

## Inquiries and Activities

With names like Project Boom, Hitch, Oil, Meal, Coatings and Equipment, in 2014 the EDC worked 13 active projects.

Companies like TSL, Kansas City Piggyback, J.B. Hunt and Trans Coastal Supply located near Logistics Park Kansas City (LPKC), bringing container storage and a second grain export facility to the area.

## Headlines

LPKC Named One of the Top Real Estate Projects for 2013



CenturyLink to Move 575 Jobs to New Century



Cities of Edgerton and Gardner Won Several Awards for the Big Bull Creek Wastewater Facility

candid marketing + communications Wins a Gold Hermes Award for EDC Annual Report

Johnson County Community College Announces Supply Chain and Logistics Program

Flexsteel Industries Locates at LPKC



City of Gardner Passes Economic Development Plan

Kenneth Cook Joins Edgerton as New Community Development Director

City of Edgerton Begins Project to Improve Waverly Road Near LPKC



Kubota Tractor Corporation to Open New Parts Distribution Center at LPKC

## Growing Places – Letter from Greg

Having been in and around economic development in Kansas City for many years, I have watched the growth and changing landscape of Southwest Johnson County with the utmost respect for Tom and the entire EDC. I'm excited to be a part of the next chapter of this booming region and all of the opportunities that accompany this position. My vision for the organization will become more apparent in the coming weeks and months, but know that I am committed to forming partnerships with all EDC team members, elected officials, regional alliances and other stakeholders to grow this organization together.

*Greg Martinette*

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Incoming President  
Southwest Johnson County Economic Development Corporation

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# 2014 Annual Report: Changing Faces, Growing Places



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## Changing Faces – Letter from Tom

Time passes very quickly and changes are a part of life. In 2013, we were anticipating an improving economy, the opening of the intermodal, the new Homestead Road interchange and other public and private developments. Today we are enjoying the fruits of our labor and visible changes can be seen around Gardner, Edgerton and New Century.

The Southwest Johnson County Economic Development Corporation has been part of the changes in the area for 21 years. The EDC has grown with the region and is getting ready for yet another change. In May 2014, I announced that I would retire, leaving the position of President of the EDC open for a new face to join the community. Throughout the year, the board spent countless hours identifying a replacement. I'm pleased that 2015 brings the addition of another new face to the Southwest Johnson County region – Greg Martinette. Although the EDC has seen tremendous success in 2014, I'm excited about what's next for Southwest Johnson County and can't wait to watch how the face of the community will change and places will grow under Greg's leadership.

Thank you for your support over the years.

Tom Riederer, CEcD  
Outgoing President  
Southwest Johnson County Economic Development Corporation

## About Town

As part of our efforts to elevate Southwest Johnson County among key industries, decision makers and the regional community, EDC participated in the following meetings and events:

- Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA) Supply Chain Conference
- Regional Groups:
  - Kansas City Regional Association of Realtors (KCRAR)
  - Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP)
  - Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM)
  - Kansas City Area Development Council (KCADC)
  - Kansas City Foreign Trade Zone
  - Johnson County Partnership
  - Johnson County Economic Research Council
  - Heartland CDC Board
- Kansas Department of Commerce Consultants Tour of Johnson County
- National Association of Office and Industrial Properties (NAIOP) E-Commerce Conference
- Kansas Department of Commerce Consultant Visit in Dallas
- JOC Inland Distribution Conference
- SIOR Development Day

## New Faces

When you look around the Southwest Johnson County region you will see many new faces you may not have seen a few years ago – or even last year. Here are some of the newer faces who contribute to the EDC's success:

### Johnson County Airport Commission/New Century AirCenter



Colin McKee,  
Executive  
Director



Larry Peet,  
Deputy Director

### EDC Staff

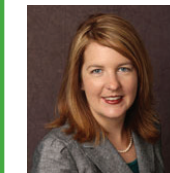


Greg Martinette



Krista Klaus

### City of Edgerton



Beth Linn,  
City Administrator



Kenneth Cook,  
Community  
Development  
Director

### EDC Board of Directors

- Chip Corcoran, PE, MPA, LEED  
*Renaissance Infrastructure Consulting*
- Chris Herre, A.I.A.  
*Rose Design Build, Inc.*
- Arlen Kleinsorge, LEED AP  
*McCownGordon Construction*
- Jennifer Miller  
*Professional Service Industries, Inc.*
- Colin McKee, A.A.E., IACE  
*Johnson County Airport Commission*
- Chris Morrow  
*City of Gardner*
- Donald Roberts  
*City of Edgerton*
- Pam Stranathan  
*USD #231*
- Karen Martley  
*Johnson County Community College*
- Brett Osborn  
*Central National Bank*
- Steve Rumble  
*CenturyLink*
- Mike Smith  
*Unilever*
- Allan Soetaert  
*Water District No. 7*
- John Thomas  
*NorthPoint Development*
- Tom Riederer, CEcD  
*Southwest Johnson County EDC*

### BNSF Railway



Darrell Coffey,  
Director of  
Economic  
Development



Cary Hutchings,  
Regional Manager,  
Economic  
Development



John Rider,  
Regional Manager,  
Economic  
Development

### City of Gardner



Cheryl  
Harrison-Lee,  
City Administrator



Pam Stranathan,  
Superintendent

### Gardner-Edgerton School District

### NorthPoint Development



John Thomas,  
Vice President of  
Development



Jason Camis,  
Executive Director

### Gardner Area Chamber of Commerce

### Incoming EDC Board Members



Dennis Burns,  
Crossland  
Construction



Sara Freetly-Grubb,  
candid marketing +  
communications