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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 September 30, 2011

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
(State of Incorporation)

42-1230603
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1601 22nd Street, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266

Telephone Number: (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 definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

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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

As of October 27, 2011, there were 17,403,882 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)

| (in thousands) | September 30, 2011 | December 31, 2010 |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and due from banks | \$44,851 | \$20,069 |
| Federal funds sold and other short-term investments | 7,922 | 67,885 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 52,773 | 87,954 |
| Securities available for sale | 247,005 | 256,326 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost | 11,423 | 11,211 |
| Loans held for sale | 3,416 | 4,452 |
| Loans | 866,615 | 888,649 |
| Allowance for loan losses | (17,476 |) (19,087 |
| Loans, net | 849,139 | 869,562 |
| Premises and equipment, net | 5,170 | 5,068 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 4,368 | 4,959 |
| Bank-owned life insurance | 25,506 | 25,395 |
| Other real estate owned | 12,402 | 19,193 |
| Deferred tax assets | 8,249 | 11,164 |
| Other assets | 7,148 | 10,179 |
| Total assets | \$1,226,599 | \$1,305,463 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Deposits: | | |
| Noninterest-bearing demand | \$258,024 | \$230,277 |
| Interest-bearing demand | 149,910 | 142,031 |
| Savings | 290,109 | 313,850 |
| Time of \$100,000 or more | 126,733 | 178,388 |
| Other time | 93,763 | 107,526 |
| Total deposits | 918,539 | 972,072 |
| Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 53,203 | 52,095 |
| Other short-term borrowings | 1,445 | 2,914 |
| Subordinated notes | 20,619 | 20,619 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank advances | 105,000 | 105,000 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 6,657 | 7,327 |
| Total liabilities | 1,105,463 | 1,160,027 |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, with a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share; authorized 50,000,000 shares; no shares outstanding at September 30, 2011, and 36,000 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2010 | — | 34,508 |
| Common stock, no par value; authorized 50,000,000 shares; 17,403,882 | 3,000 | 3,000 |

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shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2011, and December 31,
2010

| | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|---|
| Additional paid-in capital | 33,687 | 34,387 | |
| Retained earnings | 83,597 | 76,188 | |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | 852 | (2,647 |) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 121,136 | 145,436 | |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$1,226,599 | \$1,305,463 | |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Table of ContentsWest Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary
Consolidated Statements of Operations
(unaudited)

| (in thousands, except per share data) | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|---|
| | September 30, 2011 | 2010 | September 30, 2011 | 2010 | |
| Interest income: | | | | | |
| Loans, including fees | \$ 11,674 | \$ 13,285 | \$ 35,101 | \$ 40,516 | |
| Securities: | | | | | |
| Taxable securities | 1,043 | 1,057 | 3,283 | 3,307 | |
| Tax-exempt securities | 549 | 726 | 1,723 | 2,428 | |
| Federal funds sold and other short-term investments | 43 | 116 | 170 | 446 | |
| Total interest income | 13,309 | 15,184 | 40,277 | 46,697 | |
| Interest expense: | | | | | |
| Demand deposits | 480 | 513 | 1,309 | 1,737 | |
| Savings deposits | 275 | 683 | 863 | 3,657 | |
| Time deposits | 980 | 1,838 | 3,171 | 5,653 | |
| Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements | | | | | |
| to repurchase | 42 | 52 | 131 | 170 | |
| Subordinated notes | 177 | 371 | 531 | 1,101 | |
| Long-term borrowings | 1,030 | 1,030 | 3,057 | 3,285 | |
| Total interest expense | 2,984 | 4,487 | 9,062 | 15,603 | |
| Net interest income | 10,325 | 10,697 | 31,215 | 31,094 | |
| Provision for loan losses | — | 2,000 | 950 | 5,400 | |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 10,325 | 8,697 | 30,265 | 25,694 | |
| Noninterest income: | | | | | |
| Service charges on deposit accounts | 864 | 867 | 2,419 | 2,525 | |
| Debit card usage fees | 368 | 338 | 1,093 | 994 | |
| Service fee from SmartyPig, LLC | — | 253 | — | 1,314 | |
| Trust services | 175 | 210 | 601 | 616 | |
| Gains and fees on sales of residential mortgages | 358 | 571 | 814 | 1,044 | |
| Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance | 223 | 220 | 667 | 664 | |
| Gain from bank-owned life insurance | — | 420 | 637 | 420 | |
| Other income | 245 | 228 | 789 | 721 | |
| Total noninterest income | 2,233 | 3,107 | 7,020 | 8,298 | |
| Investment securities gains (losses), net: | | | | | |
| Total other than temporary impairment losses | (22 |) (117 |) (22 |) (305 |) |
| Portion of loss recognized in other comprehensive income before taxes | — | — | — | — | |
| Net impairment losses recognized in earnings | (22 |) (117 |) (22 |) (305 |) |
| Realized securities gains (losses), net | — | 16 | — | 53 | |
| Investment securities gains (losses), net | (22 |) (101 |) (22 |) (252 |) |
| Noninterest expense: | | | | | |
| Salaries and employee benefits | 3,373 | 2,813 | 9,598 | 8,180 | |
| Occupancy | 841 | 806 | 2,478 | 2,403 | |
| Data processing | 500 | 464 | 1,430 | 1,366 | |
| FDIC insurance expense | 216 | 835 | 1,111 | 2,280 | |

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|--|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Other real estate owned expense | 1,650 | (3 |) 1,930 | 657 |
| Professional fees | 297 | 230 | 756 | 704 |
| Miscellaneous losses | 102 | 220 | 153 | 1,208 |
| Other expenses | 1,339 | 1,216 | 3,714 | 3,545 |
| Total noninterest expense | 8,318 | 6,581 | 21,170 | 20,343 |
| Income before income taxes | 4,218 | 5,122 | 16,093 | 13,397 |
| Income taxes | 1,135 | 1,181 | 4,557 | 3,514 |
| Net income | 3,083 | 3,941 | 11,536 | 9,883 |
| Preferred stock dividends and accretion of discount | — | (572 |) (2,387 |) (1,713 |
| Net income available to common stockholders | \$3,083 | \$3,369 | \$9,149 | \$8,170 |
| Basic and diluted earnings per common share | \$0.18 | \$0.19 | \$0.53 | \$0.47 |
| Cash dividends per common share | \$0.05 | \$— | \$0.10 | \$— |
| See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. | | | | |

Table of ContentsWest Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
(unaudited)

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|---|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | |
| Net income | \$3,083 | \$3,941 | \$11,536 | \$9,883 | |
| Other comprehensive income, before tax: | | | | | |
| Securities for which a portion of an other than temporary impairment has been recorded in earnings: | | | | | |
| Unrealized holding gains (losses) arising during the period | (225 |) (8 |) 18 | 78 | |
| Less: reclassification adjustment for losses realized in net income | 22 | 117 | 22 | 117 | |
| Net unrealized gains (losses) on securities with other than temporary impairment before tax expense | (203 |) 109 | 40 | 195 | |
| Unrealized gains on securities without other than temporary impairment before tax: | | | | | |
| Unrealized holding gains arising during the period | 902 | 2,594 | 5,604 | 5,459 | |
| Less: reclassification adjustment for net gains realized in net income | — | (16 |) — | (53 |) |
| Less: reclassification adjustment for impairment losses realized in net income | — | — | — | 188 | |
| Net unrealized gains on other securities before tax expense | 902 | 2,578 | 5,604 | 5,594 | |
| Other comprehensive income before tax | 699 | 2,687 | 5,644 | 5,789 | |
| Tax expense related to other comprehensive income | (266 |) (1,021 |) (2,145 |) (2,200 |) |
| Other comprehensive income, net of tax: | 433 | 1,666 | 3,499 | 3,589 | |
| Comprehensive income | \$3,516 | \$5,607 | \$15,035 | \$13,472 | |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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

| (in thousands) | Preferred Stock | Common Stock | Additional Paid-In Capital | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Total |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--|-----------|
| Balance, December 31, 2009 | \$34,024 | \$3,000 | \$34,387 | \$65,959 | \$ (4,311) | \$133,059 |
| Net income | — | — | — | 9,883 | — | 9,883 |
| Other comprehensive income | — | — | — | — | 3,589 | 3,589 |
| Preferred stock discount accretion | 363 | — | — | (363) | — | — |
| Preferred stock dividends declared | — | — | — | (1,350) | — | (1,350) |
| Balance, September 30, 2010 | \$34,387 | \$3,000 | \$34,387 | \$74,129 | \$ (722) | \$145,181 |
| Balance, December 31, 2010 | \$34,508 | \$3,000 | \$34,387 | \$76,188 | \$ (2,647) | \$145,436 |
| Net income | — | — | — | 11,536 | — | 11,536 |
| Other comprehensive income | — | — | — | — | 3,499 | 3,499 |
| Preferred stock discount accretion | 1,492 | — | — | (1,492) | — | — |
| Redemption of preferred stock | (36,000) | — | — | — | — | (36,000) |
| Repurchase of common stock warrant | — | — | (700) | — | — | (700) |
| Cash dividends declared, \$0.10 per common share | — | — | — | (1,740) | — | (1,740) |
| Preferred stock dividends declared | — | — | — | (895) | — | (895) |
| Balance, September 30, 2011 | \$— | \$3,000 | \$33,687 | \$83,597 | \$ 852 | \$121,136 |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Table of ContentsWest Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(unaudited)

| (in thousands) | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: | | |
| Net income | \$11,536 | \$9,883 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Provision for loan losses | 950 | 5,400 |
| Net amortization and accretion | 2,216 | 1,095 |
| Gain on disposition of premises and equipment | (10 |) (2 |
| Securities gains, net | — | (53 |
| Investment securities impairment losses | 22 | 305 |
| Proceeds from sales of loans held for sale | 39,017 | 47,470 |
| Originations of loans held for sale | (37,937 |) (50,305 |
| Gain on sale of other real estate owned | (361 |) (355 |
| Write-down of other real estate owned | 2,211 | 662 |
| Gain from bank-owned life insurance | (637 |) (420 |
| Increase in value of bank-owned life insurance | (667 |) (664 |
| Depreciation | 448 | 443 |
| Deferred income taxes | 769 | 615 |
| Change in assets and liabilities: | | |
| (Increase) decrease in accrued interest receivable | 591 | (140 |
| Decrease in other assets | 2,912 | 2,752 |
| Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses and other liabilities | (445 |) 107 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 20,615 | 16,793 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: | | |
| Proceeds from sales, calls, and maturities of securities available for sale | 68,004 | 232,825 |
| Purchases of securities available for sale | (55,156 |) (146,566 |
| Purchases of Federal Home Loan Bank stock | (681 |) (1,120 |
| Proceeds from redemption of Federal Home Loan Bank stock | 469 | 856 |
| Net decrease in loans | 18,070 | 88,928 |
| Net proceeds from sales of other real estate owned | 6,300 | 5,180 |
| Proceeds from sales of premises and equipment | 51 | 9 |
| Purchases of premises and equipment | (591 |) (331 |
| Proceeds of principal and earnings from bank-owned life insurance | 1,192 | — |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | 37,658 | 179,781 |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: | | |
| Net increase (decrease) in deposits | (53,533 |) (212,415 |
| Net increase (decrease) in federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 1,108 | (4,949 |
| Net decrease in other short-term borrowings | (1,469 |) (768 |
| Principal payments on long-term borrowings | — | (20,000 |
| Common stock dividends paid | (1,740 |) — |
| Preferred stock dividends paid | (1,120 |) (1,350 |
| Redemption of preferred stock | (36,000 |) — |
| Repurchase of common stock warrant | (700 |) — |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (93,454 |) (239,482 |

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| | | | |
|---|----------|-----------|---|
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (35,181 |) (42,908 |) |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents: | | | |
| Beginning | 87,954 | 131,495 | |
| Ending | \$52,773 | \$88,587 | |

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West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary
 Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (continued)
 (unaudited)

| (in thousands) | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------|
| | 2011 | 2010 |
| Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information: | | |
| Cash payments for: | | |
| Interest | \$9,639 | \$15,834 |
| Income taxes | 3,244 | 1,742 |
| Supplemental Disclosure of Noncash Investing and Financing Activities: | | |
| Transfer of loans to other real estate owned | \$1,583 | \$6,531 |
| Transfer of other real estate owned to loans | 620 | 6,655 |
| Bank-owned life insurance death benefit receivable | — | 1,294 |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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West Bancorporation, Inc. and Subsidiary
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
(unaudited)
(in thousands, except per share information)

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, 2010. In the opinion of management, the accompanying consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments necessary to present fairly the financial position as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010, the results of operations and comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, and cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010. 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 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 financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and 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 of financial instruments and other than temporary impairment (OTTI), the valuation of other real estate owned, and the allowance for loan losses.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company, West Bank, West Bank's wholly-owned subsidiary WB Funding Corporation (which owns an interest in a partnership), and West Bank's 99.99 percent owned subsidiary ICD IV, LLC (a community development entity). 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.

Certain items in the financial statements as of September 30, 2010 were reclassified to be consistent with the classifications used in the September 30, 2011, financial statements. The reclassification has no effect on net income or stockholders' equity.

Current accounting developments: In January 2010, the FASB issued guidance for improving disclosures about fair value measurements. This guidance is included in the Codification as part of ASC 820. The portion of the guidance that was effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2010, requires additional disclosure in the reconciliation of fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3). A reporting entity should separately present information about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or statement of operations.

