be disclosed as non-accrual, past due, restructured or potential problems if such assets were loans. Management does not anticipate that any of the non-performing loans or classified loans would materially impact future operations, liquidity or capital resources.

During the three months ended March 31, 2004, additions to the ALL account totaled \$60 thousand compared to \$120 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2003. The decrease during the current year was due to an improvement in non-performing loan ratios and a reduction in loan charge-offs. Charge-offs, net of recoveries, totaled \$1 thousand for the current period compared to \$11 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2003. Changes in the provision are directionally consistent with changes in observable data and take into consideration management's current judgments about the credit quality of the loan portfolio, loan portfolio growth, changes in the portfolio mix and local economic conditions. While the quality of the loan portfolio remains sound, provisions during the current period were warranted because of loan portfolio growth and apparent weaknesses in the local economy.

The ALL to total loans was 0.93% at March 31, 2004, compared to .92% at December 31, 2003, while the ALL to non-performing loans (coverage ratio) was 225.2% compared to 220.3% for the same periods. The March 31, 2004 balance in the ALL account of \$3.8 million is considered adequate by management after evaluation of the loan portfolio, past experience and current economic and market conditions. While management may periodically allocate portions of the allowance for specific problem loans, the whole allowance is available for any loan charge-offs that occur. The allocation of the ALL reflects performance and growth trends within the various loan categories, as well as, consideration of the facts and circumstances that affect the repayment of individual loans, and loans which have been pooled as of the evaluation date, with particular attention given to non-performing loans and loans which have been

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classified as substandard, doubtful or loss. Management has allocated general reserves to both performing and non-performing loans based on current information available.

The Bancorp carried no foreclosed real estate at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003.

Deposits are a fundamental and cost-effective source of funds for lending and other investment purposes. The Bancorp offers a variety of products designed to attract and retain customers, with the primary focus on building and expanding relationships. At March 31, 2004, deposits totaled \$433.8 million. During the three months ended March 31, 2004, deposits increased by \$12.2 million (2.9%). Checking accounts increased by \$4.7 million (5.1%), money market deposit accounts (MMDA's) increased \$2.8 million (4.1%) and savings accounts increased \$2.8 million (4.0%). During the current period, certificates of deposits increased by \$1.8 million (1.0%). At March 31, 2004, the deposit base was comprised of 22.6% checking accounts, 16.4% MMDA's, 16.8% savings accounts and 44.2% certificates of deposit. The growth in deposits was a result of competitive product offerings and an aggressive marketing program.

Borrowings are primarily used to fund asset growth not supported by deposit generation. At March 31, 2004, borrowed funds totaled \$45.3 million compared to \$40.9 million at December 31, 2003, an increase of \$4.4 million (10.7%). Retail repurchase agreements totaled \$12.8 million at March 31, 2004, compared to \$11.5 million at December 31, 2003, an increase of \$1.4 million (12.0%). FHLB advances totaled \$31.5 million at March 31, 2004, compared to \$26.5 million at December 31, 2003, an increase of \$5.0 million, as the Bancorp extended the maturity structure of interest-bearing liabilities at cost effective interest rates. Other short-term borrowings totaled \$943 thousand at March 31, 2004, compared to \$1.4 million at December 31, 2003, a decrease of \$463 thousand as the Bancorp paid down short-term funding.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

For the Bancorp, liquidity management refers to the ability to generate sufficient cash to fund current loan demand, meet deposit withdrawals, and pay dividends and operating expenses. Because the Bancorp is subject to legal reserve requirements under Federal Reserve Regulation D, liquidity is managed to ensure that the Bancorp maintains an adequate level of legal reserves. In addition, liquidity is managed to meet the cash demands of depositors and its loan customers. Because profitability and liquidity are often conflicting objectives, management attempts to maximize the Bancorp's net interest margin by making adequate, but not excessive, liquidity provisions.

Changes in the liquidity position result from operating, investing and financing activities. Cash flows from operating activities are generally the cash effects of transactions and other events that enter into the determination of net income. The primary investing activities include loan originations, loan repayments, investments in interest bearing balances in financial institutions, and the purchase, sale, and maturity of investment securities. Financing activities focus almost entirely on the generation of customer deposits. In addition, the Bancorp utilizes borrowings (i.e., retail repurchase agreements and advances from the FHLB) as a source of funds.

