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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(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, 2016

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: 0-49677

WEST BANCORPORATION, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

IOWA 42-1230603

(State of Incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1601 22nd Street, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (515) 222-2300

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 has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  x  
Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No  x

As of April 27, 2016, there were 16,132,540 shares of common stock, no par value, outstanding.

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## PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements

## West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary

## Consolidated Balance Sheets

(unaudited)

| (dollars in thousands)  | March 31,<br>2016 | December 31,<br>2015 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                   |                      |
| Cash and due from banks   | \$48,919          | \$ 57,329            |
| Federal funds sold  | 7,804             | 15,322               |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | 56,723            | 72,651               |
| Investment securities available for sale, at fair value   | 311,335           | 320,714              |
| Investment securities held to maturity, at amortized cost (fair value of \$51,455 and \$51,918 at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively)                   | 50,526            | 51,259               |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost   | 12,353            | 12,447               |
| Loans   | 1,274,929         | 1,246,688            |
| Allowance for loan losses   | (15,280 )         | (14,967 )            |
| Loans, net  | 1,259,649         | 1,231,721            |
| Premises and equipment, net   | 17,298            | 11,562               |
| Accrued interest receivable   | 5,273             | 4,688                |
| Bank-owned life insurance   | 32,688            | 32,834               |
| Deferred tax assets, net  | 5,457             | 6,670                |
| Other assets  | 3,817             | 3,850                |
| Total assets  | \$1,755,119       | \$1,748,396          |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>   |                   |                      |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>  |                   |                      |
| Deposits:   |                   |                      |
| Noninterest-bearing demand  | \$457,409         | \$486,707            |
| Interest-bearing demand   | 247,300           | 267,824              |
| Savings   | 632,934           | 570,391              |
| Time of \$250,000 or more   | 13,248            | 14,749               |
| Other time  | 94,856            | 101,058              |
| Total deposits  | 1,445,747         | 1,440,729            |
| Federal funds purchased   | 1,685             | 2,760                |
| Short-term borrowings   | 17,000            | 19,000               |
| Subordinated notes, net of discount   | 20,388            | 20,385               |
| Federal Home Loan Bank advances, net of discount  | 98,758            | 98,385               |
| Long-term debt, net of discount   | 7,592             | 8,405                |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities  | 7,023             | 6,355                |
| Total liabilities   | 1,598,193         | 1,596,019            |
| <b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (NOTE 8)</b>   |                   |                      |
| <b>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>   |                   |                      |
| Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; authorized 50,000,000 shares; no shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015                               | —                 | —                    |
| Common stock, no par value; authorized 50,000,000 shares; 16,106,540 and 16,064,435 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively | 3,000             | 3,000                |

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|   |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Additional paid-in capital                    | 20,262      | 20,067      |
| Retained earnings                             | 132,865     | 129,740     |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | 799         | (430 )      |
| Total stockholders' equity                    | 156,926     | 152,377     |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity    | \$1,755,119 | \$1,748,396 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Income  
(unaudited)

| (dollars in thousands, except per share data)       | Three Months            |          |
|---|-------------------------|----------|
|   | Ended March 31,<br>2016 | 2015     |
| Interest income:                                    |                         |          |
| Loans, including fees                               | \$13,466                | \$12,622 |
| Investment securities:                              |                         |          |
| Taxable   | 1,155                   | 1,125    |
| Tax-exempt  | 883                     | 764      |
| Federal funds sold                                  | 20                      | 10       |
| Total interest income                               | 15,524                  | 14,521   |
| Interest expense:                                   |                         |          |
| Deposits  | 705                     | 571      |
| Federal funds purchased                             | 2                       | 2        |
| Short-term borrowings                               | 14                      | 26       |
| Subordinated notes                                  | 187                     | 171      |
| Federal Home Loan Bank advances                     | 872                     | 724      |
| Long-term debt                                      | 45                      | 64       |
| Total interest expense                              | 1,825                   | 1,558    |
| Net interest income                                 | 13,699                  | 12,963   |
| Provision for loan losses                           | 200                     | —        |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 13,499                  | 12,963   |
| Noninterest income:                                 |                         |          |
| Service charges on deposit accounts                 | 596                     | 620      |
| Debit card usage fees                               | 447                     | 435      |
| Trust services                                      | 297                     | 325      |
| Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance | 168                     | 189      |
| Gain from bank-owned life insurance                 | 443                     | —        |
| Realized investment securities gains, net           | —                       | 11       |
| Other income  | 279                     | 280      |
| Total noninterest income                            | 2,230                   | 1,860    |
| Noninterest expense:                                |                         |          |
| Salaries and employee benefits                      | 4,256                   | 3,990    |
| Occupancy   | 951                     | 1,049    |
| Data processing                                     | 579                     | 574      |
| FDIC insurance                                      | 218                     | 202      |
| Professional fees                                   | 234                     | 204      |
| Director fees                                       | 240                     | 188      |
| Other expenses                                      | 1,321                   | 1,239    |
| Total noninterest expense                           | 7,799                   | 7,446    |
| Income before income taxes                          | 7,930                   | 7,377    |
| Income taxes  | 2,234                   | 2,274    |
| Net income  | \$5,696                 | \$5,103  |
| Basic earnings per common share                     | \$0.35                  | \$0.32   |
| Diluted earnings per common share                   | \$0.35                  | \$0.32   |

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| Cash dividends declared per common share | \$0.16 | \$0.14 |
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Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income  
(unaudited)

| (dollars in thousands)   | Three Months<br>Ended March 31, |          |
|--|---------------------------------|----------|
|  | 2016                            | 2015     |
| Net income   | \$5,696                         | \$5,103  |
| Other comprehensive income (loss):   |                                 |          |
| Unrealized gains on available for sale securities:   |                                 |          |
| Unrealized holding gains arising during<br>the period  | 2,685                           | 2,029    |
| Less: reclassification adjustment for net gains<br>realized in net income  | —                               | (11 )    |
| Less: reclassification adjustment for amortization<br>of net unrealized gains to interest income on<br>securities transferred from available for sale to<br>held to maturity | (24 )                           | (10 )    |
| Income tax (expense)   | (1,011 )                        | (763 )   |
| Other comprehensive income on available for sale securities  | 1,650                           | 1,245    |
| Unrealized (losses) on derivatives arising<br>during the period:   | (830 )                          | (1,113 ) |
| Less: reclassification adjustment for net loss on<br>derivatives realized in net income  | 124                             | 74       |
| Less: reclassification adjustment for amortization<br>of derivative termination costs  | 27                              | 2        |
| Income tax benefit   | 258                             | 394      |
| Other comprehensive (loss) on derivatives  | (421 )                          | (643 )   |
| Total other comprehensive income   | 1,229                           | 602      |
| Comprehensive income   | \$6,925                         | \$5,705  |

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West Bancorporation, Inc. and  
 Subsidiary  
 Consolidated Statements of  
 Stockholders' Equity  
 (unaudited)

| (in thousands, except share and per share data)   | Preferred Stock | Common Stock Shares | Common Stock Amount | Additional Paid-In Capital | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Total      |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---|------------|
| Balance, December 31, 2014  | \$ —            | 16,018,734          | \$ 3,000            | \$ 18,971                  | \$ 117,950        | \$ 254  | \$ 140,175 |
| Net income  | —               | —                   | —                   | —                          | 5,103             | —   | 5,103      |
| Other comprehensive income, net of tax  | —               | —                   | —                   | —                          | —                 | 602   | 602        |
| Cash dividends declared, \$0.14 per common share  | —               | —                   | —                   | —                          | (2,242 )          | —   | (2,242 )   |
| Stock-based compensation costs  | —               | —                   | —                   | 178                        | —                 | —   | 178        |
| Issuance of common stock upon vesting of restricted stock units, net of shares withheld for payroll taxes | —               | 20,535              | —                   | (179 )                     | —                 | —   | (179 )     |
| Excess tax benefits from vesting of restricted stock units  | —               | —                   | —                   | 84                         | —                 | —   | 84         |
| Balance, March 31, 2015   | \$ —            | 16,039,269          | \$ 3,000            | \$ 19,054                  | \$ 120,811        | \$ 856  | \$ 143,721 |
| Balance, December 31, 2015  | \$ —            | 16,064,435          | \$ 3,000            | \$ 20,067                  | \$ 129,740        | \$ (430 )                                     | \$ 152,377 |
| Net income  | —               | —                   | —                   | —                          | 5,696             | —   | 5,696      |
| Other comprehensive income, net of tax  | —               | —                   | —                   | —                          | —                 | 1,229   | 1,229      |
| Cash dividends declared, \$0.16 per common share  | —               | —                   | —                   | —                          | (2,571 )          | —   | (2,571 )   |
| Stock-based compensation costs  | —               | —                   | —                   | 461                        | —                 | —   | 461        |
| Issuance of common stock upon vesting of restricted stock units, net of shares withheld for payroll taxes | —               | 42,105              | —                   | (348 )                     | —                 | —   | (348 )     |
| Excess tax benefits from vesting of restricted stock units  | —               | —                   | —                   | 82                         | —                 | —   | 82         |
| Balance, March 31, 2016   | \$ —            | 16,106,540          | \$ 3,000            | \$ 20,262                  | \$ 132,865        | \$ 799  | \$ 156,926 |

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows  
(unaudited)

|   | Three Months<br>Ended March 31, |           |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------|
| (dollars in thousands)  | 2016                            | 2015      |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities:   |                                 |           |
| Net income  | \$5,696                         | \$5,103   |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |                                 |           |
| Provision for loan losses   | 200                             | —         |
| Net amortization and accretion  | 1,106                           | 898       |
| Loss on disposition of premises and equipment                                     | —                               | 1         |
| Investment securities gains, net  | —                               | (11 )     |
| Stock-based compensation  | 461                             | 178       |
| Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance                               | (168 )                          | (189 )    |
| Gain from bank-owned life insurance   | (443 )                          | —         |
| Depreciation  | 241                             | 230       |
| Deferred income taxes   | 460                             | 165       |
| Excess tax benefits from vesting of restricted stock units                        | (82 )                           | (84 )     |
| Change in assets and liabilities:   |                                 |           |
| Increase in accrued interest receivable   | (585 )                          | (689 )    |
| Decrease in other assets  | 252                             | 2,697     |
| Decrease in accrued expenses and other liabilities                                | (39 )                           | (971 )    |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | 7,099                           | 7,328     |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities:   |                                 |           |
| Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale                              | —                               | 10,057    |
| Proceeds from maturities and calls of investment securities                       | 12,072                          | 10,146    |
| Purchases of securities available for sale  | —                               | (10,107 ) |
| Purchases of Federal Home Loan Bank stock   | (7,527 )                        | (8,187 )  |
| Proceeds from redemption of Federal Home Loan Bank stock                          | 7,621                           | 10,747    |
| Net increase in loans   | (28,128 )                       | (131 )    |
| Purchases of premises and equipment   | (5,977 )                        | (1,041 )  |
| Proceeds of principal and earnings from bank-owned life insurance                 | 621                             | —         |
| Proceeds from settlement of other assets  | —                               | 3,593     |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities                               | (21,318 )                       | 15,077    |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities:   |                                 |           |
| Net increase in deposits  | 5,018                           | 94,958    |
| Net increase (decrease) in federal funds purchased                                | (1,075 )                        | 1,125     |
| Net decrease in short-term borrowings   | (2,000 )                        | (66,000 ) |
| Principal payments on long-term debt  | (815 )                          | (815 )    |
| Interest rate swap termination costs paid   | —                               | (158 )    |
| Common stock dividends paid   | (2,571 )                        | (2,242 )  |
| Restricted stock units withheld for payroll taxes                                 | (348 )                          | (179 )    |
| Excess tax benefits from vesting of restricted stock units                        | 82                              | 84        |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities                               | (1,709 )                        | 26,773    |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents                              | (15,928 )                       | 49,178    |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents:  |                                 |           |
| Beginning   | 72,651                          | 39,781    |

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|--------|----------|----------|
| Ending | \$56,723 | \$88,959 |
|--------|----------|----------|

Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:

Cash payments for:

|              |         |         |
|--------------|---------|---------|
| Interest     | \$1,811 | \$1,569 |
| Income taxes | —       | 40      |

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1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared by West Bancorporation, Inc. (the Company) pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. Although management believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented understandable, it is suggested that these interim consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015. In the opinion of management, the accompanying consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments necessary to fairly present the financial position of the Company as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, and net income, comprehensive income and cash flows of the Company for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015. The results for these interim periods may not be indicative of results for the entire year or for any other period.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). References to GAAP issued by the FASB in these footnotes are to the FASB Accounting Standards Codification™, sometimes referred to as the Codification or ASC. In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses for the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near term are the fair value and other than temporary impairment (OTTI) of financial instruments and the allowance for loan losses.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company, West Bank and West Bank's wholly-owned subsidiary WB Funding Corporation (which owned an interest in a limited liability company that was sold in the fourth quarter of 2015). All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation. In accordance with GAAP, West Bancorporation Capital Trust I is recorded on the books of the Company using the equity method of accounting and is not consolidated.

Reclassification: Certain amounts in prior year consolidated financial statements have been reclassified, with no effect on net income, comprehensive income or stockholders' equity, to conform with current period presentation.