In July 2010, the FASB issued guidance for improving disclosures about an entity's credit quality and risk exposures of its loans and the allowance for loan losses. For public companies, increased disclosures as of the end of a reporting period were effective for periods ending on or after December 15, 2010. Increased disclosures about activity that

occurs during a reporting period were effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning on or after December 31, 2010. In January 2011, the FASB temporarily delayed the effective date of the disclosures required for troubled debt restructured loans (TDR) for public companies. Amended guidance issued by the FASB is discussed in the following paragraph. The amendment to the original pronouncement did not delay any of the other required disclosures. Since the provisions of this accounting guidance were disclosure-related, the adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or statement of operations.

In April 2011, the FASB issued amended guidance clarifying for creditors which restructured loans are considered TDR. To qualify as a TDR, a creditor must separately conclude that the restructuring constitutes a concession and that the debtor is experiencing financial difficulty. The amended guidance was effective for public companies for the first interim or annual period beginning on or after June 15, 2011, and was applied retrospectively to the beginning of the annual period of adoption. The adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or statement of operations.

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In May 2011, the FASB issued amended guidance to improve the comparability of fair value measurements presented and disclosed in financial statements made in accordance with GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. The guidance does not extend the use of fair value accounting, but provides guidance on how it should be applied in situations where it is already required or permitted. The guidance is included in the Codification as part of ASC 820. The guidance is effective for public companies during interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The Company does not expect that the adoption of this guidance will have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In June 2011, the FASB issued amended guidance for improving the comparability of financial reporting and to increase the prominence of items reported in other comprehensive income. The guidance eliminated the option to present components of other comprehensive income as part of the changes in stockholders' equity and requires all nonowner changes in stockholders' equity to be presented either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. The guidance also requires entities to present all reclassification adjustments from other comprehensive income to net income on the face of the financial statements. The guidance did not change the items that must be reported in other comprehensive income or when an item of other comprehensive income must be reclassified to net income. This guidance is included in the Codification as ASC 220. Early adoption is permitted and the Company adopted this guidance effective June 30, 2011. The adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

2. Critical Accounting Policies

Management has identified its most critical accounting policies to be those related to asset impairment judgments, including fair value and OTTI of available for sale investment securities, the valuation of other real estate owned, and the allowance for loan losses.

Securities available for sale are reported at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses reported as a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of deferred income taxes. The Company evaluates each of its investment securities whose value has declined below amortized cost to determine whether the decline in fair value is OTTI. The investment portfolio is evaluated for OTTI by segregating the portfolio into two segments and applying the appropriate OTTI model. Investment securities classified as available for sale are generally evaluated for OTTI under FASB ASC 320, Investments - Debt and Equity Securities. However, certain purchased beneficial interests in securitized financial assets, including asset-backed securities and collateralized debt obligations that had credit ratings below AA at the time of purchase, are evaluated using the model outlined in FASB ASC 325, Beneficial Interests in Securitized Financial Assets.

In determining OTTI under the FASB ASC 320 model, the review takes into consideration the severity and duration of the decline in fair value, the length of time expected for recovery, the financial condition of the issuer, and other qualitative factors, as well as whether the Company intends to sell the security or whether it is more likely than not the Company will be required to sell the debt security before its anticipated recovery.

Under the FASB ASC 325 model for the second segment of the portfolio, the Company compares the present value of the remaining cash flows as estimated at the preceding evaluation date to the current expected remaining cash flows. An OTTI is deemed to have occurred if there has been an adverse change in the remaining expected future cash flows.

When OTTI occurs under either model, the amount of the OTTI recognized in earnings depends on whether the Company intends to sell the security or whether it is more likely than not it will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis. If the Company intends to sell or it is more likely than not it will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis, the OTTI is recognized in earnings equal to the entire difference between the investment's amortized cost basis and its fair value at the balance sheet date. If the Company

does not intend to sell the security and it is not more likely than not that the entity will be required to sell before recovery of its amortized cost basis, the OTTI is separated into the amount representing the credit loss and the amount related to all other factors. The amount of the total OTTI related to the credit loss is determined based on the present value of cash flows expected to be collected, using the original yield as the discount rate, and is recognized in earnings. The amount of the total OTTI related to other factors is recognized in other comprehensive income, net of applicable taxes. The previous amortized cost basis less the OTTI recognized in earnings becomes the new amortized cost basis of the investment. The assessment of whether an OTTI exists involves a high degree of subjectivity and judgment and is based on the information available to management at the time.

Other real estate owned includes real estate properties acquired through or in lieu of foreclosure. They are initially recorded at fair value less estimated selling costs. After foreclosure, valuations are performed by management at least annually by obtaining updated appraisals or other market information. Any subsequent write-downs are recorded as a charge to operations.

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The allowance for loan losses is established through a provision for loan losses charged to expense. Loans are charged against the allowance for loan losses when management believes that collectibility of the principal is unlikely. The Company has policies and procedures for evaluating the overall credit quality of its loan portfolio, including timely identification of potential problem loans. On a quarterly basis, management reviews the appropriate level for the allowance for loan losses, incorporating a variety of risk considerations, both quantitative and qualitative. Quantitative factors include the Company's historical loss experience, delinquency and charge-off trends, collateral values, known information about individual loans, and other factors. Qualitative factors include the general economic environment in the Company's market areas and the expected trend of those economic conditions. 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. To the extent actual results differ from forecasts and management's judgment, the allowance for loan losses may be greater or less than future charge-offs.

3. Securities Available for Sale

For securities available for sale, the following tables show the amortized cost, unrealized gains and losses (pre-tax) included in accumulated other comprehensive income, and estimated fair value by security type as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010.

| | September 30, 2011 | | | |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| | Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized (Losses) | Fair Value |
| U.S. government agencies and corporations | \$12,649 | \$413 | \$— | \$13,062 |
| State and political subdivisions | 52,588 | 2,063 | (66) |) 54,585 |
| Mortgage-backed securities ⁽¹⁾ | 167,830 | 3,225 | — | 171,055 |
| Trust preferred securities | 6,180 | — | (4,083) |) 2,097 |
| Corporate notes and other investments | 6,384 | 5 | (183) |) 6,206 |
| | \$245,631 | \$5,706 | \$(4,332) |) \$247,005 |

| | December 31, 2010 | | | |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| | Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized (Losses) | Fair Value |
| U.S. government agencies and corporations | \$47,685 | \$274 | \$(161) |) \$47,798 |
| State and political subdivisions | 59,512 | 464 | (839) |) 59,137 |
| Mortgage-backed securities ⁽¹⁾ | 140,699 | 905 | (384) |) 141,220 |
| Trust preferred securities | 6,194 | — | (4,218) |) 1,976 |
| Corporate notes and other investments | 6,507 | 16 | (328) |) 6,195 |
| | \$260,597 | \$1,659 | \$(5,930) |) \$256,326 |

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

Securities with an amortized cost of \$142,863 and \$168,066 as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010, respectively, were pledged as collateral on the Treasury, Tax, and Loan Option Notes, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, and for other purposes as required or permitted by law or regulation. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase are held in safekeeping at a correspondent bank on behalf of the Company.

The amortized cost and fair value of securities available for sale as of September 30, 2011, by contractual maturity are shown in the following table. Certain securities have call features that allow the issuer to call the securities prior to maturity. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities in mortgage-backed securities, because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties. Therefore, mortgage-backed securities are not included in the maturity categories within the summary.

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| | September 30, 2011 | |
|--|--------------------|------------|
| | Amortized Cost | Fair Value |
| Due in one year or less | \$2,806 | \$2,815 |
| Due after one year through five years | 22,187 | 22,164 |
| Due after five years through ten years | 19,773 | 20,802 |
| Due after ten years | 33,035 | 30,169 |
| | 77,801 | 75,950 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 167,830 | 171,055 |
| | \$245,631 | \$247,005 |

The details of the sales of securities for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, are summarized in the following table.

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Proceeds from sales | \$— | \$10,096 | \$— | \$77,717 |
| Gross gains on sales | — | 326 | — | 412 |
| Gross losses on sales | — | (310 |) — | (359 |

The following tables show the fair value and gross unrealized losses, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous loss position, as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010. The tables include one trust preferred security (TPS) for which a portion of an OTTI has been recognized in other comprehensive income.

| | September 30, 2011 | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| | Less than 12 months | | 12 months or longer | | Total | |
| | Fair Value | Gross Unrealized (Losses) | Fair Value | Gross Unrealized (Losses) | Fair Value | Gross Unrealized (Losses) |
| U.S. government agencies and corporations | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— |
| State and political subdivisions | — | — | 3,078 | (66 |) 3,078 | (66 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Trust preferred securities | — | — | 2,097 | (4,083 |) 2,097 | (4,083 |
| Corporate notes and other investments | — | — | 3,809 | (183 |) 3,809 | (183 |
| | \$— | \$— | \$8,984 | \$(4,332 |) \$8,984 | \$(4,332 |

| | December 31, 2010 | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| | Less than 12 months | | 12 months or longer | | Total | |
| | Fair Value | Gross Unrealized (Losses) | Fair Value | Gross Unrealized (Losses) | Fair Value | Gross Unrealized (Losses) |
| U.S. government agencies and corporations | \$19,853 | \$(161 |) \$— | \$— | \$19,853 | \$(161 |
| State and political subdivisions | 25,374 | (700 |) 2,003 | (139 |) 27,377 | (839 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 47,289 | (384 |) — | — | 47,289 | (384 |
| Trust preferred securities | — | — | 1,976 | (4,218 |) 1,976 | (4,218 |
| Corporate notes and other investments | — | — | 3,661 | (328 |) 3,661 | (328 |

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\$92,516 \$(1,245) \$7,640 \$(4,685) \$100,156 \$(5,930)

See Note 2 for a discussion of financial reporting for securities with unrealized losses. As of September 30, 2011, the available for sale investment portfolio included two municipal securities, two TPSs, and one corporate note with unrealized losses that have existed for longer than one year.

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The Company believes the unrealized losses on investments in municipal obligations and corporate notes are due to market conditions, not reduced estimated cash flows. The Company does not have the intent 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 be OTTI at September 30, 2011.

The Company believes the unrealized loss of \$989 on an investment in one single-issuer TPS issued by Heartland Financial, USA, Inc. is due to market conditions, not reduced estimated cash flows. The Company does not have the intent to sell this security, does not anticipate that this security will be required to be sold before anticipated recovery, and expects full principal and interest will be collected. Therefore, the Company does not consider this investment to be OTTI at September 30, 2011.

As of September 30, 2011, the Company had one pooled TPS, ALESCO Preferred Funding X, Ltd., it considered to be OTTI. The Company engaged an independent consulting firm to assist in the valuation of this security. Based on that valuation, management determined the security had an estimated fair value of \$1,357 at September 30, 2011. The methodology for determining the appropriate discount rate for a TPS for purposes of determining fair value combines an evaluation of current market yields for comparable corporate and structured credit products with an evaluation of the risks associated with the TPS cash flows in question. More specifically, the market-based yield indicators are used as a baseline for determining appropriate discount rates, and then the resulting discount rates are adjusted on the basis of credit and structural analysis of specific TPS instruments. The primary focus is on the returns a fixed income investor would require in order to allocate capital on a risk-adjusted basis. However, due to the fact that there is currently no active market for this pooled TPS, the focus is on market yields for stand-alone TPSs issued by banks, thrifts, and insurance companies, and for which there are active and liquid markets. A series of adjustments are made to reflect the differences that nevertheless exist between these products (both credit and structural) and, more importantly, to reflect idiosyncratic credit performance differences (both actual and projected) between these products and the underlying collateral in the specific TPSs being valued. Importantly, as part of the analysis described above, consideration is given to the fact that structured instruments frequently exhibit leverage not present in stand-alone instruments, and adjustments are made as necessary to reflect this additional risk. As a result of this analysis and due to the fixed rate nature of the instrument's contractual interest cash flows, a discount rate of LIBOR + 14% (a lifetime average all-in discount rate of approximately 18%) was used for determination of fair value. For purposes of determining any credit loss, projected cash flows were discounted using a rate of LIBOR plus 1.25%.

The consulting firm first evaluates the credit quality of each underlying issuer within the TPS by reviewing a comprehensive database of financial information and/or publicly-filed financial statements. On the basis of this information and a review of historical industry default data and current and near-term operating conditions, default and recovery probabilities for each underlying issuer within the asset were estimated. For issuers who had already defaulted, no recovery was assumed. For deferring issuers, an assumption was made that the majority of deferring issuers will continue to defer and will eventually default. Each deferring issuer is reviewed on a case-by-case basis and, in some instances, a probability is assigned that the deferral will ultimately be cured. The issuer-specific assumptions are then aggregated into cumulative weighted-average default, recovery, and prepayment probabilities. The collateral prepayment assumptions were affected by the view that the terms and pricing of TPSs and subordinated debt issued by banks and insurance companies were so aggressive that it is unlikely that such financing will become available in the foreseeable future. Therefore, the assumption was made that no collateral will prepay over the life of the TPS. In light of generally weak collateral credit performance and a challenging U.S. credit and real estate environment, the assumptions generally imply more issuer defaults during the next two to three years than those that had been experienced historically, and a gradual leveling off of defaults thereafter.

Based on the valuation work performed, an additional credit loss of \$22 was recognized in third quarter 2011 earnings. The remaining unrealized loss of \$3,094 is reflected in accumulated other comprehensive income, net of

taxes of \$1,176. The Company will continue to periodically estimate the present value of cash flows expected to be collected over the life of the security.

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The following tables detail information for the individual and pooled TPSs owned as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010.