During the three months ended March 31, 2004, cash and cash equivalents increased \$10.3 million compared to a \$10.5 million decrease for the three months ended March 31, 2003. The increase for the current period was principally due to deposit growth and proceeds from FHLB advances. The primary sources of cash were proceeds from maturities and sales of securities, loan sales, deposit growth, FHLB advances and cash provided by operating activities. The primary uses of cash were loan originations, purchase of securities and the payment of common stock dividends. During the current three months cash provided by operating activities totaled \$1.5 million compared to \$2.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003. Cash outflows from investing activities totaled \$7.1 million compared to \$9.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003. The change for the current period was due primarily to a decrease in loan originations and an increase in commercial loan payoffs. Net cash inflows from financing activities totaled \$15.9 million during the current period compared to net cash outflows of \$3.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003. The increase in net cash inflows was primarily due to an increase in deposits, principally core deposit growth and additional FHLB advances. The Bancorp paid dividends on common stock of \$826 thousand during the current three months compared to \$767 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2003.

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At March 31, 2004, outstanding commitments to fund loans totaled \$73.4 million. Approximately 88% of the commitments were at variable rates. Management believes that the Bancorp has sufficient cash flow and borrowing capacity to fund all outstanding commitments and to maintain proper levels of liquidity. The following table presents the Bancorp's consolidated long-term, non-deposit related, contractual obligations as well as commitments to extend credit to our borrowers, in aggregate and by payment due dates at March 31, 2004. Dollar amounts are in thousands.

	Less Than One Year	One Through Three Years	Four Through Five Years	After Five Years	Total
<b>Long-term contractual obligations:</b>					
FHLB advances	\$ 6,000	\$ 18,500	\$ 7,000	\$ —	\$ 31,500
Limited partnership obligation	62	128	58	—	248
Total long-term contractual obligations	6,062	18,628	7,058	—	31,748
<b>Commitments to extend credit:</b>					
Commitments to make loans & unused approved lines of credit	24,623	48,782	—	—	73,405
Performance standby letters of credit	1,422	546	559	75	2,602
Total commitments to extend credit	26,045	49,328	559	75	76,007
Total long-term contractual obligations and commitments to extend credit	<u>\$ 32,107</u>	<u>\$ 67,956</u>	<u>\$ 7,617</u>	<u>\$ 75</u>	<u>\$ 107,755</u>

Management strongly believes that maintaining a high level of capital enhances safety and soundness. During the three months ended March 31, 2004, stockholders' equity increased by \$940 thousand (2.3%). The increase resulted primarily from earnings of \$1.5 million during the period. In addition, \$167 thousand represents proceeds from the exercise of 7,813 stock options. The Bancorp declared \$857 thousand in cash dividends for the three month period ended March 31, 2004. The increase in the unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities, net of tax was \$158 thousand for the current period.

The Bancorp is subject to risk-based capital guidelines adopted by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the FRB), and the Bank is subject to risk-based capital guidelines adopted by the FDIC. As applied to the Bancorp and the Bank, the FRB and FDIC capital requirements are substantially identical. The Bancorp and the Bank are required to maintain a total risk-based capital ratio of 8%, of which 4% must be Tier 1 capital. In addition, the FRB and FDIC regulations provide for a minimum Tier 1 leverage ratio (Tier 1 capital to adjusted average assets) of 3% for financial institutions that meet certain specified criteria, including that they have the highest regulatory rating and are not experiencing or anticipating significant growth. All other financial institutions are required to maintain a Tier 1 leverage ratio of 3% plus an additional cushion of at least one to two percent.

The following table shows that, at March 31, 2004, and December 31, 2003, the Bancorp's capital exceeded all regulatory capital requirements. The Bancorp's and the Bank's regulatory capital ratios were substantially the same at both dates. The dollar amounts are in millions.