Current accounting developments: In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Summary and Amendments that Create Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) and Other Assets and Deferred Costs—Contracts with Customers (Subtopic 340-40). The guidance in this update supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in ASC Topic 605, Revenue Recognition, and most industry-specific guidance throughout the industry topics of the Codification. For public companies, this update will be effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company is currently assessing the impact that this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements, but does not expect the guidance to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, Interest—Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs. The update simplifies the presentation of debt issuance costs by requiring that

debt issuance costs be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of debt liability, consistent with debt discounts or premiums. The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs are not affected by the amendments in this update. For public companies, this update was effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015, and was applied retrospectively. The adoption of this guidance required a balance sheet reclassification of unamortized debt issuance costs, which did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-01, Financial Instruments—Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. The update enhances the reporting model for financial instruments to provide users of financial statements with more decision-useful information by updating certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of financial instruments. Among other changes, the update includes requiring changes in fair value of equity securities with readily determinable fair value to be recognized in net income and clarifies that entities should evaluate the need for a valuation allowance on a deferred tax asset related to available for sale securities in combination with the entities' other deferred tax assets. For public companies, this update will be effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, and is to be applied on a modified retrospective basis. The Company is currently assessing the impact that this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements, but does not expect the guidance to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). The guidance in the update supersedes the requirements in ASC Topic 840, Leases. The update will require business entities to recognize lease assets and liabilities on the balance sheet and to disclose key information about leasing arrangements. A lessee would recognize a liability to make lease payments and a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the leased asset for the lease term. For public companies, this update will be effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and is to be applied on a modified retrospective basis. The Company is currently assessing the impact that this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements, but does not expect the guidance to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-09, Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718). The update simplifies several aspects of accounting for share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities, and classification on the statement of cash flows. The guidance also allows an entity to make an entity-wide accounting policy election to either estimate expected forfeitures or account for forfeitures as they occur. For public companies, the update is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016. Portions of the amended guidance are to be applied using a modified retrospective transition method and others require prospective application. The Company is currently assessing the impact that this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements, but does not expect the guidance to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

## 2. Earnings per Common Share

Basic earnings per common share are computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per common share reflect the potential dilution that could occur if the Company's outstanding restricted stock units were vested. The dilutive effect was computed using the treasury stock method, which assumes all stock-based awards were exercised and the hypothetical proceeds from exercise were used by the Company to purchase common stock at the average market price during the period. The incremental shares, to the extent they would have been dilutive, were included in the denominator of the diluted earnings per common share calculation. The calculations of earnings per common share and diluted earnings per common share for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 are presented in the following table.

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|   | Three Months<br>Ended March<br>31, |         |
|---|------------------------------------|---------|
| (in thousands, except per share data)                         | 2016                               | 2015    |
| Net income  | \$5,696                            | \$5,103 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding                    | 16,070                             | 16,020  |
| Weighted average effect of restricted stock units outstanding | 41                                 | 65      |
| Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding            | 16,111                             | 16,085  |
| Basic earnings per common share                               | \$0.35                             | \$0.32  |
| Diluted earnings per common share                             | \$0.35                             | \$0.32  |

Restricted stock units totaling 151,630 were anti-dilutive and therefore excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per common share for the three months ended March 31, 2016. No restricted stock units were anti-dilutive for the three months ended March 31, 2015.



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## 3. Investment Securities

The following tables show the amortized cost, gross unrealized gains and losses, and fair value of investment securities, by investment security type as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

|  | March 31, 2016    |                              |                                 |               |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
|  | Amortized<br>Cost | Gross<br>Unrealized<br>Gains | Gross<br>Unrealized<br>(Losses) | Fair<br>Value |
| Securities available for sale:                     |                   |                              |                                 |               |
| U.S. government agencies and corporations          | \$2,545           | \$ 128                       | \$ —                            | \$2,673       |
| State and political subdivisions                   | 71,390            | 1,926                        | (7 )                            | 73,309        |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations <sup>(1)</sup> | 126,142           | 819                          | (318 )                          | 126,643       |
| Mortgage-backed securities <sup>(1)</sup>          | 96,568            | 924                          | (13 )                           | 97,479        |
| Trust preferred security                           | 1,776             | —                            | (701 )                          | 1,075         |
| Corporate notes and equity securities              | 10,113            | 68                           | (25 )                           | 10,156        |
|  | \$308,534         | \$ 3,865                     | \$(1,064 )                      | \$311,335     |

|                                  |          |          |          |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Securities held to maturity:     |          |          |          |          |
| State and political subdivisions | \$50,526 | \$ 1,154 | \$(225 ) | \$51,455 |

|  | December 31, 2015 |                              |                                 |               |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
|  | Amortized<br>Cost | Gross<br>Unrealized<br>Gains | Gross<br>Unrealized<br>(Losses) | Fair<br>Value |
| Securities available for sale:                     |                   |                              |                                 |               |
| U.S. government agencies and corporations          | \$2,551           | \$ 141                       | \$ —                            | \$2,692       |
| State and political subdivisions                   | 71,431            | 1,669                        | (21 )                           | 73,079        |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations <sup>(1)</sup> | 133,414           | 491                          | (1,290 )                        | 132,615       |
| Mortgage-backed securities <sup>(1)</sup>          | 101,299           | 485                          | (696 )                          | 101,088       |
| Trust preferred security                           | 1,773             | —                            | (668 )                          | 1,105         |
| Corporate notes and equity securities              | 10,130            | 61                           | (56 )                           | 10,135        |
|  | \$320,598         | \$ 2,847                     | \$(2,731 )                      | \$320,714     |

|                                  |          |        |          |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| Securities held to maturity:     |          |        |          |          |
| State and political subdivisions | \$51,259 | \$ 883 | \$(224 ) | \$51,918 |

All collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities consist of residential mortgage (1) pass-through securities guaranteed by GNMA or issued by FNMA and real estate mortgage investment conduits guaranteed by FHLMC or GNMA.

Investment securities with an amortized cost of approximately \$76,391 and \$78,553 as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, were pledged to secure access to the Federal Reserve discount window, for public fund deposits, and for other purposes as required or permitted by law or regulation.



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The amortized cost and fair value of investment securities available for sale as of March 31, 2016, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Certain securities have call features that allow the issuer to call the securities prior to maturity. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities for collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. Therefore, collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities are not included in the maturity categories within the following maturity summary. Equity securities have no maturity date.

|  | March 31, 2016 |           |
|--|----------------|-----------|
|  | Amortized Fair |           |
|  | Cost           | Value     |
| Due in one year or less  | \$4,380        | \$4,395   |
| Due after one year through five years                              | 17,065         | 17,386    |
| Due after five years through ten years                             | 28,647         | 29,486    |
| Due after ten years  | 34,248         | 34,421    |
|  | 84,340         | 85,688    |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities | 222,710        | 224,122   |
| Equity securities  | 1,484          | 1,525     |
|  | \$308,534      | \$311,335 |

The amortized cost and fair value of investment securities held to maturity as of March 31, 2016, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Certain securities have call features that allow the issuer to call the securities prior to maturity.

|  | March 31, 2016 |          |
|--|----------------|----------|
|  | Amortized Fair |          |
|  | Cost           | Value    |
| Due after one year through five years  | \$276          | \$271    |
| Due after five years through ten years | 16,665         | 16,940   |
| Due after ten years                    | 33,585         | 34,244   |
|  | \$50,526       | \$51,455 |

The details of the sales of investment securities for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 are summarized in the following table.

|                       | Three<br>Months<br>Ended<br>March 31,<br>2016 | 2015 |
|-----------------------|---|------|
| Proceeds from sales   | \$10,057                                      | \$—  |
| Gross gains on sales  | —   | 11   |
| Gross losses on sales | —   | —    |

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The following tables show the fair value and gross unrealized losses, aggregated by investment type and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous loss position, as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

## March 31, 2016

|   | Less than 12 months |                           | 12 months or longer |                           | Total      |                           |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
|   | Fair Value          | Gross Unrealized (Losses) | Fair Value          | Gross Unrealized (Losses) | Fair Value | Gross Unrealized (Losses) |
| Securities available for sale:            |                     |                           |                     |                           |            |                           |
| U.S. government agencies and corporations | \$—                 | \$—                       | \$—                 | \$—                       | \$—        | \$—                       |
| State and political subdivisions          | 932                 | (7 )                      | —                   | —                         | 932        | (7 )                      |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations       | 27,033              | (55 )                     | 26,353              | (263 )                    | 53,386     | (318 )                    |
| Mortgage-backed securities                | 9,825               | (13 )                     | —                   | —                         | 9,825      | (13 )                     |
| Trust preferred security                  | —                   | —                         | 1,075               | (701 )                    | 1,075      | (701 )                    |
| Corporate notes and equity securities     | 4,024               | (25 )                     | —                   | —                         | 4,024      | (25 )                     |
|   | \$41,814            | \$ (100 )                 | \$27,428            | \$ (964 )                 | \$69,242   | \$ (1,064 )               |
| Securities held to maturity:              |                     |                           |                     |                           |            |                           |
| State and political subdivisions          | \$1,886             | \$ (8 )                   | \$5,896             | \$ (217 )                 | \$7,782    | \$ (225 )                 |

## December 31, 2015

|   | Less than 12 months |                           | 12 months or longer |                           | Total      |                           |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
|   | Fair Value          | Gross Unrealized (Losses) | Fair Value          | Gross Unrealized (Losses) | Fair Value | Gross Unrealized (Losses) |
| Securities available for sale:            |                     |                           |                     |                           |            |                           |
| U.S. government agencies and corporations | \$—                 | \$—                       | \$—                 | \$—                       | \$—        | \$—                       |
| State and political subdivisions          | 321                 | (1 )                      | 2,053               | (20 )                     | 2,374      | (21 )                     |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations       | 53,043              | (449 )                    | 38,286              | (841 )                    | 91,329     | (1,290 )                  |
| Mortgage-backed securities                | 67,662              | (600 )                    | 7,200               | (96 )                     | 74,862     | (696 )                    |
| Trust preferred security                  | —                   | —                         | 1,105               | (668 )                    | 1,105      | (668 )                    |
| Corporate notes and equity securities     | 4,500               | (56 )                     | —                   | —                         | 4,500      | (56 )                     |
|   | \$125,526           | \$ (1,106 )               | \$48,644            | \$ (1,625 )               | \$174,170  | \$ (2,731 )               |
| Securities held to maturity:              |                     |                           |                     |                           |            |                           |
| State and political subdivisions          | \$2,832             | \$ (42 )                  | \$7,341             | \$ (182 )                 | \$10,173   | \$ (224 )                 |

As of March 31, 2016, the available for sale and held to maturity securities with unrealized losses that have existed for longer than one year included 19 state and political subdivision securities, eight collateralized mortgage obligation securities and one trust preferred security.

The Company believes the unrealized losses on investments available for sale and held to maturity as of March 31, 2016, were due to market conditions, rather than reduced estimated cash flows. The Company does not intend to sell these securities, does not anticipate that these securities will be required to be sold before anticipated recovery, and

expects full principal and interest to be collected. Therefore, the Company does not consider these investments to have OTTI as of March 31, 2016.

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## 4. Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses

Loans consisted of the following segments as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

|   | March 31,<br>2016 | December 31,<br>2015 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| Commercial                              | \$354,450         | \$349,051            |
| Real estate:                            |                   |                      |
| Construction, land and land development | 194,446           | 174,602              |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages  | 51,060            | 51,370               |
| Home equity                             | 21,316            | 21,749               |
| Commercial                              | 647,637           | 644,176              |
| Consumer and other loans                | 7,036             | 6,801                |
|   | 1,275,945         | 1,247,749            |
| Net unamortized fees and costs          | (1,016 )          | (1,061 )             |
|   | \$1,274,929       | \$1,246,688          |

Real estate loans of approximately \$590,000 were pledged as security for Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) advances as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

Loans are stated at the principal amounts outstanding, net of unamortized loan fees and costs, with interest income recognized on the interest method based upon those outstanding loan balances. Loan origination fees, net of certain direct origination costs, are deferred and recognized as an adjustment of the related loan yield using the interest method. Loans are reported by the portfolio segments identified above and are analyzed by management on this basis. All loan policies identified below apply to all segments of the loan portfolio.

Delinquencies are determined based on the payment terms of the individual loan agreements. The accrual of interest on past due and other impaired loans is generally discontinued at 90 days past due or when, in the opinion of management, the borrower may be unable to make all payments pursuant to contractual terms. Unless considered collectible, all interest accrued but not collected for loans that are placed on nonaccrual or charged off is reversed against interest income, if accrued in the current year, or charged to the allowance for loan losses, if accrued in the prior year. Generally, all payments received while a loan is on nonaccrual status are applied to the principal balance of the loan. Loans are returned to accrual status when all principal and interest amounts contractually due are brought current and future payments are reasonably assured.

A loan is classified as a troubled debt restructured (TDR) loan when the Company separately concludes that a borrower is experiencing financial difficulties and a concession is granted that would not otherwise be considered. Concessions may include a restructuring of the loan terms to alleviate the burden of the borrower's cash requirements, such as an extension of the payment terms beyond the original maturity date or a change in the interest rate charged. TDR loans with extended payment terms are accounted for as impaired until performance is established. A change to the interest rate would change the classification of a loan to a TDR loan if the restructured loan yields a rate that is below a market rate for that of a new loan with comparable risk. TDR loans with below-market rates are considered impaired until fully collected. TDR loans may also be reported as nonaccrual or past due 90 days if they are not performing per the restructured terms.