As of September 30, 2011:

| | Single- issuer or pooled | Class | Book value | Fair value | Unrealized gain/(loss) | Credit rating (1) | Number of entities currently performing (2) | Actual deferrals and defaults (3) (4) | Expected deferrals and defaults (5) | Excess subordination (5) |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|---|--------------------------------|
| ALESCO Preferred Funding X, Ltd. | Pooled | C-2 | \$4,451 | \$1,357 | \$(3,094) | Ca | 50 | 8.3 % | 16.1 % | 0.0 % |
| Heartland Financial Statutory Trust VII 144A | Single | n/a | 1,729 | 740 | (989) | NR | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |

As of December 31, 2010:

| | Single- issuer or pooled | Class | Book value | Fair value | Unrealized gain/(loss) | Credit rating (1) | Number of entities currently performing (2) | Actual deferrals and defaults (3) | Expected deferrals and defaults (5) | Excess subordination (5) |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|---|--------------------------------|
| ALESCO Preferred Funding X, Ltd. | Pooled | C-2 | \$4,473 | \$1,339 | \$(3,134) | Ca | 51 | 20.6 % | 19.3 % | 0.0% |
| Heartland Financial Statutory Trust VII 144A | Single | n/a | 1,721 | 637 | (1,084) | NR | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |

NR - Not rated

(1) Lowest rating assigned

(2) Pooled issue originally included 58 banks and 19 insurance companies

(3) As a percentage of the original collateral

Approximately \$100 million of defaulted collateral was sold to another party during the three months ended June 30, 2011, with a portion of any collateral recovered to be returned to the Fund. This sale is the reason for the reduction in this deferral and default percent compared to prior period disclosures.

(5) As a percentage of the remaining performing collateral

Excess subordination represents the additional defaults in excess of both current and projected defaults that the pool can absorb before the bond experiences any credit impairment. There is no excess collateral to absorb any future defaults. With the excess subordination at zero percent, this means any additional deferrals or defaults will have a negative impact on the value of the pooled TPS.

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The following table provides a roll forward of the amount of credit-related losses recognized in earnings for the pooled TPS for which a portion of an OTTI has been recognized in other comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010.

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$427 | \$310 | \$427 | \$310 |
| Current period credit loss recognized in earnings | 22 | 117 | 22 | 117 |
| Reductions for securities sold during the period | — | — | — | — |
| Reductions for securities where there is an intent to sell or requirement to sell | — | — | — | — |
| Reductions for increases in cash flows expected to be collected | — | — | — | — |
| Balance at end of period | \$449 | \$427 | \$449 | \$427 |

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4. Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses

Loans consist of the following segments as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010.

| | September 30, 2011 | December 31, 2010 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Commercial | \$264,988 | \$310,376 |
| Real estate: | | |
| Construction, land, and land development | 113,337 | 116,601 |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages | 52,821 | 51,760 |
| Home equity | 28,899 | 26,111 |
| Commercial | 400,289 | 372,404 |
| Consumer and other loans | 6,540 | 11,514 |
| | 866,874 | 888,766 |
| Net unamortized fees and costs | 259 | 117 |
| | \$866,615 | \$888,649 |

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 segments identified above and are analyzed by management on this basis and are not further broken down by class. 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 or when, in the opinion of management, the borrower may be unable to make all contractual payments as they become due. 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. Interest income is subsequently recognized only to the extent cash payments are received. 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 TDR when for economic or legal reasons related to the borrower's financial difficulties a concession is granted to the borrower that would not otherwise be considered. Concessions may include a restructuring of the terms of a loan to alleviate the burden on 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 if the restructured loan yields a rate which 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 be reported as nonaccrual, rather than as a TDR, 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 Classified loans. These loans involve anticipated potential 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 following table sets forth the recorded investment in nonperforming loans, disaggregated by segment, held by the Company as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010. The recorded investment represents principal balances net of any partial charge-offs. Related accrued interest and net unamortized fees and costs are immaterial and are excluded from the table.

| | September 30, 2011 | December 31, 2010 | Change | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|----------|---|
| Nonaccrual loans: | | | | |
| Commercial | \$2,053 | \$4,011 | \$(1,958 |) |
| Real estate: | | | | |
| Construction, land, and land development | 60 | 60 | — | |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages | 910 | 1,001 | (91 |) |
| Home equity | — | 59 | (59 |) |
| Commercial | 2,956 | 2,814 | 142 | |
| Consumer and other loans | — | — | — | |
| Total nonaccrual loans | 5,979 | 7,945 | (1,966 |) |
| Loans past due 90 days and still accruing interest: | | | | |
| Commercial | — | — | — | |
| Real estate: | | | | |
| Construction, land, and land development | 70 | — | 70 | |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages | — | 198 | (198 |) |
| Home equity | — | — | — | |
| Commercial | — | — | — | |
| Consumer and other loans | — | — | — | |
| Total loans past due 90 days and still accruing interest | 70 | 198 | (128 |) |
| Troubled debt restructured loans ⁽¹⁾ : | | | | |
| Commercial | — | — | — | |
| Real estate: | | | | |
| Construction, land, and land development | 1,176 | 1,195 | (19 |) |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages | 173 | — | 173 | |
| Home equity | 164 | — | 164 | |
| Commercial | 116 | 3,578 | (3,462 |) |
| Consumer and other loans | 11 | 14 | (3 |) |
| Total troubled debt restructured loans | 1,640 | 4,787 | (3,147 |) |
| Total nonperforming loans | \$7,689 | \$12,930 | \$(5,241 |) |

(1) While troubled debt restructured loans are commonly reported by the industry as nonperforming, those not classified in the nonaccrual category are accruing interest due to payment performance.

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The following table shows the pre- and post-modification recorded investment in TDR loans by type of modification and loan segment that have occurred during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2011 | | | Nine months ended September 30, 2011 | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| | Number of Loans | Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment | Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment | Number of Loans | Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment | Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment |
| Lengthened amortization: | | | | | | |
| Commercial | — | \$— | \$— | — | \$— | \$— |
| Real estate: | | | | | | |
| Construction, land, and land development | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Home equity | 1 | 164 | 164 | 1 | 164 | 164 |
| Commercial | — | — | — | 1 | 116 | 116 |
| Consumer and other loans | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | 1 | 164 | 164 | 2 | 280 | 280 |
| Reduced interest rate: | | | | | | |
| Commercial | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Real estate: | | | | | | |
| Construction, land, and land development | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages | — | — | — | 1 | 175 | 175 |
| Home equity | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Commercial | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Consumer and other loans | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | — | — | — | 1 | 175 | 175 |
| | 1 | \$164 | \$164 | 3 | \$455 | \$455 |

There was no financial impact for specific reserves or from charge-offs for the modified loans included in the previous table.

The following table shows the recorded investment in troubled debt restructured loans by segment that have been modified within the previous twelve months and have subsequently had a payment default during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011.

| | Three months ended September 30, 2011 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2011 | |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Number of Loans | Recorded Investment | Number of Loans | Recorded Investment |
| Commercial | — | \$— | — | \$— |
| Real estate: | | | | |

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| | | | | |
|---|---|-------|---|-------|
| Construction, land and land development | — | — | — | — |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages | 1 | 175 | 1 | 175 |
| Home equity | — | — | — | — |
| Commercial | — | — | 1 | 116 |
| Consumer and other loans | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 1 | \$175 | 2 | \$291 |

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As a result of adopting the amendments in ASU No. 2011-02, the Company reassessed all loan modifications that occurred on or after the beginning of the current year for identification as TDRs. The Company identified no additional loans for which the allowance for loan losses had previously been measured under a general allowance for credit losses methodology. The amendments in this ASU require prospective application of the impairment measurement guidance for those loans newly identified as impaired. As of September 30, 2011, there was no recorded loan investment for which the allowance for credit losses was previously measured under a general allowance for loan losses methodology that was presently impaired.

The following tables summarize the recorded investment in impaired loans by segment, broken down by loans with no related allowance and loans with a related allowance and the amount of that allowance as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010, and the average recorded investment and interest income recognized on these loans for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011.

| | September 30, 2011 | | | Three months ended September 30, 2011 | | Nine months ended September 30, 2011 | |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | Recorded Investment | Unpaid Principal Balance | Related Allowance | Average Recorded Investment | Interest Income Recognized | Average Recorded Investment | Interest Income Recognized |
| With no related allowance recorded: | | | | | | | |
| Commercial | \$2,053 | \$2,207 | N/A | \$1,498 | \$— | \$1,799 | \$— |
| Real Estate: | | | | | | | |
| Construction, land, and land development | 136 | 136 | N/A | 137 | 2 | 137 | 5 |
| 1-4 family residential | 1,083 | 1,185 | N/A | 947 | 1 | 1,013 | 2 |
| Home equity | 164 | 164 | N/A | 85 | 1 | 45 | 1 |
| Commercial | 3,072 | 4,041 | N/A | 3,288 | 2 | 4,319 | 53 |
| Consumer and other | 11 | 11 | N/A | 11 | — | 12 | 1 |
| | 6,519 | 7,744 | N/A | 5,966 | 6 | 7,325 | 62 |
| With an allowance recorded: | | | | | | | |
| Commercial | 4,620 | 4,620 | \$ 600 | 4,657 | 59 | 5,670 | 198 |
| Real Estate: | | | | | | | |
| Construction, land, and land development | 13,228 | 13,228 | 1,826 | 13,344 | 156 | 13,682 | 507 |
| 1-4 family residential | 282 | 282 | 84 | 282 | 5 | 163 | 10 |
| Home equity | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Commercial | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Consumer and other | 42 | 42 | 12 | 42 | 1 | 43 | 2 |
| | 18,172 | 18,172 | 2,522 | 18,325 | 221 | 19,558 | 717 |
| Total: | | | | | | | |
| Commercial | 6,673 | 6,827 | 600 | 6,155 | 59 | 7,469 | 198 |
| Real Estate: | | | | | | | |
| Construction, land, and land development | 13,364 | 13,364 | 1,826 | 13,481 | 158 | 13,819 | 512 |
| 1-4 family residential | 1,365 | 1,467 | 84 | 1,229 | 6 | 1,176 | 12 |
| Home equity | 164 | 164 | — | 85 | 1 | 45 | 1 |
| Commercial | 3,072 | 4,041 | — | 3,288 | 2 | 4,319 | 53 |
| Consumer and other | 53 | 53 | 12 | 53 | 1 | 55 | 3 |
| | \$24,691 | \$25,916 | \$ 2,522 | \$24,291 | \$ 227 | \$26,883 | \$ 779 |

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| | December 31, 2010 | | |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Recorded Investment | Unpaid Principal Balance | Related Allowance |
| With no related allowance recorded: | | | |
| Commercial | \$2,086 | \$6,270 | N/A |
| Real Estate: | | | |
| Construction, land, and land development | 139 | 143 | N/A |
| 1-4 family residential | 836 | 884 | N/A |
| Home equity | 59 | 59 | N/A |
| Commercial | 6,392 | 6,392 | N/A |
| Consumer and other | 14 | 14 | N/A |
| | 9,526 | 13,762 | N/A |
| With an allowance recorded: | | | |
| Commercial | 7,026 | 7,026 | \$1,742 |
| Real Estate: | | | |
| Construction, land, and land development | 14,250 | 14,250 | 1,900 |
| 1-4 family residential | 166 | 166 | 25 |
| Home equity | — | — | — |
| Commercial | — | — | — |
| Consumer and other | 45 | 45 | 21 |
| | 21,487 | 21,487 | 3,688 |
| Total: | | | |
| Commercial | 9,112 | 13,296 | 1,742 |
| Real Estate: | | | |
| Construction, land, and land development | 14,389 | 14,393 | 1,900 |
| 1-4 family residential | 1,002 | 1,050 | 25 |
| Home equity | 59 | 59 | — |
| Commercial | 6,392 | 6,392 | — |
| Consumer and other | 59 | 59 | 21 |
| | \$31,013 | \$35,249 | \$3,688 |

N/A - Not applicable.

The following table reconciles the balance of nonaccrual loans with impaired loans as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010.

| | September 30, 2011 | December 31, 2010 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Nonaccrual loans | \$5,979 | \$7,945 |
| Troubled debt restructured loans | 1,640 | 4,787 |
| Other impaired loans still accruing interest | 17,072 | 18,281 |
| Total impaired loans | \$24,691 | \$31,013 |

The balance of impaired loans at September 30, 2011, was comprised of 20 different borrowers, and the balance of impaired loans at December 31, 2010, was comprised of 23 different borrowers. The Company has no commitments to advance additional funds on any of the impaired loans.