	Actual		Required for adequate capital		To be well capitalized	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
<b>At March 31, 2004</b>						
Total capital to risk-weighted assets	\$ 45.6	12.6%	\$ 28.9	8.0%	\$ 36.2	10.0%
Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets	\$ 41.8	11.6%	\$ 14.5	4.0%	\$ 21.7	6.0%
Tier 1 capital to adjusted average assets	\$ 41.8	8.1%	\$ 15.4	3.0%	\$ 25.7	5.0%
<b>At December 31, 2003</b>						
Total capital to risk-weighted assets	\$ 44.8	12.5%	\$ 28.6	8.0%	\$ 35.7	10.0%
Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets	\$ 41.0	11.5%	\$ 14.3	4.0%	\$ 21.4	6.0%
Tier 1 capital to adjusted average assets	\$ 41.0	8.0%	\$ 15.4	3.0%	\$ 25.7	5.0%

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The Bancorp's ability to pay dividends to its shareholders is entirely dependent upon the Bank's ability to pay dividends to the Bancorp. Under Indiana law, the Bank may pay dividends from its undivided profits (generally, earnings less losses, bad debts, taxes and other operating expenses) as is considered expedient by the Bank's Board of Directors. However, the Bank must obtain the approval of the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions for the payment of a dividend if the total of all dividends declared by the Bank during the current year, including the proposed dividend, would exceed the sum of retained net income for the year to date plus its retained net income for the previous two years. For this purpose, "retained net income" means net income as calculated for call report purposes, less all dividends declared for the applicable period. Moreover, the FDIC and the Federal Reserve Board may prohibit the payment of dividends if it determines that the payment of dividends would constitute an unsafe or unsound practice in the light of the financial condition of the Bank. The aggregate amount of dividends, which may be declared by the Bank in 2004, without prior regulatory approval, approximates \$5,420,000 plus current 2004 net profits.

### **Results of Operations – Comparison of the Quarter Ended March 31, 2004 to the Quarter Ended March 31, 2003**

Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2004 was \$1.5 million compared to \$1.4 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2003, an increase of \$29 thousand (2.0%), principally due to a decreases in interest expense and increases in noninterest income. The earnings represent a ROA of 1.15% for the quarter ended March 31, 2004 compared to 1.22% for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. The ROE was 13.95% for the current quarter compared to 14.57% for the quarter ended March 31, 2003.

Net interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2004 was \$4.8 million, up \$236 thousand (5.1%), compared to \$4.6 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. The increase in net interest income was due to a lower cost of funds. The weighted-average yield on interest-earning assets was 5.42% for the three months ended March 31, 2004 compared to 5.88% for the three months ended March 31, 2003. The weighted-average cost of funds for the quarter ended March 31, 2004, was 1.46% compared to 1.89% for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. The impact of the 5.42% return on interest-earning assets and the 1.46% cost of funds resulted in an interest rate spread of 3.96% for the current quarter compared to 3.99% for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. During the current quarter, total interest income decreased by \$87 thousand (1.3%) while total interest expense decreased by \$323 thousand (15.9%). The net interest margin was 4.00% for the three months ended March 31, 2004 compared to 4.08% for the quarter ended March 31, 2003.

During the three months ended March 31, 2004, interest income from loans decreased by \$90 thousand (1.5%) compared to the three months ended March 31, 2003. The decrease was due to lower yields on loans outstanding, as the current interest rate environment resulted in new originations at low rates, and continued prepayments, modifications and refinance activity. The weighted-average yield on loans outstanding was 5.78% for the current quarter compared to 6.30% for the three months ended March 31, 2003. Loan balances averaged \$410.1 million for the current quarter, up \$28.1 million (7.4%) from \$382.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003. During the three months ended March 31, 2004, interest income on investments and other deposits increased by \$3 thousand (0.5%) compared to the quarter ended March 31, 2003. The decrease was due to lower portfolio yields. The weighted-average yield on securities and other deposits was 3.38% for the current quarter compared to 3.55% for the three months ended March 31, 2003. Securities and other deposits averaged \$73.3 million for the current quarter, up \$3.9 million (5.6%) from \$69.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003.