Based upon its ongoing assessment of credit quality within the loan portfolio, the Company maintains a Watch List, which includes loans classified as Doubtful, Substandard and Watch according to the Company's classification criteria. These loans involve the anticipated potential for payment defaults or collateral inadequacies. A loan on the Watch List is considered impaired when management believes it is probable the Company will be unable to collect all contractual principal and interest payments due in accordance with the terms of the loan agreement. Impaired loans are measured based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate or, as a practical expedient, at the loan's observable market price or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. The amount of impairment, if any, and any subsequent changes are included in the allowance for loan losses.

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The table below presents the TDR loans by segment as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

|   | March 31, December 31, |        |
|---|------------------------|--------|
|   | 2016                   | 2015   |
| Troubled debt restructured loans <sup>(1)</sup> : |                        |        |
| Commercial  | \$ 99                  | \$ 102 |
| Real estate:                                      |                        |        |
| Construction, land and land development           | —                      | 60     |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages            | 82                     | 86     |
| Home equity                                       | —                      | —      |
| Commercial  | 416                    | 445    |
| Consumer and other loans                          | —                      | —      |
| Total troubled debt restructured loans            | \$ 597                 | \$ 693 |

(1) There were three TDR loans included in this table as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, with balances of \$577 and \$613, respectively, categorized as nonaccrual.

There were no loan modifications considered to be TDR that occurred during the three months ended March 31, 2016, and one loan modification considered to be TDR that occurred during the three months ended March 31, 2015 with a pre- and post-modification recorded investment of \$110.

No TDR loans that were modified within the twelve months preceding March 31, 2016 and 2015 have subsequently had a payment default. A TDR loan is considered to have a payment default when it is past due 30 days or more.



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The following table summarizes the recorded investment in impaired loans by segment, broken down by loans with no related allowance for loan losses and loans with a related allowance and the amount of that allowance as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

|   | March 31, 2016      |                          |                   | December 31, 2015   |                          |                   |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|   | Recorded Investment | Unpaid Principal Balance | Related Allowance | Recorded Investment | Unpaid Principal Balance | Related Allowance |
| With no related allowance recorded:     |                     |                          |                   |                     |                          |                   |
| Commercial                              | \$—                 | \$ —                     | \$ —              | \$—                 | \$ —                     | \$ —              |
| Real Estate:                            |                     |                          |                   |                     |                          |                   |
| Construction, land and land development | —                   | —                        | —                 | 60                  | 663                      | —                 |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages  | 340                 | 348                      | —                 | 352                 | 360                      | —                 |
| Home equity                             | —                   | —                        | —                 | —                   | —                        | —                 |
| Commercial                              | 416                 | 416                      | —                 | 482                 | 482                      | —                 |
| Consumer and other loans                | —                   | —                        | —                 | —                   | —                        | —                 |
|   | 756                 | 764                      | —                 | 894                 | 1,505                    | —                 |
| With an allowance recorded:             |                     |                          |                   |                     |                          |                   |
| Commercial                              | 137                 | 137                      | 137               | 142                 | 142                      | 142               |
| Real Estate:                            |                     |                          |                   |                     |                          |                   |
| Construction, land and land development | —                   | —                        | —                 | —                   | —                        | —                 |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages  | —                   | —                        | —                 | —                   | —                        | —                 |
| Home equity                             | 263                 | 263                      | 263               | 270                 | 270                      | 270               |
| Commercial                              | 150                 | 150                      | 150               | 155                 | 155                      | 155               |
| Consumer and other loans                | —                   | —                        | —                 | —                   | —                        | —                 |
|   | 550                 | 550                      | 550               | 567                 | 567                      | 567               |
| Total:                                  |                     |                          |                   |                     |                          |                   |
| Commercial                              | 137                 | 137                      | 137               | 142                 | 142                      | 142               |
| Real Estate:                            |                     |                          |                   |                     |                          |                   |
| Construction, land and land development | —                   | —                        | —                 | 60                  | 663                      | —                 |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages  | 340                 | 348                      | —                 | 352                 | 360                      | —                 |
| Home equity                             | 263                 | 263                      | 263               | 270                 | 270                      | 270               |
| Commercial                              | 566                 | 566                      | 150               | 637                 | 637                      | 155               |
| Consumer and other loans                | —                   | —                        | —                 | —                   | —                        | —                 |
|   | \$1,306             | \$ 1,314                 | \$ 550            | \$1,461             | \$ 2,072                 | \$ 567            |

The balance of impaired loans at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 was composed of 11 and 13 different borrowers, respectively. The Company has no commitments to advance additional funds on any of the impaired loans.

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The following table summarizes the average recorded investment and interest income recognized on impaired loans by segment for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015.

|   | Three Months Ended March 31,      |                                  |                                   |                                  |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|   | 2016                              |                                  | 2015                              |                                  |
|   | Average<br>Recorded<br>Investment | Interest<br>Income<br>Recognized | Average<br>Recorded<br>Investment | Interest<br>Income<br>Recognized |
| With no related allowance recorded:     |                                   |                                  |                                   |                                  |
| Commercial                              | \$—                               | \$ —                             | \$165                             | \$ —                             |
| Real estate:                            |                                   |                                  |                                   |                                  |
| Construction, land and land development | 28                                | —                                | 367                               | 3                                |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages  | 347                               | 1                                | 271                               | —                                |
| Home equity                             | —                                 | —                                | —                                 | —                                |
| Commercial                              | 440                               | —                                | 543                               | —                                |
| Consumer and other loans                | —                                 | —                                | 1                                 | —                                |
|   | 815                               | 1                                | 1,347                             | 3                                |
| With an allowance recorded:             |                                   |                                  |                                   |                                  |
| Commercial                              | 140                               | —                                | 290                               | 2                                |
| Real estate:                            |                                   |                                  |                                   |                                  |
| Construction, land and land development | —                                 | —                                | 618                               | 6                                |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages  | —                                 | —                                | —                                 | —                                |
| Home equity                             | 267                               | —                                | 226                               | —                                |
| Commercial                              | 152                               | —                                | 171                               | —                                |
| Consumer and other loans                | —                                 | —                                | —                                 | —                                |
|   | 559                               | —                                | 1,305                             | 8                                |
| Total:                                  |                                   |                                  |                                   |                                  |
| Commercial                              | 140                               | —                                | 455                               | 2                                |
| Real estate:                            |                                   |                                  |                                   |                                  |
| Construction, land and land development | 28                                | —                                | 985                               | 9                                |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages  | 347                               | 1                                | 271                               | —                                |
| Home equity                             | 267                               | —                                | 226                               | —                                |
| Commercial                              | 592                               | —                                | 714                               | —                                |
| Consumer and other loans                | —                                 | —                                | 1                                 | —                                |
|   | \$1,374                           | \$ 1                             | \$2,652                           | \$ 11                            |

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The following tables provide an analysis of the payment status of the recorded investment in loans as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

|  | March 31, 2016         |                        |                                   |                      |             |                     |                |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|
|  | 90                     |                        |                                   |                      |             |                     |                |
|  | 30-59 Days<br>Past Due | 60-89 Days<br>Past Due | Days<br>or<br>More<br>Past<br>Due | Total<br>Past<br>Due | Current     | Nonaccrual<br>Loans | Total<br>Loans |
| Commercial                                 | \$23                   | \$                     | —                                 | —\$23                | \$354,290   | \$ 137              | \$354,450      |
| Real estate:                               |                        |                        |                                   |                      |             |                     |                |
| Construction, land and<br>land development | —                      | —                      | —                                 | —                    | 194,446     | —                   | 194,446        |
| 1-4 family residential<br>first mortgages  | 417                    | —                      | —                                 | 417                  | 50,323      | 320                 | 51,060         |
| Home equity                                | 19                     | —                      | —                                 | 19                   | 21,034      | 263                 | 21,316         |
| Commercial                                 | 34                     | —                      | —                                 | 34                   | 647,037     | 566                 | 647,637        |
| Consumer and other                         | —                      | —                      | —                                 | —                    | 7,036       | —                   | 7,036          |
| Total                                      | \$493                  | \$                     | —                                 | —\$493               | \$1,274,166 | \$ 1,286            | \$1,275,945    |
|  | December 31, 2015      |                        |                                   |                      |             |                     |                |
|  | 90                     |                        |                                   |                      |             |                     |                |
|  | 30-59 Days<br>Past Due | 60-89 Days<br>Past Due | Days<br>or<br>More<br>Past<br>Due | Total<br>Past<br>Due | Current     | Nonaccrual<br>Loans | Total<br>Loans |
| Commercial                                 | \$1                    | \$ 38                  | \$                                | —\$39                | \$348,870   | \$ 142              | \$349,051      |
| Real estate:                               |                        |                        |                                   |                      |             |                     |                |
| Construction, land and<br>land development | —                      | —                      | —                                 | —                    | 174,602     | —                   | 174,602        |
| 1-4 family residential<br>first mortgages  | 317                    | —                      | —                                 | 317                  | 50,721      | 332                 | 51,370         |
| Home equity                                | —                      | —                      | —                                 | —                    | 21,479      | 270                 | 21,749         |
| Commercial                                 | —                      | —                      | —                                 | —                    | 643,539     | 637                 | 644,176        |
| Consumer and other                         | —                      | —                      | —                                 | —                    | 6,801       | —                   | 6,801          |
| Total                                      | \$318                  | \$ 38                  | \$                                | —\$356               | \$1,246,012 | \$ 1,381            | \$1,247,749    |

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The following tables present the recorded investment in loans by credit quality indicator and loan segment as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

|   | March 31, 2016    |          |             |          |              |
|---|-------------------|----------|-------------|----------|--------------|
|   | Pass              | Watch    | Substandard | Doubtful | Total        |
| Commercial                              | \$350,386         | \$2,673  | \$ 1,391    | \$       | —\$354,450   |
| Real estate:                            |                   |          |             |          |              |
| Construction, land and land development | 193,408           | —        | 1,038       | —        | 194,446      |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages  | 49,927            | 793      | 340         | —        | 51,060       |
| Home equity                             | 20,974            | 69       | 273         | —        | 21,316       |
| Commercial                              | 623,753           | 22,375   | 1,509       | —        | 647,637      |
| Consumer and other                      | 7,022             | —        | 14          | —        | 7,036        |
| Total                                   | \$1,245,470       | \$25,910 | \$ 4,565    | \$       | —\$1,275,945 |
|   | December 31, 2015 |          |             |          |              |
|   | Pass              | Watch    | Substandard | Doubtful | Total        |
| Commercial                              | \$344,650         | \$2,936  | \$ 1,465    | \$       | —\$349,051   |
| Real estate:                            |                   |          |             |          |              |
| Construction, land and land development | 173,373           | —        | 1,229       | —        | 174,602      |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages  | 50,375            | 517      | 478         | —        | 51,370       |
| Home equity                             | 21,401            | 68       | 280         | —        | 21,749       |
| Commercial                              | 619,608           | 22,977   | 1,591       | —        | 644,176      |
| Consumer and other                      | 6,786             | —        | 15          | —        | 6,801        |
| Total                                   | \$1,216,193       | \$26,498 | \$ 5,058    | \$       | —\$1,247,749 |

All loans are subject to the assessment of a credit quality indicator. Risk ratings are assigned for each loan at the time of approval, and they change as circumstances dictate during the term of the loan. The Company utilizes a 9-point risk rating scale as shown below, with ratings 1 - 5 included in the Pass column, rating 6 included in the Watch column, ratings 7 - 8 included in the Substandard column and rating 9 included in the Doubtful column. All loans classified as impaired that are included in the specific evaluation of the allowance for loan losses are included in the Substandard column along with all other loans with ratings of 7 - 8.

Risk rating 1: The loan is secured by cash equivalent collateral.

Risk rating 2: The loan is secured by properly margined marketable securities, bonds or cash surrender value of life insurance.

Risk rating 3: The borrower is in strong financial condition and has strong debt service capacity. The loan is performing as agreed, and the financial characteristics and trends of the borrower exceed industry statistics.

Risk rating 4: The borrower is in satisfactory financial condition and has satisfactory debt service capacity. The loan is performing as agreed, and the financial characteristics and trends of the borrower fall in line with industry statistics.

Risk rating 5: The borrower's financial condition is less than satisfactory. The loan is still generally paying as agreed, but strained cash flows may cause some slowness in payments. The collateral values adequately preclude loss on the loan. Financial characteristics and trends lag industry statistics. There may be noncompliance with loan covenants.

Risk rating 6: The borrower's financial condition is deficient. Payment delinquencies may be more common. Collateral values still protect from loss, but margins are narrow. The loan may be reliant on secondary sources of repayment, including liquidation of collateral and guarantor support.

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Risk rating 7: The loan is inadequately protected by the current sound worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Well-defined weaknesses exist that jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. The Company is inadequately protected by the valuation or paying capacity of the collateral pledged. If deficiencies are not corrected, there is a distinct possibility that a loss will be sustained.