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The following tables provide an analysis of the payment status of the recorded investment in loans as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010.

| | September 30, 2011 | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------|--|-------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| | 30-59 Days Past Due | 60-89 Days Past Due | Greater Than 90 Days Past Due | Total Past Due | Current | Total Loans | 90 Days and Still Accruing |
| Commercial | \$— | \$— | \$1,253 | \$1,253 | \$263,735 | \$264,988 | \$— |
| Real estate: | | | | | | | |
| Construction, land, and land development | 60 | 5,000 | 70 | 5,130 | 108,207 | 113,337 | 70 |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages | 123 | — | 753 | 876 | 51,945 | 52,821 | — |
| Home equity | 10 | 1 | — | 11 | 28,888 | 28,899 | — |
| Commercial | 10 | 1,892 | 1,724 | 3,626 | 396,663 | 400,289 | — |
| Consumer and other | 179 | 6 | — | 185 | 6,355 | 6,540 | — |
| Total | \$382 | \$6,899 | \$3,800 | \$11,081 | \$855,793 | \$866,874 | \$70 |
| Nonaccrual loans included above | \$114 | \$1,037 | \$3,730 | \$4,881 | \$1,098 | \$5,979 | N/A |

| | December 31, 2010 | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------|--|-------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| | 30-59 Days Past Due | 60-89 Days Past Due | Greater Than 90 Days Past Due | Total Past Due | Current | Total Loans | 90 Days and Still Accruing |
| Commercial | \$329 | \$15 | \$3,661 | \$4,005 | \$306,371 | \$310,376 | \$— |
| Real estate: | | | | | | | |
| Construction, land, and land development | 464 | — | 60 | 524 | 116,077 | 116,601 | — |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages | 521 | — | 1,199 | 1,720 | 50,040 | 51,760 | 198 |
| Home equity | — | — | 59 | 59 | 26,052 | 26,111 | — |
| Commercial | 254 | — | 2,679 | 2,933 | 369,471 | 372,404 | — |
| Consumer and other | 42 | 1 | — | 43 | 11,471 | 11,514 | — |
| Total | \$1,610 | \$16 | \$7,658 | \$9,284 | \$879,482 | \$888,766 | \$198 |
| Nonaccrual loans included above | \$— | \$— | \$7,460 | \$7,460 | \$485 | \$7,945 | N/A |

N/A - Not applicable

The following tables show the recorded investment in loans by credit quality indicator and loan segment as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010.

| | September 30, 2011 | | | | |
|--|--------------------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| | Pass | Watch | Substandard | Doubtful | Total |
| Commercial | \$232,497 | \$13,235 | \$19,256 | \$— | \$264,988 |
| Real estate: | | | | | |
| Construction, land, and land development | 88,637 | 2,576 | 22,124 | — | 113,337 |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages | 49,382 | 1,606 | 1,833 | — | 52,821 |
| Home equity | 28,159 | 394 | 346 | — | 28,899 |

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| | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----|-----------|
| Commercial | 378,580 | 9,148 | 12,561 | — | 400,289 |
| Consumer and other | 6,408 | 67 | 65 | — | 6,540 |
| Total | \$783,663 | \$27,026 | \$56,185 | \$— | \$866,874 |

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| | December 31, 2010 | | | | |
|--|-------------------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| | Pass | Watch | Substandard | Doubtful | Total |
| Commercial | \$283,239 | \$5,990 | \$21,147 | \$— | \$310,376 |
| Real estate: | | | | | |
| Construction, land, and land development | 88,930 | 3,722 | 23,949 | — | 116,601 |
| 1-4 family residential first mortgages | 48,152 | 1,217 | 2,391 | — | 51,760 |
| Home equity | 25,902 | 89 | 120 | — | 26,111 |
| Commercial | 343,869 | 12,894 | 15,641 | — | 372,404 |
| Consumer and other | 11,371 | 82 | 61 | — | 11,514 |
| Total | \$801,463 | \$23,994 | \$63,309 | \$— | \$888,766 |

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 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. The Substandard column includes all loans classified as impaired, as well as loans with ratings 7 and 8, which are included in the general evaluation of the allowance for loan losses.

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

Risk rating 2: The loan is secured by properly margined marketable securities.

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 has been impacted by current economic conditions but is still generally paying as agreed. Declining earnings and strained cash flow may cause some slowness in payments. Leverage is increasing and guarantees may not fully support the debt. There may be noncompliance with loan covenants.

Risk rating 6: A potential weakness exists that may inadequately protect West Bank's credit position.

Risk rating 7: A well-defined weakness exists that jeopardizes the orderly reduction of debts. West Bank is inadequately protected by the valuation or paying capacity of the collateral pledged.

Risk rating 8: A loan is past due more than 90 days or there is reason to believe West Bank will not receive its principal and interest according to the terms of the loan agreement.

Risk rating 9: All of the weaknesses inherent in risk ratings 6, 7, and 8 exist with the added condition that collection or liquidation of the loan in full is highly 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 West Bank'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. In addition, the West Bank Loan Review Department systematically performs independent reviews of risk ratings. 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 higher.

In all portfolio segments, the primary risks are that a borrower's income stream diminishes to the point he or she is not able to make scheduled principal and interest payments and any collateral securing the loan has declined in value. For commercial loans, including construction and commercial real estate loans, that income stream consists of the operations of the business. For consumer loans, including 1-4 family residential and home equity loans, that income stream typically consists of wages. The risk of declining collateral values is present for most types of loans. For commercial loans, accounts receivable, fixed assets, and inventory generally comprise the collateral. Accounts receivable can diminish in value if collections are not timely. Fixed assets tend to depreciate over time, inventory can become obsolete, and for all types of loans secured by real estate, it is possible for the value of the real estate to decline.

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The allowance for loan losses is established through a provision for loan losses charged to expense. Loans in each of the Company's segments are charged against the allowance for loan losses when management believes that collectibility of the principal is unlikely. The allowance is an amount that management believes will be adequate to absorb probable losses on existing loans, based on an evaluation of the collectibility 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 current economic conditions that may affect the borrower's ability to pay. While management uses the best information available to make its evaluation, future adjustments to the allowance may be necessary if there are significant changes in economic conditions or the other factors relied upon.

The allowance 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 process, periodically review West Bank's allowance for loan losses, and may require West Bank 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 changes in the allowance for loan losses by segment for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2011

| | Real Estate | | | | Commercial | Consumer | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| | Commercial and Land | Construction and Land | 1-4 Family Residential | Home Equity | | Commercial | and Other |
| Beginning balance | \$6,026 | \$3,752 | \$935 | \$664 | \$6,274 | \$139 | \$17,790 |
| Charge-offs | (160) | — | (254) | (5) | — | — | (419) |
| Recoveries | 77 | 2 | 8 | 12 | — | 6 | 105 |
| Provision ⁽¹⁾ | (424) | (108) | 217 | 58 | 285 | (28) | — |
| Ending balance | \$5,519 | \$3,646 | \$906 | \$729 | \$6,559 | \$117 | \$17,476 |

Three Months Ended September 30, 2010

| | Real Estate | | | | Commercial | Consumer | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| | Commercial and Land | Construction and Land | 1-4 Family Residential | Home Equity | | Commercial | and Other |
| Beginning balance | \$9,316 | \$4,071 | \$734 | \$581 | \$6,222 | \$167 | \$21,091 |
| Charge-offs | (4,151) | — | (73) | (166) | — | (12) | (4,402) |
| Recoveries | 356 | — | 21 | 13 | — | 6 | 396 |
| Provision ⁽¹⁾ | 1,550 | 126 | 47 | 206 | 72 | (1) | 2,000 |
| Ending balance | \$7,071 | \$4,197 | \$729 | \$634 | \$6,294 | \$160 | \$19,085 |

Nine months ended September 30, 2011

| | Real Estate | | | | Commercial | Consumer | |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| | Commercial and Land | Construction and Land | 1-4 Family Residential | Home Equity | | Commercial | and Other |
| Beginning balance | \$7,940 | \$3,787 | \$647 | \$658 | \$5,823 | \$232 | \$19,087 |
| Charge-offs | (2,267) | — | (780) | (45) | (298) | (3) | (3,393) |

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|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|----------|-------|----------|
| Recoveries | 758 | 2 | 32 | 24 | 1 | 15 | 832 |
| Provision ⁽¹⁾ | (912 |) (143 |) 1,007 | 92 | 1,033 | (127 |) 950 |
| Ending balance | \$5,519 | \$3,646 | \$ 906 | \$729 | \$ 6,559 | \$117 | \$17,476 |

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Nine months ended September 30, 2010

Real Estate

| | Commercial | Construction and Land | 1-4 Family Residential | Home Equity | Commercial | Consumer and Other | Total |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Beginning balance | \$7,988 | \$3,260 | \$ 649 | \$654 | \$ 6,438 | \$ 137 | \$19,126 |
| Charge-offs | (5,311) | (206) | (216) | (220) | (53) | (79) | (6,085) |
| Recoveries | 563 | — | 27 | 13 | 7 | 34 | 644 |
| Provision ⁽¹⁾ | 3,831 | 1,143 | 269 | 187 | (98) | 68 | 5,400 |
| Ending balance | \$7,071 | \$4,197 | \$ 729 | \$634 | \$ 6,294 | \$ 160 | \$19,085 |

(1) The negative provisions for the various segments are primarily related to the decrease in each of those portfolio segments during the time periods disclosed.

The following tables show a breakdown of the allowance for loan losses disaggregated on the basis of impairment analysis method by segment as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010.

September 30, 2011

Real Estate

| | Commercial | Construction and Land | 1-4 Family Residential | Home Equity | Commercial | Consumer and Other | Total |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Ending balance: | | | | | | | |
| Individually evaluated for impairment | \$600 | \$1,826 | \$ 84 | \$— | \$ — | \$ 12 | \$2,522 |
| Collectively evaluated for impairment | 4,919 | 1,820 | 822 | 729 | 6,559 | 105 | 14,954 |
| Total | \$5,519 | \$3,646 | \$ 906 | \$729 | \$ 6,559 | \$ 117 | \$17,476 |

December 31, 2010

Real Estate

| | Commercial | Construction and Land | 1-4 Family Residential | Home Equity | Commercial | Consumer and Other | Total |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Ending balance: | | | | | | | |
| Individually evaluated for impairment | \$1,742 | \$1,900 | \$ 25 | \$— | \$ — | \$ 21 | \$3,688 |
| Collectively evaluated for impairment | 6,198 | 1,887 | 622 | 658 | 5,823 | 211 | 15,399 |
| Total | \$7,940 | \$3,787 | \$ 647 | \$658 | \$ 5,823 | \$ 232 | \$19,087 |

The following tables show the recorded investment in loans, exclusive of unamortized fees and costs, disaggregated on the basis of impairment analysis method by segment as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010.

September 30, 2011

Real Estate

| | Commercial | Construction and Land | 1-4 Family Residential | Home Equity | Commercial | Consumer and Other | Total |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Ending balance: | | | | | | | |
| | \$6,673 | \$13,364 | \$ 1,365 | \$164 | \$ 3,072 | \$ 53 | \$24,691 |

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Individually evaluated for impairment | | | | | | | |
| Collectively evaluated for impairment | 258,315 | 99,973 | 51,456 | 28,735 | 397,217 | 6,487 | 842,183 |
| Total | \$264,988 | \$113,337 | \$52,821 | \$28,899 | \$400,289 | \$6,540 | \$866,874 |

December 31, 2010

| | Real Estate | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|
| | Commercial | Construction and Land | 1-4 Family Residential | Home Equity | Commercial | Consumer and Other | Total |
| Ending balance: | | | | | | | |
| Individually evaluated for impairment | \$9,112 | \$14,389 | \$1,002 | \$59 | \$6,392 | \$59 | \$31,013 |
| Collectively evaluated for impairment | 301,264 | 102,212 | 50,758 | 26,052 | 366,012 | 11,455 | 857,753 |
| Total | \$310,376 | \$116,601 | \$51,760 | \$26,111 | \$372,404 | \$11,514 | \$888,766 |

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5. Fair Value Measurements

Accounting guidance on fair value measurements and disclosures defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring the fair value of assets and liabilities using a hierarchy system, and defines required disclosures. It clarifies that 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 securities available for sale 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.

When available, quoted market prices are used to determine the fair value of investment securities and such items are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. Examples include U.S. Treasury securities and certain corporate bonds. For other securities, 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. Securities measured at fair value by such methods are classified as Level 2. The fair values of Level 2 securities are determined by pricing models that consider observable market data, such as interest rate volatilities, LIBOR yield curve, credit spreads and prices from market makers, and live trading systems. Certain securities may not be valued based on observable inputs and are, therefore, classified as Level 3. The fair value of these securities is based on management's best estimates. The Company's policy is to recognize transfers between levels at the end of each reporting period, if applicable.

The following tables present the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis by level as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010.

| Description | September 30, 2011 | | | |
|---|--------------------|---|---|--|
| | Total | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| Assets: | | | | |
| U.S. government agencies and corporations | \$13,062 | \$— | \$13,062 | \$— |
| State and political subdivisions | 54,585 | — | 54,585 | — |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 171,055 | — | 171,055 | — |
| Trust preferred securities | 2,097 | — | 740 | 1,357 |
| Corporate notes and other investments | 6,206 | 5,397 | 809 | — |
| Total | \$247,005 | \$5,397 | \$240,251 | \$1,357 |

| Description | December 31, 2010 | | | |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Total | Quoted Prices in Active Markets | Significant Other Observable | Significant Unobservable Inputs |

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| | | for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Inputs (Level 2) | (Level 3) |
|---|-----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Assets: | | | | |
| U.S. government agencies and corporations | \$47,798 | \$— | \$47,798 | \$— |
| State and political subdivisions | 59,137 | — | 59,137 | — |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 141,220 | — | 141,220 | — |
| Trust preferred securities | 1,976 | — | 637 | 1,339 |
| Corporate notes and other investments | 6,195 | 5,280 | 915 | — |
| Total | \$256,326 | \$5,280 | \$249,707 | \$1,339 |

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The following table presents changes in securities available for sale with significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010.

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Beginning balance | \$1,582 | \$1,659 | \$1,339 | \$1,136 |
| Transfer into level 3 | — | — | — | 625 |
| Total gains or (losses): | | | | |
| Included in earnings | (22 |) (117 |) (22 |) (305 |
| Included in other comprehensive income | (203 |) 109 | 40 | 195 |
| Sale of security | — | (438 |) — | (438 |
| Principal payments | — | — | — | — |
| Ending balance | \$1,357 | \$1,213 | \$1,357 | \$1,213 |

The ending balances in the previous table include one pooled TPS valued at \$1,357 as of September 30, 2011. See Note 3 above for a detailed discussion of the valuation of that security.