Interest expense for deposits decreased by \$354 thousand (20.6%) during the current quarter compared to the three months ended March 31, 2003. The decrease was due to a reduction in the weighted-average rate paid on deposits. The weighted-average rate paid on deposits for the three months ended March 31, 2004 was 1.28% compared to 1.74% for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. Total deposit balances averaged \$425.4 million for the current quarter, up \$29.8 million (7.5%) from \$395.6 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. Interest expense on borrowed funds increased by \$31 thousand (9.8%) during the current quarter due to an increase in average daily balances. The weighted-average cost of borrowed funds was 3.22% for the current quarter compared to 3.57% for the three months ended March 31, 2003. Borrowed funds averaged \$43.2 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2004, an increase of \$7.7 million (21.7%) from \$35.5 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2003.

Noninterest income for the quarter ended March 31, 2004 was \$774 thousand, up \$30 thousand (4.0%) from \$744 thousand for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. During the current quarter fees and service charges totaled \$485 thousand, an increase of \$50 thousand (11.5%) from \$435 thousand for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. The increase was primarily due to a commercial real estate payoff fee. Gains on sales of loans totaled \$22

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thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2004, compared to \$142 thousand during the three months ended March 31, 2003, a decrease of \$120 thousand (84.5%). The decrease in gain on sale of loans is a result of the current interest rate environment and a reduction of loans originated for sale. Fees from Trust operations totaled \$140 thousand for the quarter ended March 31, 2004, an increase of \$18 thousand (14.8%) from \$122 thousand for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. During the current quarter gains on the sale of securities totaled \$124 thousand, an increase of \$79 thousand (175.6%) from \$45 thousand for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. Securities sales for the three months ended March 31, 2004, totaled \$3.1 million compared to \$2.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003. There were no gains or losses from the sale of foreclosed real estate during the current quarter. During the quarter ended March 31, 2003, the loss from the sale of foreclosed real estate totaled \$4 thousand.

Noninterest expense for the quarter ended March 31, 2004 was \$3.3 million, up \$366 thousand (12.5%) from \$2.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003. Increases were due primarily to account growth, system usage and expansion of banking activities. The increase in compensation and benefits was due to additional staffing for current operations. The increase in occupancy expense was due to increased depreciation, real estate taxes and utilities. Other expense changes were due to standard increases in operations. The Bancorp's efficiency ratio was 58.6% for the quarter ended March 31, 2004 compared to 54.7% for the three months ended March 31, 2003. The ratio is determined by dividing total noninterest expense by the sum of net interest income and total noninterest income for the period.

Income tax expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2004 totaled \$792 thousand compared to \$861 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2003, a decrease of \$69 thousand (8.0%). The decrease was due to an increased investment in tax-exempt investments and loans. The combined effective federal and state tax rates for the Bancorp was 35.0% for the three months ended March 31, 2004 compared to 37.4% for the three months ended March 31, 2003.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

Critical accounting policies are those accounting policies that management believes are most important to the portrayal of the Bancorp's financial condition and that require management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments. The Bancorp's critical accounting policies from December 31, 2003 remain unchanged.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Statements contained in this report on Form 10-Q that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The words or phrases "would be," "will allow," "intends to," "will likely result," "are expected to," "will continue," "is anticipated," "estimate," "project," or similar expressions are also intended to identify "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. The Bancorp cautions readers that forward-looking statements, including without limitation those relating to the Bancorp's future business prospects, interest income and expense, net income, liquidity, and capital needs are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in the forward-looking statements, due to, among other things, factors identified in this filing, including the following:

**Regulatory Risk.** The banking industry is heavily regulated. These regulations are intended to protect depositors, not shareholders. The Bank and Bancorp are subject to regulation and supervision by the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. The burden imposed by federal and state regulations puts banks at a competitive disadvantage compared to less regulated competitors such as finance companies, mortgage banking companies and leasing companies. The banking industry continues to lose market share to competitors.

**Legislation.** Because of concerns relating to the competitiveness and the safety and soundness of the industry, Congress continues to consider a number of wide-ranging proposals for altering the structure, regulation, and competitive relationships of the nation's financial institutions. Management cannot predict whether or in what form any of these proposals will be adopted or the extent to which the business of the Bancorp or the Bank may be affected thereby.

**Credit Risk.** One of the greatest risks facing lenders is credit risk, that is, the risk of losing principal and interest due to a borrower's failure to perform according to the terms of a loan agreement. While management attempts to provide an allowance for loan losses at a level adequate to cover probable incurred losses based on loan portfolio growth, past loss experience, general economic conditions, information about specific borrower situations, and other factors, future adjustments to reserves may become necessary, and net income could be significantly affected, if circumstances differ substantially from assumptions used with respect to such factors.