Risk rating 8: All the characteristics of rating 7 exist with the added condition that the loan is past due more than 90 days or there is reason to believe the Company will not receive its principal and interest according to the terms of the loan agreement.

Risk rating 9: All the weaknesses inherent in risk ratings 7 and 8 exist with the added condition that collection or liquidation, on the basis of currently known facts, conditions and values, is highly questionable and improbable. A loan reaching this category would most likely be charged off.

Credit quality indicators for all loans and the Company's risk rating process are dynamic and updated on a continuous basis. Risk ratings are updated as circumstances that could affect the repayment of an individual loan are brought to management's attention through an established monitoring process. Individual lenders initiate changes as appropriate for ratings 1 through 5, and changes for ratings 6 through 9 are initiated via communications with management. The likelihood of loss increases as the risk rating increases and is generally preceded by a loan appearing on the Watch List, which consists of all loans with a risk rating of 6 or worse. Written action plans with firm target dates for resolution of identified problems are maintained and reviewed on a quarterly basis for all segments of criticized loans.

In addition to the Company's internal credit monitoring practices and procedures, an outsourced independent credit review function is in place to further assess assigned internal risk classifications and monitor compliance with internal lending policies and procedures.

In all portfolio segments, the primary risks are that a borrower's income stream diminishes to the point that the borrower is not able to make scheduled principal and interest payments and any collateral securing the loan declines in value. The risk of declining collateral values is present for most types of loans.

Commercial loans consist primarily of loans to businesses for various purposes, including revolving lines to finance current operations, inventory and accounts receivable, and capital expenditure loans to finance equipment and other fixed assets. These loans generally have short maturities, have either adjustable or fixed interest rates, and are either unsecured or secured by inventory, accounts receivable and/or fixed assets. For commercial loans, the primary source of repayment is from the operation of the business.

Real estate loans include various types of loans for which the Company holds real property as collateral, and consist of loans on commercial properties and single and multifamily residences. Real estate loans are typically structured to mature or reprice every five years with payments based on amortization periods up to 30 years. The majority of construction loans are to contractors and developers for construction of commercial buildings or residential real estate. These loans typically have maturities of up to 24 months. The Company's loan policy includes minimum appraisal and other credit guidelines.

Consumer loans include loans extended to individuals for household, family and other personal expenditures not secured by real estate. The majority of the Company's consumer lending is for vehicles, consolidation of personal debts and household improvements. The repayment source for consumer loans, including 1-4 family residential and home equity loans, is typically wages.

The allowance for loan losses is established through a provision for loan losses charged to expense. The allowance is an amount that management believes will be adequate to absorb probable losses on existing loans based on an evaluation of the collectability of loans and prior loss experience. This evaluation also takes into consideration such factors as changes in the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, overall portfolio quality, the review of specific problem loans, and the current economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to pay. Loans are charged-off against the allowance for loan losses when management believes that collectability of the principal is unlikely. While management uses the best information available to make its evaluations, future adjustments to the allowance may be necessary if there are significant changes in economic conditions or the other factors relied upon.

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The allowance for loan losses consists of specific and general components. The specific component relates to loans that meet the definition of impaired. The general component covers the remaining loans and is based on historical loss experience adjusted for qualitative factors such as delinquency trends, loan growth, economic elements and local market conditions. These same policies are applied to all segments of loans. In addition, regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination processes, periodically review the Company's allowance for loan losses, and may require the Company to make additions to the allowance based on their judgment about information available to them at the time of their examinations.

The following tables detail the changes in the allowance for loan losses by segment for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015.

|                          | Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 |                                     |                           |                |            |                       | Total    |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------------------|----------|
|                          | Commercial                        | Real Estate<br>Construction<br>Land | 1-4 Family<br>Residential | Home<br>Equity | Commercial | Consumer<br>and Other |          |
| Beginning balance        | \$4,369                           | \$2,338                             | \$ 508                    | \$ 481         | \$ 7,254   | \$ 17                 | \$14,967 |
| Charge-offs              | —                                 | —                                   | —                         | —              | —          | —                     | —        |
| Recoveries               | 42                                | 44                                  | 11                        | 7              | 3          | 6                     | 113      |
| Provision <sup>(1)</sup> | (268 )                            | 280                                 | (123 )                    | 31             | 227        | 53                    | 200      |
| Ending balance           | \$4,143                           | \$2,662                             | \$ 396                    | \$ 519         | \$ 7,484   | \$ 76                 | \$15,280 |

|                          | Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 |                                     |                           |                |            |                       | Total    |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------------------|----------|
|                          | Commercial                        | Real Estate<br>Construction<br>Land | 1-4 Family<br>Residential | Home<br>Equity | Commercial | Consumer<br>and Other |          |
| Beginning balance        | \$4,415                           | \$2,151                             | \$ 466                    | \$ 534         | \$ 6,013   | \$ 28                 | \$13,607 |
| Charge-offs              | (38 )                             | —                                   | —                         | —              | —          | —                     | (38 )    |
| Recoveries               | 24                                | 250                                 | 1                         | 25             | 3          | 6                     | 309      |
| Provision <sup>(1)</sup> | 97                                | (657 )                              | (34 )                     | (54 )          | 653        | (5 )                  | —        |
| Ending balance           | \$4,498                           | \$1,744                             | \$ 433                    | \$ 505         | \$ 6,669   | \$ 29                 | \$13,878 |

The negative provisions for the various segments are either related to the decline in each of those portfolio (1) segments during the time periods disclosed and/or improvement in the credit quality factors related to those portfolio segments.



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The following tables present a breakdown of the allowance for loan losses disaggregated on the basis of impairment analysis method by segment as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

|                                       | March 31, 2016  |              |                        |             |            |                    |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|
|                                       | Real Estate     |              | 1-4 Family Residential | Home Equity | Commercial | Consumer and Other | Total     |
|                                       | Commercial Land | Construction |                        |             |            |                    |           |
| Ending balance:                       |                 |              |                        |             |            |                    |           |
| Individually evaluated for impairment | \$ 137          | \$ —         | \$ —                   | \$ 263      | \$ 150     | \$ —               | \$ 550    |
| Collectively evaluated for impairment | 4,006           | 2,662        | 396                    | 256         | 7,334      | 76                 | 14,730    |
| Total                                 | \$ 4,143        | \$ 2,662     | \$ 396                 | \$ 519      | \$ 7,484   | \$ 76              | \$ 15,280 |

|                                       | December 31, 2015 |              |                        |             |            |                    |           |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|
|                                       | Real Estate       |              | 1-4 Family Residential | Home Equity | Commercial | Consumer and Other | Total     |
|                                       | Commercial Land   | Construction |                        |             |            |                    |           |
| Ending balance:                       |                   |              |                        |             |            |                    |           |
| Individually evaluated for impairment | \$ 142            | \$ —         | \$ —                   | \$ 270      | \$ 155     | \$ —               | \$ 567    |
| Collectively evaluated for impairment | 4,227             | 2,338        | 508                    | 211         | 7,099      | 17                 | 14,400    |
| Total                                 | \$ 4,369          | \$ 2,338     | \$ 508                 | \$ 481      | \$ 7,254   | \$ 17              | \$ 14,967 |

The following tables present the recorded investment in loans, exclusive of unamortized fees and costs, disaggregated on the basis of impairment analysis method by segment as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

|                                       | March 31, 2016      |              |                        |             |            |                    |              |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                                       | Real Estate         |              | 1-4 Family Residential | Home Equity | Commercial | Consumer and Other | Total        |
|                                       | Commercial and Land | Construction |                        |             |            |                    |              |
| Ending balance:                       |                     |              |                        |             |            |                    |              |
| Individually evaluated for impairment | \$ 137              | \$ —         | \$ 340                 | \$ 263      | \$ 566     | \$ —               | \$ 1,306     |
| Collectively evaluated for impairment | 354,313             | 194,446      | 50,720                 | 21,053      | 647,071    | 7,036              | 1,274,639    |
| Total                                 | \$ 354,450          | \$ 194,446   | \$ 51,060              | \$ 21,316   | \$ 647,637 | \$ 7,036           | \$ 1,275,945 |
|                                       | December 31, 2015   |              |                        |             |            |                    |              |
|                                       | Real Estate         |              | 1-4 Family Residential | Home Equity | Commercial | Consumer and Other | Total        |
|                                       | Commercial and Land | Construction |                        |             |            |                    |              |
| Ending balance:                       |                     |              |                        |             |            |                    |              |
| Individually evaluated for impairment | \$ 142              | \$ 60        | \$ 352                 | \$ 270      | \$ 637     | \$ —               | \$ 1,461     |
| Collectively evaluated for impairment | 348,909             | 174,542      | 51,018                 | 21,479      | 643,539    | 6,801              | 1,246,288    |
| Total                                 | \$ 349,051          | \$ 174,602   | \$ 51,370              | \$ 21,749   | \$ 644,176 | \$ 6,801           | \$ 1,247,749 |



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## 5. Derivatives

The Company uses interest rate swap agreements to manage the interest rate risk related to the variability of interest payments. The Company has variable rate FHLB advances and junior subordinated notes, which create exposure to variability in interest payments due to changes in interest rates. The notional amounts of the interest rate swaps do not represent amounts exchanged by the counterparties, but rather, the notional amount is used to determine, along with other terms of the derivative, the amounts to be exchanged between the counterparties.

In 2012 and 2013, the Company entered into forward-starting interest rate swap transactions to effectively convert variable rate FHLB advances and junior subordinated notes to fixed rate debt as of the forward-starting dates. The swap transactions were designated as cash flow hedges of the changes in cash flows attributable to changes in LIBOR, the benchmark interest rate being hedged, associated with the interest payments made on the underlying debt with quarterly interest rate reset dates. Three interest rate swaps, with a total notional amount of \$70,000, have been terminated, subject to termination fees totaling \$541. The termination fees will be reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income to interest expense over the remaining life of the underlying cash flows, through June 2020. The remaining interest rate swap, with a notional amount of \$30,000, became effective in December 2015.

At the inception of each hedge transaction, the Company represented that the underlying principal balance would remain outstanding throughout the hedge transaction, making it probable that sufficient LIBOR-based interest payments would exist through the maturity date of the swaps. The cash flow hedges were determined to be fully effective during the remaining terms of the swaps. Therefore, the aggregate fair value of the swaps is recorded in other assets or other liabilities with changes in market value recorded in other comprehensive income, net of deferred taxes. See Note 9 for additional fair value information and disclosures. The amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive income will be reclassified to interest expense should the hedge no longer be considered effective. No amount of ineffectiveness was included in net income for the three months ended March 31, 2016 or 2015, and the Company estimates there will be approximately \$584 of cash payments and reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive income to interest expense through March 31, 2017. The Company will continue to assess the effectiveness of the remaining hedge on a quarterly basis.

The Company is exposed to credit risk in the event of nonperformance by the interest rate swap counterparty. The Company minimizes this risk by entering into derivative contracts with only large, stable financial institutions, and the Company has not experienced, and does not expect, any losses from counterparty nonperformance on the interest rate swaps. The Company monitors counterparty risk in accordance with the provisions of FASB ASC 815. In addition, the interest rate swap agreement contains language outlining collateral-pledging requirements for each counterparty. Collateral must be posted when the market value exceeds certain threshold limits. As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company pledged \$1,310 and \$740, respectively, of collateral to the counterparty in the form of cash on deposit with a third party.

The table below identifies the balance sheet category and fair values of the Company's derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

| Interest Rate Swap | Notional Amount | Fair Value | Balance Sheet Category | Receive Rate | Pay Rate | Maturity  |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------|------------------------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| March 31, 2016     | \$ 30,000       | \$ 1,481   | Other Liabilities      | 0.93 %       | 2.52 %   | 9/21/2020 |

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December 31, 2015 30,000 774 Other Liabilities 0.88 % 2.52% 9/21/2020

The following table identifies the pre-tax losses recognized on the Company's derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015.

|                    | Effective Portion                      |                                    | Ineffective Portion   |                                     |
|--------------------|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                    | Amount of Pre-tax (Loss) Recognized in | Reclassified from AOCI into Income | Amount of Gain (Loss) | Recognized in Income on Derivatives |
| Interest Rate Swap | OCI                                    | Category                           | Category              | Category                            |
| March 31, 2016     | \$(830)                                | Interest Expense                   | \$(151 )              | Other Income                        |
| March 31, 2015     | (1,113)                                | Interest Expense                   | (76 )                 | Other Income                        |

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## 6. Deferred Income Taxes

Net deferred tax assets consisted of the following as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

|   | March 31, December 31, |          |
|---|------------------------|----------|
|   | 2016                   | 2015     |
| Deferred tax assets:                                  |                        |          |
| Allowance for loan losses                             | \$ 5,806               | \$ 5,687 |
| Intangibles   | 694                    | 771      |
| Accrued expenses                                      | 568                    | 898      |
| Restricted stock compensation                         | 137                    | 358      |
| Net unrealized losses on interest rate swaps          | 731                    | 473      |
| State net operating loss carryforward                 | 1,217                  | 1,183    |
| Capital loss carryforward                             | 355                    | 355      |
| Other   | 32                     | 34       |
|   | 9,540                  | 9,759    |
| Deferred tax liabilities:                             |                        |          |
| Net deferred loan fees and costs                      | 335                    | 350      |
| Premises and equipment                                | 661                    | 674      |
| Net unrealized gains on securities available for sale | 1,221                  | 210      |
| Other   | 294                    | 317      |
|   | 2,511                  | 1,551    |
| Net deferred tax assets before valuation allowance    | 7,029                  | 8,208    |
| Valuation allowance                                   | (1,572 )               | (1,538 ) |
| Net deferred tax assets                               | \$ 5,457               | \$ 6,670 |

The Company has recorded a valuation allowance against the tax effect of the state net operating loss carryforwards and federal and state capital loss carryforwards, as management believes it is more likely than not that such carryforwards will expire without being utilized.