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). The following tables present those assets carried on the balance sheet by caption and by level within the valuation hierarchy as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010.

| Description | September 30, 2011 | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---|---|--|
| | Total | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Loans | \$15,650 | \$— | \$— | \$15,650 |
| Other real estate owned | 12,402 | — | — | 12,402 |
| Total | \$28,052 | \$— | \$— | \$28,052 |

| Description | December 31, 2010 | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---|---|--|
| | Total | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Loans | \$17,799 | \$— | \$— | \$17,799 |
| Other real estate owned | 19,193 | — | — | 19,193 |
| Total | \$36,992 | \$— | \$— | \$36,992 |

Loans in the tables above consist of impaired loans for which a fair value adjustment has been recorded. 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 and is classified as Level 3 in the fair value

hierarchy. Collateral may be real estate or business assets such as equipment, inventory, or accounts receivable. Fair value is determined by appraisals. Appraised or reported values may be discounted based on management's opinions concerning market developments or the client's business. Other real estate owned in the tables above consist of property acquired through foreclosures and settlements of loans. Property acquired is carried at fair value of the property, less estimated disposal costs, and is classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

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GAAP requires disclosure of the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities, including those financial assets and financial liabilities that are not measured and reported at fair value on a recurring basis 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 and other short-term investments: The carrying amount approximates fair value.

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

Loans held for sale: The fair values of loans held for sale are based on estimated selling prices.

Loans: The fair values of 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.

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

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

Short-term and other borrowings: The carrying amounts of federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase and other short-term borrowings approximate their fair values. The fair values of Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) advances and subordinated notes 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.

The following table includes the carrying amounts and approximate fair values as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010.

| | September 30, 2011 | | December 31, 2010 | |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| | Carrying Amount | Approximate Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Approximate Fair Value |
| Financial assets: | | | | |
| Cash and due from banks | \$44,851 | \$44,851 | \$20,069 | \$20,069 |
| Federal funds sold and other short-term investments | 7,922 | 7,922 | 67,885 | 67,885 |
| Securities available for sale | 247,005 | 247,005 | 256,326 | 256,326 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock | 11,423 | 11,423 | 11,211 | 11,211 |
| Loans held for sale | 3,416 | 3,457 | 4,452 | 4,452 |
| Loans, net | 849,139 | 860,407 | 869,562 | 873,568 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 4,368 | 4,368 | 4,959 | 4,959 |
| Financial liabilities: | | | | |

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|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Deposits | 918,539 | 921,572 | 972,072 | 975,197 |
| Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 53,203 | 53,203 | 52,095 | 52,095 |
| Other short-term borrowings | 1,445 | 1,445 | 2,914 | 2,914 |
| Accrued interest payable | 623 | 623 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Subordinated notes | 20,619 | 10,576 | 20,619 | 10,853 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank advances | 105,000 | 115,215 | 105,000 | 108,449 |
| Off-balance-sheet financial instruments: | | | | |
| Commitments to extend credit | — | — | — | — |
| Standby letters of credit | — | — | — | — |

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6. Earnings per Common Share

Basic earnings per common share are computed by dividing income available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Income available to common stockholders is net income less preferred stock dividends and accretion of discount on preferred stock, which is treated as preferred stock dividends. The remaining unaccreted discount on preferred stock was recognized at June 29, 2011, when the preferred stock was redeemed. The related outstanding common stock warrant was repurchased on August 31, 2011, for \$700,000. Diluted earnings per common share reflect the potential dilution that could occur if the Company's previously outstanding stock warrant was exercised and converted into common stock. The dilutive effect was computed using the treasury stock method, which assumes all outstanding warrants were exercised. The incremental shares, to the extent they would have been dilutive, are included in the denominator of the diluted earnings per common share calculation. The calculation of earnings per common share and diluted earnings per common share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, is presented in the following table.

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|----------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Net income | \$3,083 | \$3,941 | \$11,536 | \$9,883 |
| Preferred stock dividends | — | (450) | (895) | (1,350) |
| Preferred stock discount accretion | — | (122) | (1,492) | (363) |
| Net income available to common stockholders | \$3,083 | \$3,369 | \$9,149 | \$8,170 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | 17,404 | 17,404 | 17,404 | 17,404 |
| Common stock warrant* | — | — | — | — |
| Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding | 17,404 | 17,404 | 17,404 | 17,404 |
| Basic earnings per common share | \$0.18 | \$0.19 | \$0.53 | \$0.47 |
| Diluted earnings per common share | \$0.18 | \$0.19 | \$0.53 | \$0.47 |

*The average closing price of the Company's common stock for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, was \$8.83, and \$7.99, respectively, and was \$6.37 and \$6.52 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010. These average closing prices were less than the \$11.39 exercise price of the common stock warrant to purchase 474,100 shares of common stock; therefore, the warrant was not dilutive during the period it was outstanding.

7. Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income consists of net income and other comprehensive income (loss). Other comprehensive income (loss) consists of the net change in unrealized gains and losses on the Company's securities available for sale, including the noncredit-related portion of unrealized losses of OTTI securities.

The following tables summarize the changes in the balances of each component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010.

| | Noncredit-related | | Accumulated |
|---|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Unrealized | Unrealized | Other |
| | Gains (Losses) | Gains (Losses) | Comprehensive |
| | on Securities | on Securities | Income (Loss) |
| | with OTTI | without OTTI | |
| Balance, December 31, 2010 | \$ (1,943 |) \$ (704 |) \$ (2,647 |
| Current period other comprehensive income | 25 | 3,474 | 3,499 |

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|---|-----------|-------------|-------------|---|
| Balance, September 30, 2011 | \$ (1,918 |) \$ 2,770 | \$ 852 | |
| Balance, December 31, 2009 | \$ (2,142 |) \$ (2,169 |) \$ (4,311 |) |
| Current period other comprehensive income | 121 | 3,468 | 3,589 | |
| Balance, September 30, 2010 | \$ (2,021 |) \$ 1,299 | \$ (722 |) |

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The following tables show the tax effects allocated to each component of other comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010.

| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2011 | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011 | | |
|---|--|--------------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------------|
| | Before Tax Amount | Tax Expense (Benefit) | Net of Tax Amount | Before Tax Amount | Tax Expense (Benefit) | Net of Tax Amount |
| Unrealized noncredit-related gains (losses) on securities with OTTI: | | | | | | |
| Unrealized holding gains (losses) arising during period | \$ (225) | \$ 85 | \$ (140) | \$ 18 | \$ (7) | \$ 11 |
| Less: reclassification adjustment for net losses realized in net income | 22 | (8) | 14 | 22 | (8) | 14 |
| Net unrealized holding gains (losses) for securities with other than temporary impairment | (203) | 77 | (126) | 40 | (15) | 25 |
| Unrealized gains on securities without OTTI: | | | | | | |
| Unrealized holding gains arising during the period | 902 | (343) | 559 | 5,604 | (2,130) | 3,474 |
| Less: reclassification adjustment for net (gains) losses realized in net income | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Net unrealized gains | 902 | (343) | 559 | 5,604 | (2,130) | 3,474 |
| Other comprehensive income | \$ 699 | \$ (266) | \$ 433 | \$ 5,644 | \$ (2,145) | \$ 3,499 |
| | | | | | | |
| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2010 | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 | | |
| | Before Tax Amount | Tax Expense (Benefit) | Net of Tax Amount | Before Tax Amount | Tax Expense (Benefit) | Net of Tax Amount |
| Unrealized noncredit-related gains (losses) on securities with OTTI: | | | | | | |
| Unrealized holding gains (losses) arising during period | \$ (8) | \$ 3 | \$ (5) | \$ 78 | \$ (30) | \$ 48 |
| Less: reclassification adjustment for net losses realized in net income | 117 | (44) | 73 | 117 | (44) | 73 |
| Net unrealized holding gains for securities with other than temporary impairment | 109 | (41) | 68 | 195 | (74) | 121 |
| Unrealized gains on securities without OTTI: | | | | | | |
| Unrealized holding gains arising during period | 2,594 | (986) | 1,608 | 5,459 | (2,075) | 3,384 |
| Less: reclassification adjustment for net gains realized in net income | (16) | 6 | (10) | (53) | 20 | (33) |
| Less: reclassification adjustment for impairment losses realized in net income | — | — | — | 188 | (71) | 117 |
| Net unrealized gains | 2,578 | (980) | 1,598 | 5,594 | (2,126) | 3,468 |

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| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|---|---------|---------|----------|---|---------|
| Other comprehensive income | \$2,687 | \$(1,021 |) | \$1,666 | \$5,789 | \$(2,200 |) | \$3,589 |
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8. Deferred Income Taxes

Tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to net deferred tax assets consist of the following as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010.

| | September 30, 2011 | December 31, 2010 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Allowance for loan losses | \$6,641 | \$7,253 |
| Intangibles | 2,076 | 2,265 |
| Net unrealized (gains) losses on securities available for sale | (522 |) 1,623 |
| Investment security impairment | — | 291 |
| Other real estate owned | 1,162 | 870 |
| Alternative minimum tax credit and other credits | 13 | 21 |
| State net operating loss carryforward | 417 | 381 |
| Capital loss carryforward | 4,149 | 3,703 |
| Net deferred loan fees and costs | (253 |) (255 |
| Premises and equipment | (543 |) (493 |
| Loans | (678 |) (559 |
| Other | 353 | 439 |
| Net deferred tax assets before valuation allowance | 12,815 | 15,539 |
| Valuation allowance | (4,566 |) (4,375 |
| Net deferred tax assets | \$8,249 | \$11,164 |

The decline in deferred tax assets since December 31, 2010, is primarily the result of the change from unrealized losses to unrealized gains on investment securities available for sale and a reduction in the balance of the allowance for loan losses.

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

9. Commitments and Contingencies.

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 as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010, consisted of the following approximate amounts.

| | September 30, 2011 | December 31, 2010 |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Commitments to extend credit | \$229,046 | \$202,043 |
| Standby letters of credit | 10,396 | 14,709 |
| | \$239,442 | \$216,752 |

West Bank has executed Mortgage Partnership Finance (MPF) Master Commitments (the 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 current Commitment is through February 29, 2012. At September 30, 2011, 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 \$243.

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On September 29, 2010, West Bank was sued in a purported class action lawsuit that, as amended, asserts nonsufficient funds fees charged by West Bank to Iowa resident noncommercial customers on bank card transactions are impermissible finance charges under the Iowa Consumer Credit Code, rather than allowable fees, and that the sequence in which West Bank formerly posted items for payment violated its duties of good faith under the Iowa Uniform Commercial Code and Consumer Credit Code. West Bank believes the allegations in the lawsuit are factually and legally inaccurate. West Bank is vigorously defending this litigation. The Company believes that the likelihood of a loss as a result of this lawsuit is “reasonably possible” for disclosure purposes (i.e., greater than “remote” but less than “probable”). The amount of potential loss, if any, cannot be reasonably estimated now because there are substantial and different defenses concerning the various claims of potential liability and class certification. Even if legal liability is established under some theory, which West Bank believes would be improper under existing Iowa law, the amount of each plaintiff’s damage claim would likely require individual determination due to the potential applicability of different offsets or credits.

In the normal course of business, the Company and West Bank are involved in various other legal proceedings. In the opinion of management, any liability resulting from such proceedings would not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial statements.

10. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date financial statements are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Through that date, there were no events requiring disclosure.

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

"SAFE HARBOR" STATEMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT

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, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements may appear throughout this report. These forward-looking statements are generally identified by the words “believes,” “expects,” “intends,” “should,” “anticipates,” “projects,” “future,” “may,” “should,” “will,” “plan,” “opportunity,” “will be,” “will likely result,” “will continue,” or similar references, or 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 non-bank 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; and any other risks described in the “Risk Factors” sections of this and other reports made by the Company. 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.

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THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

OVERVIEW

The following sections include management's description of the consolidated operations of the Company, including West Bank, West Bank's wholly-owned subsidiary WB Funding Corporation (which owns an interest in SmartyPig, LLC), and West Bank's 99.99 percent owned subsidiary ICD IV, LLC (a community development entity) and the Company's financial condition at the end of third quarter 2011. Results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, are compared to the results for the same periods in 2010, and the consolidated financial condition of the Company as of September 30, 2011, is compared to balances as of December 31, 2010.

Net income for the third quarter of 2011 was \$3,083, a 21.8 percent decline compared to third quarter 2010 net income of \$3,941. Total net income available to common stockholders was \$3,083 for the third quarter of 2011 compared to \$3,369 for the third quarter of 2010. The third quarter of 2011 did not include preferred stock dividends or accretion since all of the preferred stock was redeemed on June 29, 2011. The third quarter of 2010 included \$572 of preferred stock dividends and accretion.

Total basic and diluted earnings per common share were \$0.18 and \$0.19 for the third quarter of 2011 and 2010 respectively. The Company's annualized returns on average equity and average assets for the quarter ended September 30, 2011, were 10.12 and 0.97 percent, respectively, compared to 10.89 and 1.03 percent, respectively, for the quarter ended September 30, 2010.

The provision for loan losses was \$0 for the third quarter of 2011 compared to \$2,000 in the same quarter of 2010. The third quarter 2011 provision for loan losses of \$0 was determined after performing the regular quarterly analysis of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses. Compared to a year ago, both nonperforming assets and net charge-offs are significantly lower. As of September 30, 2011, the allowance for loan losses was 2.02 percent of loans outstanding and was deemed by management to be adequate to absorb any losses inherent in the loan portfolio.

Noninterest income declined \$874 compared to the third quarter of 2010 primarily due to the elimination of the service fee from SmartyPig, LLC and a gain from bank owned life insurance in the third quarter of 2010, while there was no such gain in the current quarter. Noninterest expense was \$1,737 higher in the third quarter of 2011 than in 2010 mostly due to other real estate owned write-downs and expenses that were \$1,653 higher than in third quarter of 2010.