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**Exposure to Local Economic Conditions.** The Bank's primary market area for deposits and loans encompasses Lake County, in northwest Indiana, where all of its offices are located. Ninety-five percent of the Bank's business activities are within this area. This concentration exposes the Bank to risks resulting from changes in the local economy. A dramatic drop in local real estate values would, for example, adversely affect the quality of the Bank's loan portfolio.

**Interest Rate Risk.** The Bancorp's earnings depend to a great extent upon the level of net interest income, which is the difference between interest income earned on loans and investments and the interest expense paid on deposits and other borrowings. Interest rate risk (IRR) is the risk that the earnings and capital will be adversely affected by changes in interest rates. Further discussion of interest rate risk can be found in this report under Item 3., "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk".

**Competition.** The activities of the Bancorp and the Bank in the geographic market served involve competition with other banks as well as with other financial institutions and enterprises, many of which have substantially greater resources than those available to the Bancorp. In addition, non-bank competitors are generally not subject to the extensive regulation applicable to the Bancorp and the Bank.

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

The Bancorp's primary market risk exposure is interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that the Bancorp's earnings and capital will be adversely affected by changes in interest rates. The primary approach to interest rate risk management is one that focuses on adjustments to the Bancorp's asset/liability mix in order to limit the magnitude of interest rate risk. The Board of Directors has delegated the responsibility for measuring, monitoring and controlling interest rate risk to the Bancorp's asset/liability management committee (ALCO). The ALCO is responsible for developing and implementing interest rate risk management strategies, establishing and maintaining a system of limits and controls, and establishing and utilizing an interest rate risk measurement system. The ALCO, which is made up of members of senior management, generally meets monthly with board presentations occurring quarterly.

Performance from an interest rate risk perspective can be measured in many ways. Methodologies used by the Bancorp focus on net interest income and the net economic value of equity. Net interest income is defined as interest income less interest expense. Variability in net interest income arises because its components — interest income and interest expense — do not change equally as rates vary. This mismatch occurs because individual assets and liabilities reprice differently as rates change. Factors which affect net interest income include changes in the level of interest rates, changes in the relationship between Bancorp yield rates and interest costs, changes in the volume of assets and liabilities outstanding, and changes in the composition or mix of assets and liabilities. Management uses rate shock (i.e., instantaneous and sustained parallel shifts in the yield curve in 1% increments up and down 2%) for stress testing the net interest income under several rate change levels. In order to simulate activity, maturing balances are replaced with new balances at the new rate level and repricing balances are adjusted to the new rate shock level. The results are compared to limits set by the Board of Directors and are monitored to identify unfavorable trends. Net economic value of equity is the net present value of the Bancorp's portfolio of assets and liabilities. By marking-to-market the components of the balance sheet, management can compute the net economic value of equity. As rates change over time, the market values of Bancorp assets and liabilities will change, with longer-term products fluctuating more than short-term products. In most cases, rate-sensitive assets and liabilities will not have the same maturity characteristics. Therefore, as rates vary, the market value of the rate-sensitive assets will not change equally with the market value of rate-sensitive liabilities. This will cause the net economic value of equity to vary. The focus of the net economic value of equity is to determine the percentage decline in the net economic value of equity caused by a 2% increase or decrease in interest rates, whichever produces the larger decline. A large value indicates a large percentage decline in the net economic value of equity due to changes in interest rates and, thus, high interest rate sensitivity. A low value indicates a small percentage decline in the net economic value of equity due to changes in interest rates and, thus, low interest rate sensitivity. As with net interest income, the results are compared to limits set by the Board of Directors and are monitored to identify unfavorable trends.

Presented in the following tables is forward-looking information about the Bancorp's sensitivity to changes in interest rates as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003. The tables incorporate the Bancorp's internal system generated data as related to the maturity and repayment/withdrawal of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. Prepayment assumptions are based on published data. Present value calculations use current published market interest rates. For core deposits that have no contractual maturity, the table presents principal cash flows and, as applicable, related weighted-average interest rates based on the Bancorp's historical experience, management's judgment, and statistical analysis, as applicable, concerning their most likely withdrawal behaviors, but not as to when they could be repriced.