The federal and state capital loss carryforwards expire at the end of 2016.

## 7. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following table summarizes the changes in the balances of each component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015.

|  | Unrealized Gains on Securities | Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Derivatives | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) |
|--|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Balance, December 31, 2014                                       | \$ 416                         | \$ (162 )                                | \$ 254  |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications       | 1,258                          | (690 )                                   | 568   |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income | (13 )                          | 47                                       | 34  |
| Net current period other comprehensive income (loss)             | 1,245                          | (643 )                                   | 602   |
| Balance, March 31, 2015  | \$ 1,661                       | \$ (805 )                                | \$ 856  |

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|  |          |             |           |
|--|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Balance, December 31, 2015                                       | \$ 342   | \$ (772 )   | \$ (430 ) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications       | 1,665    | (515 )      | 1,150     |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income | (15 )    | 94          | 79        |
| Net current period other comprehensive income (loss)             | 1,650    | (421 )      | 1,229     |
| Balance, March 31, 2016  | \$ 1,992 | \$ (1,193 ) | \$ 799    |

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## 8. Commitments and Contingencies

Financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk: The Company is party to financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit. These instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit risk in excess of the amount recognized in the consolidated balance sheets. The Company's exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the other party to the financial instrument for commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit is represented by the contractual amount of those instruments. The Company uses the same credit policies in making commitments and conditional obligations that it uses for on-balance-sheet instruments. The Company's commitments consisted of the following approximate amounts as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

|                              | March 31, December 31, |            |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------|
|                              | 2016                   | 2015       |
| Commitments to extend credit | \$ 678,001             | \$ 558,633 |
| Standby letters of credit    | 8,931                  | 8,720      |
|                              | \$ 686,932             | \$ 567,353 |

West Bank has executed Mortgage Partnership Finance (MPF) Master Commitments (Commitments) with the FHLB of Des Moines to deliver mortgage loans and to guarantee the payment of any realized losses that exceed the FHLB's first loss account for mortgages delivered under the Commitments. West Bank receives credit enhancement fees from the FHLB for providing this guarantee and continuing to assist with managing the credit risk of the MPF Program mortgage loans. The term of the most recent Commitment was through January 16, 2015 and was not renewed. At March 31, 2016, the liability represented by the present value of the credit enhancement fees less any expected losses in the mortgages delivered under the Commitments was approximately \$310. The outstanding balance of mortgage loans sold under the MPF Program was \$134,624 and \$139,152 at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

Contractual commitments: The Company has remaining commitments to invest in five qualified affordable housing projects totaling \$6,292 as of March 31, 2016.

During 2015, the Company began construction on a new office in Rochester, Minnesota. Progress billings of approximately \$1,452 have been paid on the \$6,580 contract through March 31, 2016.

Contingencies: On September 29, 2010, West Bank was sued in a class action lawsuit filed in the Iowa District Court for Polk County. Plaintiffs, Darla and Jason T. Legg, asserted nonsufficient funds fees charged by West Bank on debit card transactions were usurious under the Iowa Consumer Credit Code and that the sequence West Bank formerly used to post debit card transactions for payment violated various alleged duties of good faith and ordinary care. Plaintiffs sought alternative remedies including injunctive relief, damages (including treble damages), punitive damages, refund of bank fees, and attorney fees. The trial court entered orders on preliminary motions on March 4, 2014. It dismissed one of Plaintiffs' claims and found that factual disputes precluded summary judgment in West Bank's favor on the remaining claims. In addition, the court certified two classes for further proceedings. West Bank appealed the adverse rulings to the Iowa Supreme Court. On January 22, 2016, the Iowa Supreme Court filed two opinions that affirmed and reversed parts of the trial court rulings. The court reversed the trial court by holding the Iowa Consumer Credit Code usury claim and an unjust enrichment claim should be dismissed. Certification of classes

on those claims was also reversed. The court affirmed the trial court by holding that the Plaintiffs can proceed with a breach of express contract claim based on a 2006 change in debit card payment sequencing coupled with the alleged lack of notice concerning that change. West Bank believes it has additional defenses to this claim and intends to continue vigorously defending the action. The case has been remanded to the district court. Discovery is continuing, and a trial date of June 19, 2017, has been set. The amount of potential loss, if any, cannot now be reasonably estimated due to significant additional unresolved factual and legal issues that must be determined through further proceedings.

Except as described above, neither the Company nor West Bank is a party, and no property of these entities is subject, to any other material pending legal proceedings, other than ordinary routine litigation incidental to West Bank's business. The Company does not know of any proceeding contemplated by a governmental authority against the Company or West Bank.



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9. Fair Value Measurements

Accounting guidance on fair value measurements and disclosures defines fair value and establishes a framework for measuring the fair value of assets and liabilities using a hierarchy system. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in the market in which the reporting entity transacts business.

The Company's balance sheet contains investment securities available for sale and derivative instruments that are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis. The three-level valuation hierarchy for disclosure of fair value is as follows:

Level 1 uses quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 uses observable market-based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.

Level 3 uses unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

The Company's policy is to recognize transfers between Levels at the end of each reporting period, if applicable. There were no transfers between Levels of the fair value hierarchy during the three months ended March 31, 2016.

The following is a description of valuation methodologies used for financial assets and liabilities recorded at fair value on a recurring basis.

Investment securities available for sale: When available, quoted market prices are used to determine the fair value of investment securities. If quoted market prices are not available, the Company determines fair value based on various sources and may apply matrix pricing with observable prices for similar bonds where a price for the identical bond is not observable. The fair values of these securities are determined by pricing models that consider observable market data such as interest rate volatilities, LIBOR yield curve, credit spreads, prices from market makers and live trading systems. Level 1 securities include certain corporate bonds and preferred stocks, and would include U.S. Treasuries, if any were held. Level 2 securities include U.S. government and agency securities, collateralized mortgage obligations, mortgage-backed securities, state and political subdivision securities, and one trust preferred security. The Company currently holds no investment securities classified as Level 3.

Generally, management obtains the fair value of investment securities at the end of each reporting period via a third party pricing service. Management, with the assistance of an independent investment advisory firm, reviewed the valuation process used by the third party and believed that process was valid. On a quarterly basis, management corroborates the fair values of investment securities by obtaining pricing from an independent investment advisory firm and compares the two sets of fair values. Any significant variances are reviewed and investigated. In addition, the Company has instituted a practice of further testing the fair values of a sample of securities. For that sample, the prices are further validated by management, with assistance from an independent investment advisory firm, by obtaining details of the inputs used by the pricing service. Those inputs were independently tested, and management concluded the fair values were consistent with GAAP requirements and securities were properly classified in the fair value hierarchy.

Derivative instrument: The Company's derivative instrument consists of an interest rate swap, which is accounted for as a cash flow hedge. The Company's derivative position is classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy and is valued using models generally accepted in the financial services industry and that use actively quoted or observable market input values from external market data providers and/or non-binding broker-dealer quotations. The fair value of the derivative is determined using discounted cash flow models. These models' key assumptions include the contractual terms of the contract along with significant observable inputs, including interest rates, yield curves, nonperformance risk and volatility. Derivative contracts are executed with a Credit Support Annex, which is a bilateral ratings-sensitive agreement that requires collateral postings at established credit threshold levels. These agreements protect the interests of the Company and its counterparties should either party suffer a credit rating deterioration.

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The following tables present the balances of financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis by level as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

|   | March 31, 2016 |         |         |         |
|---|----------------|---------|---------|---------|
|   | Total          | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| Financial assets:                         |                |         |         |         |
| Investment securities available for sale: |                |         |         |         |
| U.S. government agencies and corporations | \$2,673        | \$ —    | \$2,673 | \$ —    |
| State and political subdivisions          | 73,309         | —       | 73,309  | —       |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations       | 126,643        | —       | 126,643 | —       |
| Mortgage-backed securities                | 97,479         | —       | 97,479  | —       |
| Trust preferred security                  | 1,075          | —       | 1,075   | —       |
| Corporate notes and equity securities     | 10,156         | 9,856   | 300     | —       |

## Financial liabilities:

|   |         |      |         |      |
|---|---------|------|---------|------|
| Derivative instrument, interest rate swap | \$1,481 | \$ — | \$1,481 | \$ — |
|---|---------|------|---------|------|

|   | December 31, 2015 |         |         |         |
|---|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|   | Total             | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| Financial assets:                         |                   |         |         |         |
| Investment securities available for sale: |                   |         |         |         |
| U.S. government agencies and corporations | \$2,692           | \$ —    | \$2,692 | \$ —    |
| State and political subdivisions          | 73,079            | —       | 73,079  | —       |
| Collateralized mortgage obligations       | 132,615           | —       | 132,615 | —       |
| Mortgage-backed securities                | 101,088           | —       | 101,088 | —       |
| Trust preferred security                  | 1,105             | —       | 1,105   | —       |
| Corporate notes and equity securities     | 10,135            | 9,835   | 300     | —       |

## Financial liabilities:

|   |       |      |       |      |
|---|-------|------|-------|------|
| Derivative instrument, interest rate swap | \$774 | \$ — | \$774 | \$ — |
|---|-------|------|-------|------|

Certain assets are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. That is, they are subject to fair value adjustments in certain circumstances (for example, when there is evidence of impairment). As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, impaired loans of \$0 and \$98, respectively, for which a fair value adjustment was recorded were classified as Level 3. Impaired loans are evaluated and valued at the lower of cost or fair value when the loan is identified as impaired. Fair value is measured based on the value of the collateral securing these loans. The types of collateral vary widely and could include accounts receivables, inventory, a variety of equipment and real estate. Evaluations of the underlying assets are completed for each impaired loan with a specific reserve. Collateral evaluations are reviewed and discounted as appropriate based on knowledge of the specific type of collateral. In the case of real estate, an independent appraisal may be obtained. Types of discounts considered included aging of receivables, condition of the collateral, potential market for the collateral and estimated disposal costs. These discounts will vary from loan to loan and may be discounted based on management's opinions concerning market developments or the client's business.



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GAAP requires disclosure of the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities, including those that are not measured and reported at fair value on a recurring or nonrecurring basis. The methodologies for estimating the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring or nonrecurring basis are discussed above. The methodologies for other financial assets and financial liabilities are discussed below.

Cash and due from banks: The carrying amount approximates fair value.

Federal funds sold: The carrying amount approximates fair value.

Investment securities held to maturity: The fair values of these securities, which are all state and political subdivisions, are determined by the same method previously described for investment securities available for sale.

FHLB stock: The fair value of this restricted stock is estimated at its carrying value and redemption price of \$100 per share.

Loans: The fair values of fixed rate loans are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis based on observable market interest rates currently being offered for loans with similar terms to borrowers with similar credit quality. The carrying values of variable rate loans approximate their fair values.

Deposits: The carrying amounts for demand and savings deposits, which represent the amounts payable on demand, approximate their fair values. The fair values for time deposits are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis, based on observable market interest rates currently being offered on time deposits with similar terms.

Accrued interest receivable and payable: The fair values of both accrued interest receivable and payable approximate their carrying amounts.

Borrowings: The carrying amounts of federal funds purchased, short-term borrowings, variable rate FHLB advances, and variable rate long-term borrowings approximate their fair values. Fair values of subordinated notes, a fixed rate FHLB advance and other long-term borrowings are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis, based on observable market interest rates currently being offered with similar terms.

Commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit: The approximate fair values of commitments and standby letters of credit are based on the fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and creditworthiness of the counterparties.

