UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: March 20, 2019

NORTHWEST INDIANA BANCORP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-26128 (Commission File Number) 35-1927981 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

9204 Columbia Avenue Munster, Indiana 46321 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(219) 836-4400 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01. Other Events

On March 20, 2019, NorthWest Indiana Bancorp (the "Bancorp") issued a press release reporting Governor Eric Holcomb has appointed Benjamin Bochnowski to the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) Board of Directors. The Board is a bipartisan board of seven members, all of which are appointed by Governor Holcomb.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) <u>Exhibits</u>.
 - 99.1 Press release announcing Benjamin Bochnowski appointed to the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) Board of Directors

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 20, 2019

NORTHWEST INDIANA BANCORP

By:

/s/ Robert T. Lowry
 Name:
 Robert T. Lowry

 Title:
 Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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 99.1
 Press Release date March 20, 2019

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Benjamin Bochnowski Appointed To The Department Of Financial Institutions Board of Directors

Munster, IN – Governor Eric Holcomb has appointed Benjamin Bochnowski to the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) Board of Directors. The Board is a bipartisan board of seven members, all of which are appointed by Governor Holcomb.

The responsibility of the DFI is to regulate and supervise financial services providers in a manner that assures the residents of Indiana adequate and proper financial services. They are responsible for protecting the interest of depositors, borrowers, shareholders, and consumers along with promoting safety and soundness in Indiana's state chartered financial institutions. Additionally, the DFI advocates and enforces compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

"I am honored to be appointed to the DFI Board. This is an incredible opportunity which allows me to represent the Banking Industry both in Northwest Indiana as well as the broader state of Indiana," Ben Bochnowski, president and chief executive officer of Peoples Bank, said. "At Peoples Bank, our mission is to help our customers and communities be more successful, and serving on this Board ties directly into that mission. I gladly accept this appointment on behalf of all of my colleagues at Peoples Bank, and it wouldn't be possible without their hard work every day in the service of our mission. I'd also like to thank our Board of Directors for their confidence and support in me and the team as I take on this role," Bochnowski added.

Bochnowski's appointment is a 2 year term to fill a vacant spot, with the opportunity to be reappointed to a 4 year term.