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March 31, 2004:

Change in rates	Net Interest Income			Net Economic Value of Equity		
	Amount	% Chg.	Policy Limit %	Amount	% Chg.	Policy Limit %
2%	\$19,828	-2.8	-20	\$ 55,254	-13.6	-30
1%	\$20,281	-0.6	-10	\$ 60,701	-5.1	-15
0%	\$20,408	0.0		\$ 63,983	0.0	
-1%	\$20,018	-1.9	-10	\$ 64,253	0.4	-15
-2%	\$18,856	-7.6	-20	\$ 65,317	2.1	-30

December 31, 2003:

Change in rates	Net Interest Income			Net Economic Value of Equity		
	Amount	% Chg.	Policy Limit %	Amount	% Chg.	Policy Limit %
2%	\$19,233	-5.7	-20	\$ 52,421	-17.2	-30
1%	\$19,892	-2.5	-10	\$ 58,652	-7.4	-15
0%	\$20,398	0.0		\$ 63,325	0.0	
-1%	\$20,340	-0.3	-10	\$ 65,177	2.9	-15
-2%	\$19,616	-3.8	-20	\$ 66,851	5.6	-30

The tables show that the Bancorp has managed interest rate risk within the policy limits set by the Board of Directors. At March 31, 2004, an increase in interest rates of 2% would have resulted in a 2.8% decrease in net interest income and a 13.6% decrease in the net economic value of equity compared to decreases of 5.7% and 17.2% at December 31, 2003. During the three months ended March 31, 2004, the Bancorp has managed interest rate risk by generally selling fixed rate loans with contractual maturities exceeding 15 years, investing cash equivalents in higher yielding interest earning assets, implementing net interest income pricing strategies and extending the maturity of rate-sensitive liabilities through FHLB advances.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.

The Bancorp maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Bancorp in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. These disclosure controls and procedures include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Bancorp in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Bancorp's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Bancorp's management, with the participation of its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, evaluates the effectiveness of the Bancorp's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of each quarter. Based on that evaluation as of March 31, 2004, the Bancorp's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that such disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of that date.

(b) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.

There was no change in the Bancorp's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the three months ended March 31, 2004 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Bancorp's internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II — Other Information**

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The Bancorp is not party to any material legal proceedings. From time to time, the Bank is a party to ordinary routine litigation incidental to its business, including foreclosures.

Item 2. Changes in Securities and Use of Proceeds

There are no matters reportable under this item.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

There are no matters reportable under this item.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

There are no matters reportable under this item.

Item 5. Other Information

There are no matters reportable under this item.

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
31.1	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer
31.2	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer
32.1	Section 1350 Certifications

(b) Reports on Form 8-K.

Other Events and Required FD Disclosure – On February 19, 2004, the Bancorp issued a press release reporting a new quarterly dividend and filed a Report on Form 8-K including a copy of the press release and unaudited supplemental financial information for such quarter as exhibits thereto.

Results of Operations and Financial Condition – On April 19, 2004, the Bancorp issued a press release reporting its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2004 and filed a Report on Form 8-K including a copy of the press release and unaudited supplemental financial information for such quarter as exhibits thereto.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NORTHWEST INDIANA BANCORP

Date: May 10, 2004

/s/ David A. Bochnowski

David A. Bochnowski  
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 10, 2004

/s/ Edward J. Furticella

Edward J. Furticella  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer  
and Treasurer

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, David A. Bochnowski, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of NorthWest Indiana Bancorp;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 10, 2004

/s/ David A. Bochnowski  
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David A. Bochnowski  
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Edward J Furticella, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of NorthWest Indiana Bancorp;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 10, 2004

/s/ Edward J. Furticella  
Edward J. Furticella  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial  
Officer and Treasurer

CERTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of NorthWest Indiana Bancorp (the "Company") for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2004, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), each of David A. Bochnowski, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and Edward J. Furticella, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Company, hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company, , Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Company,

Dated: May 10, 2004

/s/ David A. Bochnowski  
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David A. Bochnowski  
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Edward J. Furticella  
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Edward J. Furticella  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial  
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