Net income available to common stockholders for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, was \$9,149 compared to \$8,170 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. Total basic and diluted earnings per common share were \$0.53 and \$0.47, respectively. The Company's annualized return on average equity and return on average assets for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, were 11.03 and 1.19 percent, respectively, compared to 9.50 and 0.82 percent, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, net interest income increased \$121 over the prior year period, while the net interest margin improved to 3.61 percent from 2.92 percent. The improvement in the net interest margin was primarily the result of the transfer of the SmartyPig deposits to another financial institution which significantly lowered the cost of deposits. The improvement in net interest income was less than the magnitude of the improvement in the net interest margin because the volume of earning assets was significantly lower.

The \$979 improvement in year-to-date net income available to common stockholders was primarily due to the \$4,450 decline in provision for loan losses. In addition, a \$1,169 decline in FDIC insurance expense was offset by a \$1,418

increase in salaries and employee benefits due to a larger work force and higher accruals for bonuses and higher benefit costs. Miscellaneous losses were \$1,055 lower primarily due to writing off the Company's investment in a renewable energy closed-end fund in 2010. On a year-to-date basis, other real estate owned expense was \$1,273 higher than a year ago and service fee income from SmartyPig was \$1,314 lower.

The level of nonperforming assets continued to improve during the first nine months of 2011. Total nonperforming assets declined \$12,014, with all categories except investment securities showing improvement. Nonaccrual investment securities increased due to an increase in the fair value of the one security in this category.

During the first nine months of 2011, total loans outstanding declined \$22,034. However, loans increased \$28,539 during the third quarter. Management believes the loan portfolio will continue to grow as the economy improves and West Bank attracts new customers. The allowance for loan losses as a percentage of loans outstanding as of September 30, 2011, was 2.02 percent compared to 2.15 percent as of December 31, 2010.

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At its meeting on October 26, 2011, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend on its common stock of \$0.07 per share. The dividend is payable on November 29, 2011, to shareholders of record on November 7, 2011. This is an increase of \$0.02 per share, or 40 percent, over the prior quarterly dividend.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table shows selected financial results and measures for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, compared with the same periods in 2010.

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | Change | Change % | 2011 | 2010 | Change | Change % |
| Net income | \$3,083 | \$3,941 | \$(858) | (21.8)% | \$11,536 | \$9,883 | \$1,653 | 16.7 % |
| Net income available to common shareholders | 3,083 | 3,369 | (286) | (8.5)% | 9,149 | 8,170 | 979 | 12.0 % |
| Average assets | 1,262,856 | 1,520,657 | (257,801) | (17.0)% | 1,295,869 | 1,604,393 | (308,524) | (19.2)% |
| Average stockholders' equity | 120,812 | 143,548 | (22,736) | (15.8)% | 139,874 | 139,128 | 746 | 0.5 % |
| Return on average assets | 0.97 | % 1.03 | % (0.06)% | | 1.19 | % 0.82 | % 0.37 | % |
| Return on average equity | 10.12 | % 10.89 | % (0.77)% | | 11.03 | % 9.50 | % 1.53 | % |
| Efficiency ratio | 51.17 | % 45.86 | % 5.31 | % | 48.51 | % 47.82 | % 0.69 | % |
| Dividend payout ratio | 28.22 | % NM | NM | | 19.02 | % NM | NM | |
| Average equity to average assets ratio | 9.57 | % 9.44 | % 0.13 | % | 10.79 | % 8.67 | % 2.12 | % |
| Equity to assets ratio - end of period | | | | | 9.88 | % 10.76 | % (0.88)% | |
| Tangible common equity ratio - end of period | | | | | 9.87 | % 8.20 | % 1.67 | % |

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.

Efficiency ratio - noninterest expense (excluding other real estate owned expense) divided by noninterest income (excluding net securities gains and net impairment losses) plus tax-equivalent net interest income.

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

Equity to assets ratio - equity divided by assets.

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

NM - not meaningful.

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Net Interest Income

The following tables show 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.

Data for the three months ended September 30:

| | Average Balance | | Interest Income/Expense | | | | Yield/Rate | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------|---------|---------|------------|----------|-------|-------|---------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | Change | Change-% | 2011 | 2010 | Change | Change-% | 2011 | 2010 | Change |
| Interest-earning assets: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Loans: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial | \$260,856 | \$336,771 | \$(75,915) | (22.54)% | \$3,259 | \$4,217 | \$(958) | (22.72)% | 4.96% | 4.97% | (0.01)% |
| Real estate | 579,747 | 610,305 | (30,558) | (5.01)% | 8,528 | 9,137 | (609) | (6.67)% | 5.84% | 5.94% | (0.10)% |
| Consumer and other | 6,678 | 10,289 | (3,611) | (35.10)% | 87 | 128 | (41) | (32.03)% | 5.17% | 4.94% | 0.23% |
| Total loans | 847,281 | 957,365 | (110,084) | (11.50)% | 11,874 | 13,482 | (1,608) | (11.93)% | 5.56% | 5.59% | (0.03)% |
| Investment securities: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Taxable | 208,919 | 219,876 | (10,957) | (4.98)% | 1,043 | 1,058 | (15) | (1.42)% | 2.00% | 1.92% | 0.08% |
| Tax-exempt | 53,774 | 69,200 | (15,426) | (22.29)% | 821 | 1,078 | (257) | (23.84)% | 6.11% | 6.23% | (0.12)% |
| Total investment securities | 262,693 | 289,076 | (26,383) | (9.13)% | 1,864 | 2,136 | (272) | (12.73)% | 2.84% | 2.96% | (0.12)% |
| Federal funds sold and short-term investments | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total interest-earning assets | \$1,177,195 | \$1,422,884 | \$(245,689) | (17.27)% | 13,781 | 15,734 | (1,953) | (12.41)% | 4.64% | 4.39% | 0.25% |
| Interest-bearing liabilities: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Deposits: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Checking with interest, savings and money markets | \$459,302 | \$481,096 | \$(21,794) | (4.53)% | 755 | 1,196 | (441) | (36.87)% | 0.65% | 0.99% | (0.34)% |
| Time deposits | 232,096 | 473,831 | (241,735) | (51.02)% | 980 | 1,838 | (858) | (46.68)% | 1.68% | 1.54% | 0.14% |
| Total deposits | 691,398 | 954,927 | (263,529) | (27.60)% | 1,735 | 3,034 | (1,299) | (42.81)% | 1.00% | 1.26% | (0.26)% |
| Other borrowed funds | 186,433 | 181,558 | 4,875 | 2.69% | 1,249 | 1,453 | (204) | (14.04)% | 2.66% | 3.18% | (0.52)% |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | \$877,831 | \$1,136,485 | \$(258,654) | (22.76)% | 2,984 | 4,487 | (1,503) | (33.50)% | 1.35% | 1.57% | (0.22)% |

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|--------|-------|------|---|
| Tax-equivalent net interest income | \$10,797 | \$11,247 | \$(450) | (4.00) |)% | | |
| Net interest spread | | | | 3.29% | 2.82% | 0.47 | % |
| Net interest margin | | | | 3.64% | 3.14% | 0.50 | % |

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Data for the nine months ended September 30:

| | Average Balance | | | | Interest Income/Expense | | | | Yield/Rate | | |
|---|-----------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|-------|---------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | Change | Change-% | 2011 | 2010 | Change | Change-% | 2011 | 2010 | Change |
| Interest-earning assets: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Loans: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial | \$268,656 | \$344,963 | \$(76,307) | (22.12)% | \$10,126 | \$12,821 | \$(2,695) | (21.02)% | 5.04% | 4.97% | 0.07% |
| Real estate | 574,053 | 624,386 | (50,333) | (8.06)% | 25,248 | 27,904 | (2,656) | (9.52)% | 5.88% | 5.98% | (0.10)% |
| Consumer and other | 7,567 | 10,534 | (2,967) | (28.17)% | 300 | 396 | (96) | (24.24)% | 5.30% | 5.03% | 0.27% |
| Total loans | 850,276 | 979,883 | (129,607) | (13.23)% | 35,674 | 41,121 | (5,447) | (13.25)% | 5.61% | 5.61% | —% |
| Investment securities: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Taxable | 213,161 | 236,126 | (22,965) | (9.73)% | 3,283 | 3,307 | (24) | (0.73)% | 2.05% | 1.87% | 0.18% |
| Tax-exempt | 55,041 | 77,006 | (21,965) | (28.52)% | 2,579 | 3,592 | (1,013) | (28.20)% | 6.25% | 6.22% | 0.03% |
| Total investment securities | 268,202 | 313,132 | (44,930) | (14.35)% | 5,862 | 6,899 | (1,037) | (15.03)% | 2.91% | 2.94% | (0.03)% |
| Federal funds sold and short-term investments | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 89,781 | 212,685 | (122,904) | (57.79)% | 170 | 446 | (276) | (61.88)% | 0.25% | 0.28% | (0.03)% |
| Total interest-earning assets | \$1,208,259 | \$1,505,700 | \$(297,441) | (19.75)% | 41,706 | 48,466 | (6,760) | (13.95)% | 4.61% | 4.30% | 0.31% |
| Interest-bearing liabilities: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Deposits: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Checking with interest, savings and money markets | \$467,229 | \$598,825 | \$(131,596) | (21.98)% | 2,172 | 5,394 | (3,222) | (59.73)% | 0.62% | 1.20% | (0.58)% |
| Time deposits | 245,444 | 443,342 | (197,898) | (44.64)% | 3,171 | 5,653 | (2,482) | (43.91)% | 1.73% | 1.70% | 0.03% |
| Total deposits | 712,673 | 1,042,167 | (329,494) | (31.62)% | 5,343 | 11,047 | (5,704) | (51.63)% | 1.00% | 1.42% | (0.42)% |
| Other borrowed funds | 189,201 | 193,827 | (4,626) | (2.39)% | 3,719 | 4,556 | (837) | (18.37)% | 2.63% | 3.14% | (0.51)% |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | \$901,874 | \$1,235,994 | \$(334,120) | (27.03)% | 9,062 | 15,603 | (6,541) | (41.92)% | 1.34% | 1.69% | (0.35)% |
| Tax-equivalent net interest income | | | | | \$32,644 | \$32,863 | \$(219) | (0.67)% | | | |
| Net interest spread | | | | | | | | | 3.27% | 2.61% | 0.66% |

Net interest
margin

3.61% 2.92% 0.69%

Fluctuations in net interest income can result from the combination of changes in the balances of asset and liability categories and changes in interest rates. Interest rates earned and paid are also 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 the average of total interest-earning assets for the period. The net interest margin for the three months ended September 30, 2011, increased 50 basis points to 3.64 percent compared to the three months ended September 30, 2010. The increase from the prior year was primarily due to the change in the mix of interest-earning assets and a reduction in interest paid on the Company's trust preferred security, which is included in the other borrowed funds category.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, the net interest margin increased 69 basis points to 3.61 percent compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2010. Tax-equivalent net interest income for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, declined \$219 as interest income on interest-earning assets declined more than interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities. Management believes the net interest margin will remain relatively stable in the last quarter of 2011.

The average yield on loans held steady, while the average volume for the first nine months of 2011 declined by 13 percent, which resulted in interest income on loans falling by \$5,447 on a year-to-date basis. The yield on the Company's loan portfolio is affected by the mix of the portfolio, the effects of competition, the interest rate environment, the level of nonaccrual loans, and reversals of previously accrued interest on charged-off loans. The interest rate environment can influence the volume of new loan originations and the mix of variable rate versus fixed rate loans. Loan pricing in the Company's market areas remains competitive, while the volume of new loans increased during the second and third quarters of 2011 as West Bank lenders are focusing on developing new customer relationships.

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For the first nine months of 2011, the average balance of investment securities was \$44,930 lower than in the first nine months of 2010, while the yield declined 3 basis points. The slight increase in yield for taxable securities was caused by investing in mortgage-backed securities which have higher rates. No investment securities were sold during the first nine months of 2011.

The average rate paid on deposits for the first nine months of 2011 declined to 1.00 percent from 1.42 percent for the same period last year. The combination of a decline in average balances and lower market rates caused interest expense to decline by \$5,704. The average amount of savings account balances declined significantly, primarily due to the transfer of approximately \$208,000 of SmartyPig[®] related deposits to another institution in July 2010. The average balance of time deposits declined \$197,898 in the first nine months of 2011 compared to the same time period in 2010, as the low rate environment has discouraged customers from reinvesting at current rates.

The average rate paid on other borrowings declined by 51 basis points compared to the first nine months of 2010. The decline was primarily caused by the rate on the Company's subordinated notes changing to a variable rate tied to LIBOR, effective October 1, 2010. The rate during the first nine months of 2011 was 3.45 percent compared to 7.14 percent for the first nine months of 2010.

Provision for Loan Losses and the Related Allowance for Loan Losses

The provision for loan losses represents charges made to earnings to maintain an adequate allowance for loan losses. The allowance for loan losses is management's best estimate of probable losses inherent in the loan portfolio as of the balance sheet date. Factors considered in establishing the allowance include the financial conditions of the Company's borrowers, the value and adequacy of loan collateral, the condition of the local economy, the condition of the specific industries of the borrowers, the levels and trends of loans by segment, and a review of delinquent and classified loans.

The adequacy of the allowance for loan losses is evaluated quarterly by management and reviewed by West Bank's Board of Directors. This evaluation focuses on factors such as specific loan reviews, loan growth, changes in the components of the loan portfolio given the current and forecast economic conditions, and historical loss experience. The Company's concentration risks include geographic concentration in Central Iowa. The local economy is comprised primarily of service industries and state and county governments. 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; or other factors, including whether the loan has other special or unusual characteristics that suggest additional monitoring is warranted.