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The following table presents the carrying amounts and approximate fair values of financial assets and liabilities as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

|  | Fair Value Hierarchy Level | March 31, 2016  |                        | December 31, 2015 |                        |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
|  |                            | Carrying Amount | Approximate Fair Value | Carrying Amount   | Approximate Fair Value |
| Financial assets:                        |                            |                 |                        |                   |                        |
| Cash and due from banks                  | Level 1                    | \$48,919        | \$ 48,919              | \$57,329          | \$ 57,329              |
| Federal funds sold                       | Level 1                    | 7,804           | 7,804                  | 15,322            | 15,322                 |
| Investment securities available for sale | See previous table         | 311,335         | 311,335                | 320,714           | 320,714                |
| Investment securities held to maturity   | Level 2                    | 50,526          | 51,455                 | 51,259            | 51,918                 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock             | Level 1                    | 12,353          | 12,353                 | 12,447            | 12,447                 |
| Loans, net <sup>(1)</sup>                | Level 2                    | 1,259,649       | 1,261,811              | 1,231,721         | 1,235,336              |
| Accrued interest receivable              | Level 1                    | 5,273           | 5,273                  | 4,688             | 4,688                  |
| Financial liabilities:                   |                            |                 |                        |                   |                        |
| Deposits                                 | Level 2                    | \$1,445,747     | \$ 1,445,758           | \$ 1,440,729      | \$ 1,440,762           |
| Federal funds purchased                  | Level 1                    | 1,685           | 1,685                  | 2,760             | 2,760                  |
| Short-term borrowings                    | Level 1                    | 17,000          | 17,000                 | 19,000            | 19,000                 |
| Subordinated notes, net                  | Level 2                    | 20,388          | 11,782                 | 20,385            | 11,674                 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank advances, net     | Level 2                    | 98,758          | 98,942                 | 98,385            | 98,812                 |
| Long-term debt, net                      | Level 2                    | 7,592           | 7,506                  | 8,405             | 8,314                  |
| Accrued interest payable                 | Level 1                    | 357             | 357                    | 343               | 343                    |
| Interest rate swaps                      | Level 2                    | 1,481           | 1,481                  | 774               | 774                    |
| Off-balance-sheet financial instruments: |                            |                 |                        |                   |                        |
| Commitments to extend credit             | Level 3                    | —               | —                      | —                 | —                      |
| Standby letters of credit                | Level 3                    | —               | —                      | —                 | —                      |

(1) All loans are Level 2 except impaired loans of \$0 and \$98 as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, which are Level 3.

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

"SAFE HARBOR" CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this report, other than purely historical information, including estimates, projections, statements relating to our business plans, objectives and expected operating results, and the assumptions upon which those statements are based, are "forward-looking statements" within the meanings of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). Forward-looking statements may appear throughout this report. These forward-looking statements are generally identified by the words "believes," "expects," "intends," "anticipates," "projects," "future," "may," "should," "will," "strategy," "plan," "opportunity," "will be," "will likely result," "will continue" or similar references to estimates, predictions or future events. Such forward-looking statements are based upon certain underlying assumptions, risks and uncertainties. Because of the possibility that the underlying assumptions are incorrect or do not materialize as expected in the future, actual results could differ materially from these forward-looking statements. Risks and uncertainties that may affect future results include: interest rate risk; competitive pressures; pricing pressures on loans and deposits; changes in credit and other risks posed by the Company's loan and investment portfolios, including declines in commercial or residential real estate values or changes in the allowance for loan losses dictated by new market conditions or regulatory requirements; actions of bank and nonbank competitors; changes in local and national economic conditions; changes in regulatory requirements, limitations and costs; changes in customers' acceptance of the Company's products and services; cyber-attacks; and any other risks described in the "Risk Factors" sections of this and other reports filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise or update such forward-looking statements to reflect current or future events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. These estimates are based upon historical experience and on various other assumptions that management believes are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. The estimates and judgments that management believes have the most effect on the Company's reported financial position and results of operations are described as critical accounting policies in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 3, 2016. There have been no significant changes in the critical accounting policies or the assumptions and judgments utilized in applying these policies since the year ended December 31, 2015.

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OVERVIEW

The following discussion describes the consolidated operations and financial condition of the Company, which includes West Bank and West Bank's wholly owned subsidiary WB Funding Corporation (which owned an interest in a limited liability company that was sold in the fourth quarter of 2015). Results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2016 are compared to the results for the same period in 2015, and the consolidated financial condition of the Company as of March 31, 2016 is compared to balances as of December 31, 2015. The Company operates in three markets: central Iowa, which is generally the greater Des Moines metropolitan area; eastern Iowa, which is the area including and surrounding Iowa City and Coralville, Iowa; and the Rochester, Minnesota area.

Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2016 was \$5,696, or \$0.35 per diluted common share, compared to \$5,103, or \$0.32 per diluted common share, for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The Company's annualized return on average assets and return on average equity for the three months ended March 31, 2016 were 1.31 and 14.77 percent, respectively, compared to 1.27 and 14.57 percent, respectively, for the three months ended March 31, 2015.

The increase in net income for the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015 was primarily due to growth in net interest income as the result of continued loan growth and the recognition of tax-exempt gain from bank-owned life insurance. Partially offsetting these improvements to net income for the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2015, were increases in the provision for loan losses and in noninterest expense.

Net interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2016 grew \$736 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2015. The increase was primarily due to the \$28,241 increase in loans outstanding from December 31, 2015 to March 31, 2016. Average loans outstanding for the first three months of 2016 were \$67,513 higher than for the first three months of 2015. Management believes loan growth will continue to be strong in 2016 as the demand for commercial, construction and development, and commercial real estate loans remains strong in all three of the Company's markets. In association with the loan growth, the Company recorded a provision for loan losses of \$200 for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to no provision in the three months ended March 31, 2015. The allowance for loan losses was 1.20 percent of outstanding loans as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

The Company recognized tax-exempt gain from bank-owned life insurance of \$443 in the three months ended March 31, 2016 due to the losses of one of our colleagues and a former employee. Partially offsetting this tax-exempt income was an increase of approximately \$171 in noninterest expense due to the recognition of costs associated with the death of the employee. The remaining \$182 increase in noninterest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to the same period in 2015 was mainly due to increased salary and benefit costs, and normal increases in operating costs.

Another significant change in the first quarter of 2016 was the purchase of a previously leased branch facility in Waukee, Iowa. The purchase is expected to reduce ongoing occupancy costs. Previously announced construction is underway for a permanent office in Rochester, Minnesota. The new facility will replace a leased office and is expected to open in the third quarter of 2016. We believe the more prominent location of the new office will enhance our ability to expand our customer base in that market.





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Each quarter throughout the year, the Company's four key performance metrics are compared to our identified peer group of 16 companies. The group of 16 publicly traded peer financial institutions against which we compare our performance each quarter consists of BankFinancial Corporation, Baylake Corp., Farmers Capital Bank Corporation, First Defiance Financial Corp., First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc., Hills Bancorporation, Horizon Bancorp, Isabella Bank Corporation, Mercantile Bank Corporation, MidWestOne Financial Group, Inc., MutualFirst Financial, Inc., Peoples Bancorp, Pulaski Financial Corp., QCR Holdings, Inc., Southwest Bancorp and Waterstone Financial, Inc. The members of the peer group are selected based on their business focus, scope and location of operations, size and other considerations. The Company is in the middle of the group in terms of size. The group is periodically reviewed, with changes made primarily to reflect merger and acquisition activity. Our goal is to perform at or near the top of these peers relative to what we consider to be four key metrics: return on average assets, return on average equity, efficiency ratio and Texas ratio. We believe these measures encompass the factors that define the performance of a community bank. When contrasted with the peer group's metrics for the year ended December 31, 2015 (latest data available), the Company's metrics for the three months ended March 31, 2016 were better than those of each company in the peer group as shown in the table below.

|                          | West Bancorporation, Inc.<br>Three months ended March 31, 2016 | Peer Group Range<br>Year ended December 31, 2015 |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| Return on average assets | 1.31%  | 0.35% - 1.19%                                    |
| Return on average equity | 14.77%   | 2.70% - 11.65%                                   |
| Efficiency ratio*        | 46.91%   | 54.97% - 79.93%                                  |
| Texas ratio*             | 0.76%  | 3.77% - 29.06%                                   |

\* A lower ratio is more desirable.

Raymond James & Associates, Inc. recently included the Company on its Community Bankers Cup awards listing of the top ten percent of community banks in the United States. The awards were based on profitability, operational efficiency and balance sheet metrics. The pool of 301 community banks considered for recognition were all publicly traded domestic banks with assets between \$500 million and \$10 billion as of December 31, 2015. The Company was ranked number five out of the 301 banks across America and was the only Iowa bank and one of very few from the Midwest to be listed in the top ten percent. This was the fourth consecutive year West Bancorporation, Inc. has been included on the awards list.

At its meeting on April 27, 2016, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.17 per common share. The dividend is payable on May 25, 2016, to stockholders of record as of May 11, 2016. This represents the highest quarterly dividend ever paid by the Company and an increase from the \$0.16 dividend paid in the four prior quarters.

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## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table shows selected financial results and measures for the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared with the same period in 2015.

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |           |         |          |
|--|------------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|
|  | 2016                         | 2015      | Change  | Change % |
| Net income                             | \$5,696                      | \$5,103   | \$593   | 11.62%   |
| Average assets                         | 1,744,098                    | 1,623,638 | 120,460 | 7.42 %   |
| Average stockholders' equity           | 155,119                      | 142,059   | 13,060  | 9.19 %   |
| Return on average assets               | 1.31 %                       | 1.27 %    | 0.04 %  |          |
| Return on average equity               | 14.77 %                      | 14.57 %   | 0.20 %  |          |
| Net interest margin                    | 3.51 %                       | 3.59 %    | (0.08)% |          |
| Efficiency ratio*                      | 46.91 %                      | 48.25 %   | (1.34)% |          |
| Dividend payout ratio                  | 45.13 %                      | 43.93 %   | 1.20 %  |          |
| Average equity to average assets ratio | 8.89 %                       | 8.75 %    | 0.14 %  |          |
|  | As of March 31,              |           |         |          |
|  | 2016                         | 2015      | Change  |          |
| Texas ratio*                           | 0.76 %                       | 2.73 %    | (1.97)% |          |
| Equity to assets ratio                 | 8.94 %                       | 8.72 %    | 0.22 %  |          |
| Tangible common equity ratio           | 8.94 %                       | 8.72 %    | 0.22 %  |          |

\* A lower ratio is more desirable.

## Definitions of ratios:

Return on average assets - annualized net income divided by average assets.

Return on average equity - annualized net income divided by average stockholders' equity.

Net interest margin - annualized tax-equivalent net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets.

Efficiency ratio - noninterest expense (excluding other real estate owned expense) divided by noninterest income (excluding net securities gains and gains/losses on disposition of premises and equipment) plus tax-equivalent net interest income.

Dividend payout ratio - dividends paid to common stockholders divided by net income.

Texas ratio - total nonperforming assets divided by tangible common equity plus the allowance for loan losses.

Equity to assets ratio - equity divided by assets.

Tangible common equity ratio - common equity less intangible assets divided by tangible assets.

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## Net Interest Income

The following table presents average balances and related interest income or interest expense, with the resulting average yield or rate by category of interest-earning assets or interest-bearing liabilities. Interest income and the resulting net interest income are shown on a fully taxable basis.

|  | Average Balance |             |           |          | Interest Income/Expense |         |        |          |        | Yield/Rate |         |  |
|--|-----------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------|---------|--------|----------|--------|------------|---------|--|
|  | 2016            | 2015        | Change    | Change-% | 2016                    | 2015    | Change | Change-% | 2016   | 2015       | Change  |  |
| Data for the three months ended March 31:  |                 |             |           |          |                         |         |        |          |        |            |         |  |
| Interest-earning assets:                   |                 |             |           |          |                         |         |        |          |        |            |         |  |
| Loans:                                     |                 |             |           |          |                         |         |        |          |        |            |         |  |
| Commercial                                 | \$349,635       | \$313,962   | \$35,673  | 11.36 %  | \$3,615                 | \$3,199 | \$416  | 13.00 %  | 4.16 % | 4.13 %     | 0.03 %  |  |
| Real estate                                | 896,510         | 862,819     | 33,691    | 3.90 %   | 10,026                  | 9,563   | 463    | 4.84 %   | 4.50 % | 4.49 %     | 0.01 %  |  |
| Consumer and other                         | 7,414           | 9,265       | (1,851)   | (19.98)% | 73                      | 88      | (15)   | (17.05)% | 3.94 % | 3.86 %     | 0.08 %  |  |
| Total loans                                | 1,253,559       | 1,186,046   | 67,513    | 5.69 %   | 13,714                  | 12,850  | 864    | 6.72 %   | 4.40 % | 4.39 %     | 0.01 %  |  |
| Investment securities:                     |                 |             |           |          |                         |         |        |          |        |            |         |  |
| Taxable                                    | 256,681         | 230,754     | 25,927    | 11.24 %  | 1,155                   | 1,125   | 30     | 2.67 %   | 1.80 % | 1.95 %     | (0.15)% |  |
| Tax-exempt                                 | 124,153         | 103,266     | 20,887    | 20.23 %  | 1,332                   | 1,155   | 177    | 15.32 %  | 4.29 % | 4.47 %     | (0.18)% |  |
| Total investment securities                | 380,834         | 334,020     | 46,814    | 14.02 %  | 2,487                   | 2,280   | 207    | 9.08 %   | 2.61 % | 2.73 %     | (0.12)% |  |
| Federal funds sold                         | 14,630          | 15,231      | (601)     | (3.95)%  | 20                      | 10      | 10     | 100.00 % | 0.55 % | 0.27 %     | 0.28 %  |  |
| Total interest-earning assets              | \$1,649,023     | \$1,535,297 | \$113,726 | 7.41 %   | 16,221                  | 15,140  | 1,081  | 7.14 %   | 3.96 % | 4.00 %     | (0.04)% |  |
| Interest-bearing liabilities:              |                 |             |           |          |                         |         |        |          |        |            |         |  |
| Deposits:                                  |                 |             |           |          |                         |         |        |          |        |            |         |  |
| Interest-bearing demand, savings and money |                 |             |           |          |                         |         |        |          |        |            |         |  |

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|                                    |             |             |          |         |   |       |          |          |         |      |       |       |        |   |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|---------|---|-------|----------|----------|---------|------|-------|-------|--------|---|
| market                             | \$861,065   | \$800,722   | \$60,343 | 7.54    | % | 537   | 324      | 213      | 65.74   | %    | 0.25% | 0.16% | 0.09   | % |
| Time deposits                      | 112,036     | 134,258     | (22,222) | (16.55) | % | 168   | 247      | (79)     | (31.98) | %    | 0.60% | 0.75% | (0.15) | % |
| Total deposits                     | 973,101     | 934,980     | 38,121   | 4.08    | % | 705   | 571      | 134      | 23.47   | %    | 0.29% | 0.25% | 0.04   | % |
| Other borrowed funds               | 141,600     | 170,335     | (28,735) | (16.87) | % | 1,120 | 986      | 134      | 13.59   | %    | 3.18% | 2.35% | 0.83   | % |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | \$1,114,701 | \$1,105,315 | \$9,386  | 0.85    | % | 1,825 | 1,557    | 268      | 17.21   | %    | 0.66% | 0.57% | 0.09   | % |
| Tax-equivalent net interest income |             |             |          |         |   |       | \$14,396 | \$13,583 | \$813   | 5.99 | %     |       |        |   |
| Net interest spread                |             |             |          |         |   |       |          |          |         |      | 3.30% | 3.43% | (0.13) | % |
| Net interest margin                |             |             |          |         |   |       |          |          |         |      | 3.51% | 3.59% | (0.08) | % |

The Company's largest component of net income is net interest income. Fluctuations in net interest income can result from the combination of changes in the average balances of asset and liability categories and changes in interest rates. Interest rates earned and paid are affected by general economic conditions, particularly changes in market interest rates, and by competitive factors, government policies and the actions of regulatory authorities. Net interest margin is a measure of the net return on interest-earning assets and is computed by dividing annualized tax-equivalent net interest income by total average interest-earning assets for the period. Management continually develops and applies strategies to maintain the net interest margin.

