MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE STATE BANKING BOARD
DECEMBER 15, 2021

First item of business on the agenda, Chairman Thompson called the Banking Board meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., pursuant to the Agenda that was posted for public display prior to 10:00 a.m. on December 10, 2021. Notice of the meeting was also made available to the Secretary of State and other interested parties pursuant to Title 25 O.S. § 311 (The Open Meeting Act). The meeting was held in the Conference Room of the State Banking Department, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Second item on the agenda was roll call; the following members were present:

Mick Thompson, Chairman
Sandy Bracken
Dennis Brand
Wade Huckabay
Brad Krieger
Bob Newcomb
Tom Thompson

Also present: Dudley Gilbert, Deputy Commissioner; Regina Rainey, Chief of Staff; Wayne Arbuthnot, Assistant Deputy Commissioner; Angela Morris, Administrative Assistant.

Third item on the agenda was approval of minutes for the regular meeting held November 17, 2021.

Member Newcomb made the motion for approval of the minutes of the meeting held November 17, 2021. The motion was seconded by Member Brand and approved as follows:

Sandy Bracken – voted yes
Dennis Brand – voted yes
Wade Huckabay – voted yes
Brad Krieger – voted yes
Bob Newcomb – voted yes
Tom Thompson – voted yes

Fourth item on the agenda, Commissioner’s Monthly Reports:

A. Department Status Update

Chairman Thompson gave Board members a copy of the assessment memo that was sent to banks and trust companies today. Institutions will have the choice to pay by ACH or check.

Chairman Thompson discussed the recent state employee engagement survey. He said the Banking Department had 97% participation in the survey. While the survey is anonymous, the
overall results are reported to him and indicated as follows: 94% are favorable of their supervisors; 97% said they would stay an additional year; 83% believed they were included in decision making processes. The lowest score was that only 69% believed there was advancement opportunity – but that is primarily because many positions are occupied until someone retires.

B. Examination Report

Chairman Thompson reported that during the month of November, the Banking Department completed examinations of one Fed member bank and two nonmember banks. At the beginning of December, examinations of three banks, one credit union, and one trust department were in process. One staff member attended the OBA Operations School, November 15-19. The Department continues to operate under the Executive Order banning out-of-state travel.

Chairman Thompson said three examiners recently received a 5-year pin; one examiner received a 25-year clock/pen set; one examiner received a 30-year pin; two examiners received a 35-year pin; and one examiner was promoted from Examiner to Senior Examiner.

Ms. Rainey said FFIEC and FDIC will hold virtual training the first part of 2022.

Chairman Thompson said the FDIC Tulsa and Memphis offices have permanently closed. The Dallas office is downsizing and all FDIC employees are teleworking while they wait on completion of their new space. They do not expect on-site examinations at banks until maybe April 2022.

Chairman Thompson gave Board members an article describing the current dispute between the FDIC Chairman and the FDIC Board of Directors.

Member Newcomb asked if the Department is current with its examinations. Chairman Thompson said yes.

Member Krieger asked about the number of state chartered banks. Mr. Arbuthnot said currently 138, by year end 137.

Chairman Thompson said he is aware of four national banks interested in converting to a state charter. One bank has already submitted its application.

C. Legislative Update

Chairman Thompson gave Board members a copy of the Notice of Rulemaking Intent the Department submitted last week under Title 85 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code. He stated these amendments will be discussed for adoption at the February 2022 Banking Board meeting. The amendments are a result of the Governor’s Executive Order asking all agencies to review their rules and eliminate those that are costly, burdensome, and unnecessary. This document was filed December 7 with the Office of Administrative Rules and has been accepted. It will be published in early January and the rulemaking process will continue through the 2022 legislative session.
D. Pending Applications

Chairman Thompson confirmed each Board member is receiving the report of pending applications.

**Fifth item** on the agenda:

Consideration of, and possible action on, request for approval of Merger and Application to Maintain and Operate a Branch by Acquisition:

A. Application for Merger of Bank of Commerce, Chouteau, Oklahoma, with and into Welch State Bank of Welch, Welch, Oklahoma, pursuant to Title 6 O.S. § 1103.

B. Acquired Branch Application of Welch State Bank of Welch, Welch, Oklahoma, pursuant to Title 6 O.S. § 501.2 and O.A.C. 85:10-9-2.
   Branch Location: 215 W. Main Street, Chouteau, Oklahoma

Paul Foster, Attorney; Charles Stoner, Chairman of the Board; and James Stoner, President of Welch State Bank of Welch were present to answer questions.

Mr. Foster discussed the Department’s analysis and expressed agreement with its findings. He introduced Charles Stoner and James Stoner.

Mr. Foster described the structure of the merger transaction and its effect on the institutions and their respective communities. Mr. James Stoner said a couple of employees of Bank of Chouteau have chosen to leave, however the other employees will stay.

Member Thompson made the motion for approval of the merger. The motion was seconded by Member Bracken and approved as follows:

Sandy Bracken – voted yes  
Dennis Brand – voted yes  
Wade Huckabay – voted yes  
Brad Krieger – voted yes  
Bob Newcomb – voted yes  
Tom Thompson – voted yes

Member Brand made the motion for approval of the branch. The motion was seconded by Member Krieger and approved as follows:

Sandy Bracken – voted yes  
Dennis Brand – voted yes  
Wade Huckabay – voted yes  
Brad Krieger – voted yes  
Bob Newcomb – voted yes  
Tom Thompson – voted yes

**Sixth item** on the agenda, New Business. There was no new business.
Seventh item on the agenda, Adjournment.

Member Bracken made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Brand and approved as follows:

- Sandy Bracken – voted yes
- Dennis Brand – voted yes
- Wade Huckabay – voted yes
- Brad Krieger – voted yes
- Bob Newcomb – voted yes
- Tom Thompson – voted yes

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Mick Thompson, Chairman       Tom Thompson

Sandy Bracken                   Brad Krieger

Bob Newcomb                     Wade Huckabay

Dennis Brand