While management uses available information to recognize potential losses on loans, further reduction in the carrying amounts of loans may be necessary based on changes in circumstances or later acquired information. Furthermore, changes in future economic activity are always uncertain. 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 an integral part of their examination process, periodically review the estimated losses on loans. Those agencies may require West Bank to recognize additional losses based on their judgment about information available to them at the time of their examination.

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The Company's policy is to charge off loans when in management's opinion the loan or a portion of a loan is deemed uncollectible, although concerted efforts are made to maximize subsequent recoveries. The following table summarizes the activity in the Company's allowance for loan losses by segment for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, including amounts of loans charged off, recoveries, additions to the allowance charged to income, and related ratios.

| | Analysis of the Allowance for Loan Losses for the | | | Analysis of the Allowance for Loan Losses for the | | |
|---|---|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|
| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
| | 2011 | 2010 | Change | 2011 | 2010 | Change |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$17,790 | \$21,091 | \$(3,301) | \$19,087 | \$19,126 | \$(39) |
| Charge-offs | (419) | (4,402) | 3,983 | (3,393) | (6,085) | 2,692 |
| Recoveries | 105 | 396 | (291) | 832 | 644 | 188 |
| Net charge-offs | (314) | (4,006) | 3,692 | (2,561) | (5,441) | 2,880 |
| Provision for loan losses charged to operations | — | 2,000 | (2,000) | 950 | 5,400 | (4,450) |
| Balance at end of period | \$17,476 | \$19,085 | \$(1,609) | \$17,476 | \$19,085 | \$(1,609) |
| Average loans outstanding | \$847,281 | \$957,365 | | \$850,276 | \$979,883 | |
| Ratio of net charge-offs during the period to average loans outstanding | 0.15 | % 1.67 | % | 0.40 | % 0.74 | % |
| Ratio of allowance for loan losses to average loans outstanding | 2.06 | % 1.99 | % | 2.06 | % 1.95 | % |

The allowance for loan losses represented 227.29 percent of nonperforming loans at September 30, 2011, compared to 147.62 percent at December 31, 2010. The 2011 year-to-date provision was \$4,450 lower than in 2010. The most significant charge-offs in the first nine months of 2011 included six commercial loans (\$1,864), one commercial real estate loan (\$201), and two residential loans (\$330). The Company had established a specific reserve for one of the commercial charge-offs (\$969) in a previous year.

The Company has a significant portion of its loan portfolio in commercial real estate loans, commercial lines of credit, commercial term loans, and construction or land development loans. The Company's typical commercial borrower is a small or medium-sized, privately-owned Iowa business person or entity. The Company'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, usually require refinancing or a large payoff at maturity. When the economy turns downward, commercial borrowers may not be able to repay their loans due to reduced cash flows and the value of their pledged assets may decrease rapidly and significantly.

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Noninterest Income

The following tables show the variance from the prior year in the noninterest income categories shown in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. In addition, accounts within the “Other” category that represent significant variances are shown.

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | Change | Change % |
| Noninterest income: | | | | |
| Service charges on deposit accounts | \$864 | \$867 | \$(3) | (0.35)% |
| Debit card usage fees | 368 | 338 | 30 | 8.88% |
| Service fee from SmartyPig, LLC | — | 253 | (253) | (100.00)% |
| Trust services | 175 | 210 | (35) | (16.67)% |
| Gains and fees on sales of residential mortgages | 358 | 571 | (213) | (37.30)% |
| Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance | 223 | 220 | 3 | 1.36% |
| Gain from bank-owned life insurance | — | 420 | (420) | (100.00)% |
| Other: | | | | |
| Letter of credit fees | 18 | 23 | (5) | (21.74)% |
| Gain from sales of other assets | 55 | — | 55 | N/A |
| All other | 172 | 205 | (33) | (16.10)% |
| Total other | 245 | 228 | 17 | 7.46% |
| Total noninterest income | \$2,233 | \$3,107 | \$(874) | (28.13)% |

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | Change | Change % |
| Noninterest income: | | | | |
| Service charges on deposit accounts | \$2,419 | \$2,525 | \$(106) | (4.20)% |
| Debit card usage fees | 1,093 | 994 | 99 | 9.96% |
| Service fee from SmartyPig, LLC | — | 1,314 | (1,314) | (100.00)% |
| Trust services | 601 | 616 | (15) | (2.44)% |
| Gains and fees on sales of residential mortgages | 814 | 1,044 | (230) | (22.03)% |
| Increase in cash value of bank-owned life insurance | 667 | 664 | 3 | 0.45% |
| Gain from bank-owned life insurance | 637 | 420 | 217 | 51.67% |
| Other: | | | | |
| Letter of credit fees | 60 | 95 | (35) | (36.84)% |
| Gain from sales of other assets | 112 | — | 112 | N/A |
| All other | 617 | 626 | (9) | (1.44)% |
| Total other | 789 | 721 | 68 | 9.43% |
| Total noninterest income | \$7,020 | \$8,298 | \$(1,278) | (15.40)% |

Year-to-date service charges on deposit accounts declined due to a reduction in overdraft and return check charges.

Debit card usage fees continued to show positive growth in the first nine months of 2011 as customers with Reward Me Checking and other checking products continue to expand the use of this convenient payment method. We expect these fees to decline in the future due to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the Federal Reserve final rule which sets a cap on interchange fees at a rate below the current market-driven levels. While financial institutions with less than ten billion dollars in assets are exempt from the cap, industry groups believe the price controls will have a negative impact on community banks over time. An effort is underway in Congress to overturn this portion of the enacted legislation.

The service fee from SmartyPig, LLC was established to compensate the Company for maintaining the rate paid on the SmartyPig® related savings deposits at a rate that exceeded other internet-based savings accounts. This fee was

discontinued in the third quarter of 2010 when these deposits were transferred to another bank.

The volume of originations of residential mortgages sold into the secondary market during the first nine months of 2011 declined to \$37,937 from \$50,305 for the same time period in 2010, while revenue declined 22 percent on a year-to-date basis. The volume of refinancing picked up in the third quarter and is expected to remain strong through the end of 2011 as residential mortgage rates have declined to a historic low level. Home sales in the Company's market areas remain slow, but have started to improve compared to the last two years. The Company believes 2011 fourth quarter fees will be at or above the level for the third quarter.

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Gain from bank-owned life insurance occurred due to the deaths of a bank officer in each year. Letter of credit fees have declined compared to the prior year due to a lower demand for this service. Gains from sales of other assets included a gain on sale of a foreclosed asset in the first quarter of 2011 and the sale of an interest in a partnership in the third quarter of 2011.

Investment Securities Gains (Losses)

No investment securities were sold during the nine months ended September 30, 2011. As of September 30, 2011, the Company held one pooled trust preferred security (TPS) it considered to be other than temporarily impaired (OTTI). As a result of the quarterly valuations of this security, credit losses of \$22 and \$117 were recognized in the third quarters of 2011 and 2010, respectively. During the second quarter of 2010, a single-issuer TPS was determined to be OTTI and an impairment charge of \$188 was recognized.

Noninterest Expense

The following tables show the variance from the prior year in the noninterest expense categories shown in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. In addition, accounts within the "Other expenses" category that represent significant variances are shown.

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | | Change % |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | Change | Change % | |
| Noninterest expense: | | | | | |
| Salaries and employee benefits | \$3,373 | \$2,813 | \$560 | 19.91 | % |
| Occupancy | 841 | 806 | 35 | 4.34 | % |
| Data processing | 500 | 464 | 36 | 7.76 | % |
| FDIC insurance expense | 216 | 835 | (619) | (74.13) |)% |
| Other real estate owned expense | 1,650 | (3) | 1,653 | NM | |
| Professional fees | 297 | 230 | 67 | 29.13 | % |
| Miscellaneous losses | 102 | 220 | (118) | (53.64) |)% |
| Other: | | | | | |
| Marketing | 63 | 119 | (56) | (47.06) |)% |
| Business development | 84 | 54 | 30 | 55.56 | % |
| Consulting fees | 98 | 62 | 36 | 58.06 | % |
| Director fees | 97 | 86 | 11 | 12.79 | % |
| Insurance expense | 85 | 94 | (9) | (9.57) |)% |
| Bank service charges and fees | 121 | 134 | (13) | (9.70) |)% |
| Deposit operations expense | 102 | 100 | 2 | 2.00 | % |
| Contributions | 88 | 38 | 50 | 131.58 | % |
| All other | 601 | 529 | 72 | 13.61 | % |
| Total other | 1,339 | 1,216 | 123 | 10.12 | % |
| Total noninterest expense | \$8,318 | \$6,581 | \$1,737 | 26.39 | % |

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| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|----|
| | 2011 | 2010 | Change | Change % | |
| Noninterest expense: | | | | | |
| Salaries and employee benefits | \$9,598 | \$8,180 | \$1,418 | 17.33 | % |
| Occupancy | 2,478 | 2,403 | 75 | 3.12 | % |
| Data processing | 1,430 | 1,366 | 64 | 4.69 | % |
| FDIC insurance expense | 1,111 | 2,280 | (1,169) | (51.27) |)% |
| Other real estate owned expense | 1,930 | 657 | 1,273 | 193.76 | % |
| Professional fees | 756 | 704 | 52 | 7.39 | % |
| Miscellaneous losses | 153 | 1,208 | (1,055) | (87.33) |)% |
| Other: | | | | | |
| Marketing | 201 | 311 | (110) | (35.37) |)% |
| Business development | 247 | 170 | 77 | 45.29 | % |
| Consulting fees | 198 | 185 | 13 | 7.03 | % |
| Director fees | 287 | 260 | 27 | 10.38 | % |
| Insurance expense | 268 | 289 | (21) | (7.27) |)% |
| Bank service charges and fees | 380 | 430 | (50) | (11.63) |)% |
| Deposit operations expense | 195 | 290 | (95) | (32.76) |)% |
| Contributions | 213 | 113 | 100 | 88.50 | % |
| All other | 1,725 | 1,497 | 228 | 15.23 | % |
| Total other | 3,714 | 3,545 | 169 | 4.77 | % |
| Total noninterest expense | \$21,170 | \$20,343 | \$827 | 4.07 | % |

NM - Not meaningful.

The increase in salaries and benefits for the third quarter and year-to-date 2011 consisted of salary and payroll taxes for new staff members, higher bonus accruals, and higher benefit costs. The benefit cost increases were primarily for health insurance and 401(k) plan expenses.

Third quarter and year-to-date FDIC insurance expense declined for three reasons. The first was the April 1, 2011, change in the assessment base from total average deposits to total average assets less tangible capital. The second was an upgrade in West Bank's regulatory risk classification on June 3, 2011, and the third was the elimination of separate fees for the FDIC's Transaction Account Guarantee Program. FDIC insurance expense is projected to hold steady in future quarters.

Other real estate owned expense in the third quarter and year-to-date 2011 included \$1,718 and \$2,211, respectively, of write-downs due to updated appraisals on several properties. Included in the third quarter amount was one write-down of \$1,350 on one particular holding. The write-down represented a 30 percent reduction in carrying value since the previous appraisal. The Company's practice is to obtain updated appraisals at least annually. In the current economic environment, values of foreclosed properties tend to decline as the holding period continues. The Company is actively involved in marketing its other real estate owned properties.

Miscellaneous losses declined year-over-year as 2010 expense included the total impairment of the Company's investment in a renewable energy closed-end fund.

Marketing expense for 2011 compared to 2010 declined due to reduced advertising. Business development costs increased as a result of additional efforts to retain existing customers and acquire new ones. Consulting fees increased year over year because the Company hired a financial advisor to assist with strategic planning.

Deposit operations expense has declined significantly as costs associated with the SmartyPig® savings program have been eliminated. Management expects these costs will decline further as changes are made to demand deposit account products.

Contributions expense increased as a portion of the bank-owned life insurance proceeds have been donated to the West Bancorporation Foundation. Year-to-date other expenses increased 15.23 percent as a result of certain one-time expenditures primarily in the first quarter.

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Income Tax Expense

The Company recorded income tax expense of \$1,135 (26.9%) and \$4,557 (28.3%), respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, compared with \$1,181 (23.1%) and \$3,514 (26.2%), respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010. The Company's consolidated income tax rate varies from the statutory rate primarily due to tax-exempt income, including interest on municipal securities, increase in the cash value of bank-owned life insurance, and gain on life insurance proceeds. The effective tax rate for both years was also impacted by West Bank's 2007 investment in a qualified community development entity, which generated a \$2,730 federal new markets tax credit over a seven-year period.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Total assets declined to \$1,226,599 as of September 30, 2011, compared to \$1,305,463 on December 31, 2010. A summary of changes in the components of the balance sheet are described in the following paragraphs.

Investment Securities

Investment securities available for sale declined \$9,321 from December 31, 2010, to \$247,005 at September 30, 2011. The reduction was due to calls, maturities and paydowns on mortgage-backed securities exceeding purchases.

As of September 30, 2011, the available for sale investment securities portfolio consists of approximately 5 percent U.S. government agency securities, 22 percent municipal securities, 69 percent government agency-issued mortgage-backed securities, and 4 percent corporate securities and TPSs.

At September 30, 2011, the most significant risk of a future impairment charge relates to the Company's investment in two TPSs. As of September 30, 2011, two TPSs with a cost basis of \$6,180 were valued at \$2,097. Management has concluded that the pooled TPS, ALESCO Preferred Funding X, Ltd., is considered to be OTTI. Any potential future loss that would be considered a credit loss would negatively impact net income and regulatory capital; however, the fair value adjustment at September 30, 2011, has already been recorded against equity. The Company owns one other TPS through West Bank's investment portfolio. This security is issued by Heartland Financial USA, Inc. (Heartland), a publicly traded multi-bank holding company. Heartland, according to the most recently available public information, is well-capitalized and profitable. While the market value for this security is approximately 43 percent of West Bank's cost, management believes West Bank will receive its entire principal and interest over the life of this security.