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The net interest margin for the three months ended March 31, 2016 declined 8 basis points to 3.51 percent compared to the same period in 2015. The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the Federal Reserve) increased the target federal funds interest rate by 25 basis points in December 2015, the first interest rate change in seven years. This action was the impetus for the Company increasing interest rates on certain deposit categories in the same month. The other primary drivers of the decline in the net interest margin for the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2015 were the 12 basis point reduction in yield on investment securities and the 83 basis point increase in the rate on other borrowed funds. Despite the decline in the net interest margin, tax-equivalent net interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2016 increased \$813 compared to the same time period in 2015, primarily as the result of the increase in average outstanding loans and the offset of the prime rate increase in mid-December 2015. Management expects the persisting low interest rate environment to continue to put pressure on the net interest margin throughout the remainder of 2016 if the Federal Reserve maintains its current monetary policy.

Tax-equivalent interest income on loans increased \$864 for the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2015. The improvement was due to the \$67,513 increase in average loan balances quarter-over-quarter in conjunction with the effect of the one basis point increase in the yield for the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2015. The Company continues to focus on expanding existing and entering into new customer relationships while maintaining strong credit quality. The yield on the Company's loan portfolio is affected by the mix of the loans in the portfolio, the interest rate environment, the effects of competition, the level of nonaccrual loans and reversals of previously accrued interest on charged-off loans. The political and economic environments can also influence the volume of new loan originations and the mix of variable rate versus fixed rate loans

The average balance of investment securities was \$46,814 higher during the three months ended March 31, 2016 than during the same period in 2015, while a lower yield on the most recent portfolio purchases caused the portfolio yield to decline for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to the same period last year. The increase in average balances was primarily attributable to purchases of \$99,901 made in the last four months of 2015. No investment securities were purchased during the three months ended March 31, 2016.

Average interest-bearing demand, savings and money market deposits increased \$60,343 for the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2015, mainly due to an increase in average public fund money market accounts. The average rate paid on deposits for the three months ended March 31, 2016 increased four basis points compared to the three months ended March 31, 2015. The increase in rates was primarily due to increasing interest rates on certain money market deposit products in late December 2015. Meanwhile, interest rates continued to decline on time deposits as maturing time deposits had higher rates than are currently offered. The average balance of time deposits continues to decline as fewer customers are willing to lock in low rates in this extended period of historically low interest rates.

The average rate paid on other borrowed funds increased 83 basis points for the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2015, while the average balance declined \$28,735 quarter-over-quarter. The increase in the average rate paid was due to the combination of amortization of interest rate swap termination fees paid in 2015, an interest rate swap that became effective in December 2015, and an increase in rates for variable rate FHLB advances. The decline in the average balance for the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the same three months of 2015 was due to the the combination of a reduction in average overnight borrowings and principal payments on long-term borrowings.

Provision for Loan Losses and the Related Allowance for Loan Losses

The provision for loan losses represents a charge made to earnings to maintain an adequate allowance for loan losses. The adequacy of the allowance for loan losses is evaluated quarterly by management and reviewed by the Board of Directors. The allowance for loan losses is management's best estimate of probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio as of the balance sheet date. Based upon the evaluations, the provision for loan losses for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 was \$200 and \$0, respectively.

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Factors considered in establishing an appropriate allowance include: an assessment of the financial condition of the borrower; the value and adequacy of loan collateral; the condition of the local economy and the condition of the specific industry of the borrower; the levels and trends of loans by segment; and a review of delinquent and classified loans. The quarterly evaluation focuses on factors such as specific loan reviews, changes in the components of the loan portfolio given the current and forecasted economic conditions, and historical loss experience. Any one of the following conditions may result in the review of a specific loan: concern about whether the customer's cash flow or net worth is sufficient to repay the loan; delinquency status; criticism of the loan in a regulatory examination; the suspension of interest accrual; or other factors, including whether the loan has other special or unusual characteristics that suggest special monitoring is warranted. The Company's concentration risks include geographic concentration in central and eastern Iowa and southeastern Minnesota. The local economies are composed primarily of service industries and state and county governments.

West Bank has a significant portion of its loan portfolio in commercial real estate loans, commercial lines of credit, commercial term loans, and construction and land development loans. West Bank's typical commercial borrower is a small or medium-sized, privately owned business entity. West Bank's commercial loans typically have greater credit risks than residential mortgage or consumer loans because they often have larger balances and repayment usually depends on the borrowers' successful business operations. Commercial loans also involve additional risks because they generally are not fully repaid over the loan period and, thus, may require refinancing or a large payoff at maturity. When the economy turns downward, commercial borrowers may not be able to repay their loans, and the value of their assets, which are usually pledged as collateral, may decrease rapidly and significantly.

While management uses available information to recognize losses on loans, further reduction in the carrying amounts of loans may be necessary based on changes in circumstances, changes in the overall economy in the markets we currently serve, or later acquired information. Identifiable sectors within the general economy are subject to additional volatility, which at any time may have a substantial impact on the loan portfolio. In addition, regulatory agencies, as integral parts of their examination processes, periodically review the credit quality of the loan portfolio and the level of the allowance for loan losses. Such agencies may require West Bank to recognize additional losses based on such agencies' review of information available to them at the time of their examinations.

West Bank's policy is to charge off loans when, in management's opinion, a loan or a portion of a loan is deemed uncollectible. Concerted efforts are made to maximize subsequent recoveries. The following table summarizes the activity in the Company's allowance for loan losses for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 and related ratios.

|  | Three Months Ended March 31, |              |          |
|--|------------------------------|--------------|----------|
|  | 2016                         | 2015         | Change   |
| Balance at beginning of period   | \$ 14,967                    | \$ 13,607    | \$ 1,360 |
| Charge-offs  | —                            | (38 )        | 38       |
| Recoveries   | 113                          | 309          | (196 )   |
| Net recoveries   | 113                          | 271          | (158 )   |
| Provision for loan losses charged to operations  | 200                          | —            | 200      |
| Balance at end of period   | \$ 15,280                    | \$ 13,878    | \$ 1,402 |
| Average loans outstanding  | \$ 1,253,559                 | \$ 1,185,946 |          |
| Ratio of annualized net (recoveries)<br>during the period to average loans outstanding | (0.04 )                      | )% (0.09 )   | )%       |



Ratio of allowance for loan losses to average loans outstanding 1.22 % 1.17 %

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In general, the U.S. economy is growing, but at a lower rate than was considered normal before the financial crisis. Job growth continues at approximately 200,000 new jobs per month, and the national unemployment rate remains at 5.0 percent. Activity in the housing market continues at a moderate pace. Interest rates are expected to gradually increase, although any increase may be delayed due to the slowing world economy. The economic environments in Iowa and Minnesota continue to slowly improve. Based on the current economic indicators, the Company decided to maintain the economic factors within the allowance for loan losses evaluation at the same levels used in 2015. In the first three months of 2016, the Company continued to use experience factors based on the highest losses calculated over a rolling 12-, 16-, or 20-quarter period. As the experience factors continued to decline, management decided to increase the factors for other considerations in the first three months of 2016 for construction and development, commercial real estate, home equity and consumer loans to maintain an adequate allowance for loan losses. This held the portion of the allowance for loan losses related to loans collectively evaluated for impairment at 1.16 percent as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015. Management believes the resulting allowance for loan losses as of March 31, 2016 was adequate to absorb the losses inherent in the loan portfolio at the end of the quarter.

## Noninterest Income

The following table shows the variance from the prior year in the noninterest income categories shown in the Consolidated Statements of Income. In addition, accounts within the "Other income" category that represent a significant portion of the total or a significant variance are shown below.

|   | Three Months Ended March 31, |         |        |          |   |
|---|------------------------------|---------|--------|----------|---|
|   | 2016                         | 2015    | Change | Change   | % |
| Noninterest income:                                 |                              |         |        |          |   |
| Service charges on deposit accounts                 | \$596                        | \$620   | \$(24) | (3.87)   | % |
| Debit card usage fees                               | 447                          | 435     | 12     | 2.76     | % |
| Trust services                                      | 297                          | 325     | (28)   | (8.62)   | % |
| Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance | 168                          | 189     | (21)   | (11.11)  | % |
| Gain from bank-owned life insurance                 | 443                          | —       | 443    | NA       |   |
| Realized investment securities gains, net           | —                            | 11      | (11)   | (100.00) | % |
| Other income:                                       |                              |         |        |          |   |
| Revenue from residential mortgage banking           | 22                           | 35      | (13)   | (37.14)  | % |
| All other income                                    | 257                          | 245     | 12     | 4.90     | % |
| Total other income                                  | 279                          | 280     | (1)    | (0.36)   | % |
| Total noninterest income                            | \$2,230                      | \$1,860 | \$370  | 19.89    | % |

Revenue from trust services was lower during the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the same time period in 2015 mainly due to fewer one-time estate fees. Partially offsetting the lower amount of one-time fees were ongoing business development efforts, which resulted in growth in the number of accounts and amount of assets held within trust accounts.

The increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance was lower in the three months ended March 31, 2016 than in the three months ended March 31, 2015, as crediting rates within the policies have declined slightly due to the historically low interest rate environment. As previously mentioned, gain from bank-owned life insurance was \$443 for the three months ended March 31, 2016 due to the deaths of a colleague and one of our former employees.

The Company did not sell any investment securities during the first three months of 2016, while net gains on sales of securities of \$11 were recognized during the first three months of 2015. The sales in 2015 were undertaken in order to capitalize on available net gains while being able to reinvest the proceeds in investment securities with higher yields.

Revenue from residential mortgage banking declined in the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015 as the final gains on sales of residential mortgage loans occurred in January 2015, as residential mortgage underwriting and processing were outsourced to a third party beginning in January 2015. The Company currently receives a fee from that third party for each residential mortgage loan initiated and closed by our retail staff.

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## Noninterest Expense

The following table shows the variance from the prior year in the noninterest expense categories shown in the Consolidated Statements of Income. In addition, accounts within the "Other expenses" category that represent a significant portion of the total or a significant variance are shown below.

| Noninterest expense:                              | Three Months Ended March 31, |         |        |           |
|---|------------------------------|---------|--------|-----------|
|   | 2016                         | 2015    | Change | Change %  |
| Salaries and employee benefits                    | \$4,256                      | \$3,990 | \$ 266 | 6.67 %    |
| Occupancy   | 951                          | 1,049   | (98 )  | (9.34 )%  |
| Data processing                                   | 579                          | 574     | 5      | 0.87 %    |
| FDIC insurance expense                            | 218                          | 202     | 16     | 7.92 %    |
| Professional fees                                 | 234                          | 204     | 30     | 14.71 %   |
| Director fees                                     | 240                          | 188     | 52     | 27.66 %   |
| Other expenses:                                   |                              |         |        |           |
| Marketing   | 56                           | 63      | (7 )   | (11.11 )% |
| Business development                              | 176                          | 174     | 2      | 1.15 %    |
| Insurance expense                                 | 88                           | 82      | 6      | 7.32 %    |
| Bank service charges and investment advisory fees | 189                          | 173     | 16     | 9.25 %    |
| Postage and courier                               | 86                           | 88      | (2 )   | (2.27 )%  |
| Trust   | 96                           | 94      | 2      | 2.13 %    |
| Consulting fees                                   | 66                           | 64      | 2      | 3.13 %    |
| Supplies  | 63                           | 77      | (14 )  | (18.18 )% |
| Low income housing projects amortization          | 109                          | 46      | 63     | 136.96 %  |
| All other   | 392                          | 378     | 14     | 3.70 %    |
| Total other                                       | 1,321                        | 1,239   | 82     | 6.62 %    |
| Total noninterest expense                         | \$7,799                      | \$7,446 | \$ 353 | 4.74 %    |

Salaries and employee benefits increased for the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2015, as the result of higher stock-based compensation costs and increased health insurance costs.