Loans and Nonperforming Assets

Loans outstanding declined \$22,034 from December 31, 2010, to September 30, 2011, but increased \$28,539 during the third quarter of 2011. The reduction was primarily attributable to commercial loan payoffs exceeding advances on new loans. Management believes the loan portfolio will continue to grow through the end of 2011 as the economy slowly improves and the Company attracts new customers.

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

| | September 30, 2011 | December 31, 2010 | Change | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|---|
| Nonaccrual loans | \$5,979 | \$7,945 | \$(1,966) |) |
| Loans past due 90 days and still accruing interest | 70 | 198 | (128) |) |

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|---|----------|----------|-----------|----|
| Troubled debt restructured loans ⁽¹⁾ | 1,640 | 4,787 | (3,147 |) |
| Total nonperforming loans | 7,689 | 12,930 | (5,241 |) |
| Other real estate owned | 12,402 | 19,193 | (6,791 |) |
| Nonaccrual investment securities | 1,357 | 1,339 | 18 | |
| Total nonperforming assets | \$21,448 | \$33,462 | \$(12,014 |) |
| Nonperforming loans to total loans | 0.89 | % 1.46 | % (0.57 |)% |
| Nonperforming assets to total assets | 1.75 | % 2.56 | % (0.81 |)% |

(1) While trouble debt restructured loans are commonly reported by the industry as nonperforming, those not classified in the nonaccrual category are accruing interest due to payment performance.

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The following tables set forth the activity within each category of nonperforming loans and assets for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Nine months ended September 30, 2011

| | Nonaccrual | Loans Past Due 90 Days and Still Accruing Interest | Troubled Debt Restructured | Total Nonperforming Loans | Other Real Estate Owned | Nonaccrual Investment Securities | Total Nonperforming Assets |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Balance at beginning of period | \$7,945 | \$198 | \$ 4,787 | \$ 12,930 | \$19,193 | \$1,339 | \$ 33,462 |
| Increase in fair market value | — | — | — | — | — | 18 | 18 |
| Additions | 2,861 | 1,537 | 391 | 4,789 | 713 | — | 5,502 |
| Transfers: | | | | | | | |
| Past due to nonaccrual | 238 | (238) | — | — | — | — | — |
| Troubled debt to nonaccrual | 114 | — | (114) | — | — | — | — |
| Nonaccrual to troubled debt | (171) | — | 171 | — | — | — | — |
| Nonaccrual to OREO | (869) | — | — | (869) | 869 | — | — |
| Upgrade in classification | — | (555) | (3,444) | (3,999) | — | — | (3,999) |
| Sales | — | — | — | — | (5,939) | — | (5,939) |
| Subsequent write-downs/impairment | (2,258) | (95) | — | (2,353) | (2,434) | — | (4,787) |
| Payments | (1,881) | (777) | (151) | (2,809) | — | — | (2,809) |
| Balance at end of period | \$5,979 | \$70 | \$ 1,640 | \$ 7,689 | \$12,402 | \$1,357 | \$ 21,448 |

Nine months ended September 30, 2010

| | Nonaccrual | Loans Past Due 90 Days and Still Accruing Interest | Troubled Debt Restructured | Total Nonperforming Loans | Other Real Estate Owned | Nonaccrual Investment Securities | Total Nonperforming Assets |
|--------------------------------|------------|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Balance at beginning of period | \$12,350 | \$1,150 | \$ 12,817 | \$ 26,317 | \$25,350 | \$1,282 | \$ 52,949 |
| Increase in fair market value | — | — | — | — | — | 195 | 195 |
| Additions | 4,667 | 2,828 | 5,109 | 12,604 | 5,159 | 625 | 18,388 |
| Transfers: | | | | | | | |
| Past due to nonaccrual | 1,738 | (1,738) | — | — | — | — | — |
| Troubled debt to nonaccrual | 2,891 | — | (2,891) | — | — | — | — |
| | — | 13 | (13) | — | — | — | — |

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| Troubled debt to past due | | | | | | | | |
| Nonaccrual to OREO | (1,372 |) — | — | (1,372 |) 1,372 | — | — | |
| Upgrade in classification | (712 |) (1,914 |) (9,610 |) (12,236 |) — | — | (12,236 |) |
| Sales | — | — | — | — | (11,479 |) (584 |) (12,063 |) |
| Subsequent write-downs/impairment | (5,465 |) (8 |) — | (5,473 |) (662 |) (305 |) (6,440 |) |
| Payments | (2,845 |) (331 |) (218 |) (3,394 |) — | — | (3,394 |) |
| Balance at end of period | \$11,252 | \$— | \$ 5,194 | \$ 16,446 | \$19,740 | \$1,213 | \$ 37,399 | |

Total nonperforming assets have declined 35.9 percent since the end of 2010 and have declined 42.7 percent since September 30, 2010. As indicated in the tables above, the decline in nonperforming assets is spread across all nonperforming categories, except investment securities. During the last year, management's highest priority has been monitoring and eliminating nonperforming assets.

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The following table provides the composition of other real estate owned as of September 30, 2011, and December 31, 2010.

| | September 30, 2011 | December 31, 2010 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Construction, land development, and other land | \$ 10,000 | \$ 12,953 |
| 1-4 family residential properties | 590 | 1,038 |
| Multifamily | 450 | 1,374 |
| Commercial properties | 1,362 | 3,828 |
| | \$ 12,402 | \$ 19,193 |

The Company is actively marketing the assets referenced in the table above. Demand for commercial real estate and development land is weak. Valuations of other real estate owned are updated by management at least annually so that the properties are carried at current market value less estimated disposal costs. Market values are determined by obtaining updated appraisals or other market information. As of September 30, 2011, the construction and land development category includes four properties in the Des Moines metropolitan area, one property in the Iowa City market, one property in Missouri, and one property in Arkansas. The 1-4 family properties consist of three homes in the Des Moines area and one home in Minnesota. The multifamily category consists of one apartment building in the Des Moines area. The commercial properties consist of two commercial facilities in the Des Moines area.

Reference is also made to the information and discussion earlier in this report under the heading "Provision for Loan Losses and the Related Allowance for Loan Losses," and Notes 4 and 5 to the financial statements.

Deposits

Total deposits as of September 30, 2011, declined 5.5 percent to \$918,539 compared to December 31, 2010. The decline is due to reductions in savings and certificates of deposit as customers appear to be looking for alternative investments in the current low rate environment. Offsetting these declines were increases in demand deposit accounts compared to the end of 2010.

Borrowings

There were minimal changes in the borrowing categories of the balance sheet.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The objective of liquidity management is 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, federal funds purchased, repurchase agreements, 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 maturities and payments, expected deposit flows, and the objectives set by West Bank's asset-liability management policy. The Company had liquid assets (cash and cash equivalents) of \$52,773 as of September 30, 2011, compared with \$87,954 as of December 31, 2010. West Bank had additional borrowing capacity available from the FHLB of approximately \$44,000 at September 30, 2011. In addition, West Bank has \$53,000 in borrowing capacity available through unsecured federal funds lines of credit and \$10,000 available through secured federal funds lines of credit with correspondent banks. West Bank was not drawing on any of these lines of credit as of September 30, 2011. Net cash from operating activities contributed \$20,615 and \$16,793 to liquidity for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The combination of high levels of potentially liquid assets, cash flows from operations, and additional borrowing capacity

provided strong liquidity for the Company at September 30, 2011.

The Company's total stockholders' equity declined to \$121,136 at September 30, 2011, from \$145,436 at December 31, 2010. Total equity declined primarily due to the June 29, 2011, redemption of all \$36,000 of the Company's preferred stock held by the U.S. Treasury, and the repurchase of the related common stock warrant on August 31, 2011, for \$700. At September 30, 2011, stockholders' equity was 9.88 percent of total assets compared to 11.14 percent as of December 31, 2010. No material capital expenditures or material changes in the capital resource mix are anticipated at this time.

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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 can result in certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that could have a direct material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and 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 classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk-weightings, and other factors.

Quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require the Company and West Bank to maintain minimum amounts and ratios (set forth in the following table) of Total and Tier I Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets and of Tier I Capital to Average Assets. Management believes the Company and West Bank met all capital adequacy requirements to which they were subject as of September 30, 2011. Prompt corrective action provisions are not applicable to the Company.

As of September 30, 2011, the most recent notification from regulatory agencies categorized West Bank as well-capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. No conditions or events have occurred since that notification that management believes have changed West Bank's category.

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

| | Actual | | For Capital Adequacy Purposes | | To Be Well-Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions | | | |
|--|------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|--|-------|---|--|
| | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio | Amount | Ratio | | |
| As of September 30, 2011: | | | | | | | | |
| Total Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets) | | | | | | | | |
| Consolidated | \$ 152,642 | 15.5 | % \$ 78,875 | 8.0 | % n/a | n/a | | |
| West Bank | 136,272 | 14.3 | % 76,179 | 8.0 | % \$ 95,223 | 10.0 | % | |
| Tier I Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets) | | | | | | | | |
| Consolidated | 140,254 | 14.2 | % 39,438 | 4.0 | % n/a | n/a | | |
| West Bank | 124,300 | 13.1 | % 38,089 | 4.0 | % 57,134 | 6.0 | % | |
| Tier I Capital (to Average Assets) | | | | | | | | |
| Consolidated | 140,254 | 11.1 | % 50,470 | 4.0 | % n/a | n/a | | |
| West Bank | 124,300 | 10.0 | % 49,749 | 4.0 | % 62,186 | 5.0 | % | |
| As of December 31, 2010: | | | | | | | | |
| Total Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets) | | | | | | | | |
| Consolidated | \$ 180,443 | 17.7 | % \$ 81,620 | 8.0 | % n/a | n/a | | |
| West Bank | 162,713 | 16.5 | % 78,684 | 8.0 | % \$ 98,355 | 10.0 | % | |
| Tier I Capital (to Risk-Weighted Assets) | | | | | | | | |
| Consolidated | 167,612 | 16.4 | % 40,810 | 4.0 | % n/a | n/a | | |
| West Bank | 150,335 | 15.3 | % 39,342 | 4.0 | % 59,013 | 6.0 | % | |
| Tier I Capital (to Average Assets) | | | | | | | | |

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|--------------|---------|------|---|--------|-----|---|--------|-----|---|
| Consolidated | 167,612 | 11.8 | % | 56,979 | 4.0 | % | n/a | n/a | |
| West Bank | 150,335 | 10.7 | % | 56,333 | 4.0 | % | 70,416 | 5.0 | % |

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Market Risk Management

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 changes 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 was presented in the Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on March 11, 2011, and is incorporated herein by reference. The Company has not experienced any material changes to its market risk position since December 31, 2010. Management does not believe the Company's primary market risk exposures and how those exposures were managed in the first nine months of 2011 changed when compared to 2010.

Effects of New Statements of Financial Accounting Standards

A discussion of the effects of new financial accounting standards and developments as they relate to the Company is located in Note 1 of the preceding unaudited financial statements.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

The information appearing above under the heading "Market Risk Management" is incorporated herein by reference.

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 240.13a-15(f)) 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 current disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is 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

There were no material developments during the third quarter 2011 in the litigation described in previous reports and involving nonsufficient funds fees. The Company and West Bank are not parties to any other pending legal proceedings, other than ordinary litigation incidental to West Bank's business, and no property of these entities is the subject of any such proceeding. The Company does not know of any proceeding contemplated by a governmental authority against the Company or West Bank or any of the companies' property.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Management believes three of the risk factors disclosed in the 2010 Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 11, 2011, have materially changed since that date. All three of the changes reduce the risks previously disclosed. The first improvement was the termination on June 3, 2011, of the April 2010 memorandum of understanding (MOU) between West Bank and the Iowa Division of Banking (IDOB) and the Federal Deposit Insurance Company. The termination of the MOU removed a requirement to obtain prior approval from the IDOB for payment of certain dividends to the Company and to maintain capital ratios in excess of ordinary regulatory standards. In addition, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago no longer requires the Company to request prior approval before: (1) declaring a common stock dividend, (2) increasing debt or issuing trust preferred securities, or (3) redeeming Company stock. The second improvement was the conclusion of the Company's participation in the U.S. Treasury Department's Capital Purchase Program (CPP) on June 29, 2011. Preferred stock dividends of \$450 per quarter paid to the Treasury limited the amount of money available for other uses from early 2009 through the second quarter of 2011. Those dividends will no longer be paid because all of the preferred stock sold to the Treasury was redeemed. The third risk reduction was the August 31, 2011, repurchase of a common stock warrant sold to the Treasury as part of the CPP. If the warrant had been exercised, the interests of other common stock holders would have been diluted.

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Item 6. Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

| Exhibits | Description |
|----------|---|
| 12 | Computation of Ratios of Earnings (Loss) to Fixed Charges and Preferred Dividends |
| 31.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
| 31.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
| 32.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
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| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document ⁽¹⁾ |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document ⁽¹⁾ |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document ⁽¹⁾ |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document ⁽¹⁾ |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document ⁽¹⁾ |
| 101.DED | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definitions Linkbase Document ⁽¹⁾ |

These interactive data files shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of (1) 1933, as amended, or Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liability under those sections.

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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)

October 28, 2011 By: /s/ David D. Nelson
Date David D. Nelson
 Chief Executive Officer and President

October 28, 2011 By: /s/ Douglas R. Gulling
Date Douglas R. Gulling
 Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
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| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document ⁽¹⁾ |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document ⁽¹⁾ |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document ⁽¹⁾ |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document ⁽¹⁾ |
| 101.DED | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definitions Linkbase Document ⁽¹⁾ |

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