When contrasted with the three months ended March 31, 2015, occupancy costs declined for the three months ended March 31, 2016, mostly as the result of the previously mentioned purchase of the Waukee, Iowa, branch facility. The reduction included a one-time reversal of previously accrued rent related to the terms of the previous lease.

Professional fees increased for the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the same time period in 2015 chiefly due to increased legal fees associated with defense costs for previously disclosed litigation.

Director fees increased for the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015 as a result of increased stock-based compensation costs.

The year-to-date 2016 increase in the cost of low income housing project amortization compared to the three months ended March 31, 2015 was related to the Company making commitments to invest in additional projects. The projected expense for the year ended December 31, 2016 is approximately \$400 compared to \$228 for the year ended December 31, 2015.



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Income Tax Expense

The Company recorded income tax expense of \$2,234 (28.2 percent of pre-tax income) for the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared with \$2,274 (30.8 percent of pre-tax income) for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The Company's consolidated income tax rate differs from the federal statutory income tax rate primarily due to tax-exempt interest income, the tax-exempt increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance, disallowed interest expense, state income taxes and changes in the valuation allowance. For the three months ended March 31, 2016, the tax rate was also lower than the statutory income tax rate due to \$443 of tax-exempt gain from bank-owned life insurance. The tax rate for the first quarters of 2016 and 2015 was also impacted by year-to-date federal low income housing tax credits of approximately \$88 and \$75, respectively.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

The Company had total assets of \$1,755,119 as of March 31, 2016, an increase of 0.38 percent compared to total assets as of December 31, 2015. The most significant changes in the balance sheet were increases in loans, premises and equipment, and deposits, and decreases in cash and cash equivalents and securities available for sale. A summary of changes in the components of the balance sheet is described below.

Investment Securities

The balance of investment securities available for sale declined by \$9,379 during the three months ended March 31, 2016, which was attributed primarily to normal principal paydowns on mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations. This cash flow was used to fund loan growth.

As of March 31, 2016, approximately 72 percent of the available for sale investment securities portfolio consisted of government agency guaranteed collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities. In the current low interest rate environment, management believes both provide relatively good yields, have little to no credit risk and provide fairly consistent cash flows.

Loans and Nonperforming Assets

Loans outstanding increased \$28,241 from \$1,246,688 as of December 31, 2015, to \$1,274,929 as of March 31, 2016. Growth in the loan portfolio during the first three months of 2016 was primarily in the construction, commercial and commercial real estate segments. The Company continues to focus on business development efforts in all of its markets. Management believes loan growth will continue to be strong in all three of our markets during 2016.

Credit quality of the Company's loan portfolio remains strong as nonperforming loans remained at less than a quarter percent of total loans outstanding as of March 31, 2016, as shown in the table below. The Company's Texas ratio, which is computed by dividing total nonperforming assets by tangible common equity plus the allowance for loan losses, was 0.76 percent as of March 31, 2016, compared to 0.87 percent as of December 31, 2015. The ratio for both dates was significantly better than the December 31, 2015 peer group average, which was approximately 10.75 percent, according to data in the December 2015 Bank Holding Company Performance Report, which is prepared by the Division of Supervision and Regulation of the Federal Reserve.



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The following table sets forth the amount of nonperforming loans and assets held by the Company and common ratio measurements of those items as of the dates shown.

|  | March 31, December 31, |          | Change     |
|--|------------------------|----------|------------|
|  | 2016                   | 2015     |            |
| Nonaccrual loans                                   | \$ 1,286               | \$ 1,381 | \$(95 )    |
| Loans past due 90 days and still accruing interest | —                      | —        | —          |
| Troubled debt restructured loans <sup>(1)</sup>    | 20                     | 80       | (60 )      |
| Total nonperforming loans                          | 1,306                  | 1,461    | (155 )     |
| Other real estate owned                            | —                      | —        | —          |
| Total nonperforming assets                         | \$ 1,306               | \$ 1,461 | \$(155)    |
| Nonperforming loans to total loans                 | 0.10                   | % 0.12   | % (0.02 )% |
| Nonperforming assets to total assets               | 0.07                   | % 0.08   | % (0.01 )% |

(1) While TDR loans are commonly reported by the industry as nonperforming, those not classified in the nonaccrual category are accruing interest due to payment performance. TDR loans on nonaccrual status are categorized as nonaccrual. There were three TDR loans as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, with aggregate balances of \$577 and \$613, respectively, categorized as nonaccrual.

For additional information, refer to the "Provision for Loan Losses and the Related Allowance for Loan Losses" in this section, and Notes 4 and 9 to the financial statements.

**Premises and Equipment**

Premises and equipment increased \$5,736 from \$11,562 as of December 31, 2015, to \$17,298 as of March 31, 2016. In February 2016, the Company purchased a branch facility for \$4,512 that had previously been leased. The Company also continues with the construction of a new office in Rochester, Minnesota.

**Deposits**

Deposits increased \$5,018 during the first three months of 2016, or 0.35 percent, compared to December 31, 2015. Savings deposits, which include money market and insured cash sweep money market accounts, increased \$62,543 from December 31, 2015 to March 31, 2016. Interest-bearing demand accounts declined \$20,524, and noninterest-bearing demand accounts declined \$29,298, from December 31, 2015 to March 31, 2016. These changes were due to the combination of business development efforts and normal fluctuations, as corporate customers' liquidity needs vary at any given time. Total time deposits declined \$7,703 during the first three months of 2016 due to the continued low interest rate environment. As of March 31, 2016, a significant related party relationship maintained total deposit balances with West Bank of approximately \$162,000.

**Borrowings**

Short-term borrowings declined to \$17,000 as of March 31, 2016 from \$19,000 as of December 31, 2015. The need for overnight funding is primarily dependent on corporate customer deposit fluctuations, loan fundings and loan repayments. Long-term debt declined \$813 during the first three months of 2016, primarily due to scheduled repayments.





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Liquidity and Capital Resources

The objectives of liquidity management are to ensure the availability of sufficient cash flows to meet all financial commitments and to capitalize on opportunities for profitable business expansion. The Company's principal source of funds is deposits. Other sources include loan principal repayments, proceeds from the maturity and sale of investment securities, principal payments on collateralized mortgage obligations and mortgage-backed securities, federal funds purchased, advances from the FHLB, and funds provided by operations. Liquidity management is conducted on both a daily and a long-term basis. Investments in liquid assets are adjusted based on expected loan demand, projected loan and investment securities maturities and payments, expected deposit flows and the objectives set by the Company's asset-liability management policy. The Company had liquid assets (cash and cash equivalents) of \$56,723 as of March 31, 2016 compared with \$72,651 as of December 31, 2015.

As of March 31, 2016, West Bank had additional borrowing capacity available from the FHLB of approximately \$206,000, as well as \$67,000 through unsecured federal funds lines of credit with correspondent banks. Net cash from operating activities contributed \$7,099 and \$7,328 to liquidity for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The combination of high levels of potentially liquid assets, cash flows from operations, and additional borrowing capacity provided the Company with strong liquidity as of March 31, 2016.

The Company's total stockholders' equity increased to \$156,926 at March 31, 2016 from \$152,377 at December 31, 2015. The increase was primarily the result of net income less dividends paid and an increase in accumulated other comprehensive income.

At March 31, 2016, the Company's tangible common equity as a percent of tangible assets was 8.94 percent compared to 8.72 percent as of December 31, 2015.

The Company and West Bank are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by federal and state banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements (as shown in the following table) can result in certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators, which, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Company and West Bank must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of their assets, liabilities and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The Company's and West Bank's capital amounts and classifications are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings and other factors. Management believes the Company and West Bank met all capital adequacy requirements to which they were subject as of March 31, 2016.

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The Company's and West Bank's capital amounts and ratios are presented in the following table.

|  | Actual    |        | For Capital Adequacy Purposes With Capital Conservation Buffer |        | To Be Well-Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions |        |
|--|-----------|--------|--|--------|--|--------|
|  | Amount    | Ratio  | Amount   | Ratio  | Amount   | Ratio  |
| As of March 31, 2016:                                  |           |        |  |        |  |        |
| Total Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets)                |           |        |  |        |  |        |
| Consolidated   | \$191,426 | 11.94% | \$138,311  | 8.625% | N/A  | N/A    |
| West Bank  | 177,850   | 11.19% | 137,107  | 8.625% | \$158,965  | 10.00% |
| Tier 1 Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets)               |           |        |  |        |  |        |
| Consolidated   | 176,127   | 10.98% | 106,239  | 6.625% | N/A  | N/A    |
| West Bank  | 162,551   | 10.23% | 105,314  | 6.625% | 127,172  | 8.00%  |
| Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets) |           |        |  |        |  |        |
| Consolidated   | 156,127   | 9.74%  | 82,185   | 5.125% | N/A  | N/A    |
| West Bank  | 162,551   | 10.23% | 81,470   | 5.125% | 103,327  | 6.50%  |
| Tier 1 Leverage  |           |        |  |        |  |        |
| Consolidated   | 176,127   | 10.11% | 69,664   | 4.00%  | N/A  | N/A    |
| West Bank  | 162,551   | 9.39%  | 69,244   | 4.00%  | 86,555   | 5.00%  |
| As of December 31, 2015:                               |           |        |  |        |  |        |
| Total Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets)                |           |        |  |        |  |        |
| Consolidated   | \$187,790 | 12.12% | \$123,979  | 8.00%  | N/A  | N/A    |
| West Bank  | 174,450   | 11.32% | 123,279  | 8.00%  | \$154,099  | 10.00% |
| Tier 1 Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets)               |           |        |  |        |  |        |
| Consolidated   | 172,807   | 11.15% | 92,984   | 6.00%  | N/A  | N/A    |
| West Bank  | 159,467   | 10.35% | 92,460   | 6.00%  | 123,279  | 8.00%  |
| Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets) |           |        |  |        |  |        |
| Consolidated   | 152,807   | 9.86%  | 69,738   | 4.50%  | N/A  | N/A    |
| West Bank  | 159,467   | 10.35% | 69,345   | 4.50%  | 100,164  | 6.50%  |
| Tier 1 Leverage  |           |        |  |        |  |        |
| Consolidated   | 172,807   | 9.91%  | 69,764   | 4.00%  | N/A  | N/A    |
| West Bank  | 159,467   | 9.20%  | 69,352   | 4.00%  | 86,690   | 5.00%  |

On January 1, 2015, the Company and West Bank became subject to the rules of the Basel III regulatory capital framework and related Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act changes. The new rules

included the implementation of a new capital conservation buffer that is added to the minimum requirements for capital adequacy purposes. The capital conservation buffer is subject to a three year phase-in period that began on January 1, 2016 and will be fully phased-in on January 1, 2019 at 2.5 percent. The required phase-in capital conservation buffer during 2016 is 0.625 percent. A banking organization with a conservation buffer of less than the required amount will be subject to limitations on capital distributions, including dividend payments and certain discretionary bonus payments to executive officers. At March 31, 2016, the ratios for the Company and West Bank were sufficient to meet the fully phased-in conservation buffer.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Market risk is the risk of earnings volatility that results from adverse changes in interest rates and market prices. The Company's market risk is primarily interest rate risk arising from its core banking activities of lending and deposit taking. Interest rate risk is the risk that the change in market interest rates may adversely affect the Company's net interest income. Management continually develops and implements strategies to mitigate this risk. The analysis of the Company's interest rate risk as of December 31, 2015 was presented in the Company's Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 3, 2016. The Company has not experienced any material changes to its interest rate risk position since December 31, 2015. Management does not believe that the Company's primary market risk exposure and management of that exposure in the first three months of 2016 materially changed compared to those in the year ended December 31, 2015.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

a. Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures. As of the end of the period covered by this report, an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e)) was performed under the supervision, and with the participation, of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

b. Changes in internal controls over financial reporting. There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Part II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Information required by this item is set forth in Note 8 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I Item 1 of this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Management does not believe there have been any material changes in the risk factors that were disclosed in the Company's Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 3, 2016.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

During the first quarter of 2016, there were no purchases of the Company's common shares under the existing stock repurchase plan. The current authorization of the stock repurchase plan expired in April 2016 and was not renewed by the the Board of Directors.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

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Item 6. Exhibits

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SIGNATURES

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, thereunto duly authorized.

West Bancorporation, Inc.  
(Registrant)

April 28, 2016                      By: /s/ David D. Nelson  
Date                                      David D. Nelson  
    Chief Executive Officer and President  
    (Principal Executive Officer)

April 28, 2016                      By: /s/ Douglas R. Gulling  
Date                                      Douglas R. Gulling  
    Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer  
    (Principal Financial Officer)

April 28, 2016                      By: /s/ Marie I. Roberts  
Date                                      Marie I. Roberts  
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