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*FARM CREDIT OF NESS CITY, FLCA*



*2017*  
*1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER*  
*REPORT*

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF  
FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(Unaudited)

The following discussion summarizes the financial position and results of operations of Farm Credit of Ness City, FLCA (Association) for the three months ended March 31, 2017, with comparisons to prior periods. You should read these comments along with the accompanying financial statements and footnotes and the 2016 Annual Report to Shareholders. The accompanying financial statements were prepared under the oversight of our Audit Committee.

Farm Credit of Ness City's annual and quarterly reports to stockholders are available on the Association's website, [FarmCreditNessCity.com](http://FarmCreditNessCity.com) or can be obtained free of charge by calling the Association's main office at (785) 798-2278. Annual reports are available 75 days after year end and quarterly reports are available 40 days after each calendar quarter end. The financial condition and results of operations of CoBank, ACB (CoBank), materially affect the risk associated with stockholder investments in Farm Credit of Ness City, FLCA. Stockholders of Farm Credit of Ness City, FLCA may obtain copies of CoBank's financial statements on CoBank's website, [CoBank.com](http://CoBank.com) or by calling our office at (785) 798-2278.

**NOTICE OF SIGNIFICANT OR MATERIAL EVENTS**

Effective January 1, 2017, High Plains Farm Credit, ACA (High Plains) and Farm Credit of Ness City, FLCA (Ness City) entered into a joint management agreement with the intent to merge at a later date in 2017. The planned merger will be subject to the approval of the Farm Credit Administration, CoBank, and stockholder votes of both High Plains and Ness City. Detailed disclosure packages will be sent to all stockholders in advance of the vote. Meetings will then be scheduled to provide all stockholders an opportunity to have their questions answered.

On April 24, 2017, Dennis McNinch, Chief Lending Officer, announced his retirement effective May 31, 2017.

**CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS**

According to the U.S. drought monitor, drought conditions in our territory are categorized as "abnormally dry" to "moderate" conditions. Winter wheat is currently rated at "good" with a small portion rated at "excellent". Since November, all cash grain prices and soybean prices have increased slightly. Crop insurance continues to be utilized to help manage risk in this area.

After a substantial decline in cattle prices at the end of 2015, which continued into 2016, the market appears to have stabilized going into 2017. While cattlemen may not experience the profits they did prior to the decline, there appears to be profitable opportunities on some classes of cattle. Most producers are utilizing a risk protection program to limit risk and protect their margins. Cattle prices have rebounded slightly in early 2017.

The real estate market continues to show some signs of weakening. Values have declined for most tracts of land, especially in diversified areas. Buyers continue to be traditional farmers and ranchers.

**LOAN PORTFOLIO**

Loans outstanding at March 31, 2017 totaled \$325.3 million, a decrease of \$10.3 million, or 3.07%, from loans of \$335.6 million at December 31, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to loan pay-downs and pay-offs in excess of new loans.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Farm Credit of Ness City, FLCA posted strong financial results for the three month period ending March 31, 2017. Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2017 was \$1.3 million, a decrease of \$295 thousand, or 18.18%, from the same period ended one year ago.

Net interest income for the three months ended March 31, 2017 was \$2.1 million, a decrease of \$50 thousand, or 2.32%, compared with March 31, 2016. Net interest income decreased as a result of a decrease in average loan volume.

There was no provision for loan losses for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared with the same period ended one year ago.

Noninterest income decreased \$26 thousand during the first three months of 2017 compared with the first three months in 2016 primarily due to a \$19 thousand decrease in financially related services income and a \$33 thousand

decrease in patronage refunds from Farm Credit Institutions, partially offset by an increase of \$15 thousand in loan fees and an \$11 thousand increase in mineral and other noninterest income.

During the first three months of 2017, noninterest expense increased \$219 thousand to \$1.3 million primarily due to an increase of \$210 thousand in salaries and employee benefits attributed to incentive program payments and Joint Management transition costs.

## **CAPITAL RESOURCES**

Our shareholders' equity at March 31, 2017 was \$74 million an increase from \$72 million at December 31, 2016. The increase is primarily due to net income.

## **REGULATORY MATTERS**

On March 10, 2016, the FCA approved new rules ("New Capital Regulations") relating to regulatory capital requirements for System Banks, including CoBank and Associations. The New Capital Regulations became effective January 1, 2017. The stated objectives of the New Capital Regulations are as follows:

- To modernize capital requirements while ensuring that System institutions continue to hold sufficient regulatory capital to fulfill the System's mission as a government sponsored enterprise;
- To ensure that the System's capital requirements are comparable to the Basel III framework and the standardized approach that the federal banking regulatory agencies have adopted, but also to ensure that the rules recognize the cooperative structure and the organization of the System;
- To make System regulatory capital requirements more transparent; and
- To meet certain requirements of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Dodd-Frank Act").

The New Capital Regulations, among other things, replace existing core surplus and total surplus requirements with common equity tier 1 ("CET1"), tier 1 and total capital (tier 1 plus tier 2) risk-based capital ratio requirements. The New Capital Regulations also add a tier 1 leverage ratio for all System institutions, which replaces the existing net collateral ratio for System Banks. In addition, the New Capital Regulations establish a capital conservation buffer and a leverage buffer; enhance the sensitivity of risk weightings; and, for System Banks only, require additional public disclosures. The revisions to the risk weightings include alternatives to the use of credit ratings, as required by the Dodd-Frank Act.

The New Capital Regulations set the following minimum risk-based requirements:


- A CET1 capital ratio of 4.5 percent;
- A tier 1 capital ratio (CET1 capital plus additional tier 1 capital) of 6 percent; and
- A total capital ratio (tier 1 plus tier 2) of 8 percent.

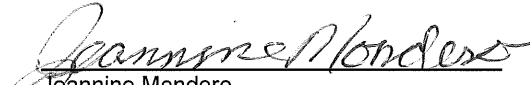
The New Capital Regulations also set a minimum tier 1 leverage ratio (tier 1 divided by total assets) of 4 percent, of which at least 1.5 percent must consist of unallocated retained earnings ("URE") and URE equivalents, which are nonqualified allocated equities with certain characteristics of URE.

The New Capital Regulations establish a capital cushion (capital conservation buffer) of 2.5 percent above the risk-based CET1, tier 1 and total capital requirements. In addition, the New Capital Regulations establish a leverage capital cushion (leverage buffer) of 1 percent above the tier 1 leverage ratio requirements. If capital ratios fall below the regulatory minimum plus buffer amounts, capital distributions (equity redemptions, cash dividend payments, and cash patronage payments) and discretionary senior executive bonuses are restricted or prohibited without prior FCA approval. The New Capital Regulations establish a three-year phase-in of the capital conservation buffer, which began on January 1, 2017. There will be no phase-in of the leverage buffer.

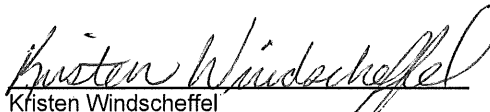
Refer to Note 5 of the accompanying consolidated Financial Statements for additional detail regarding the capital ratios as of March 31, 2017.

The undersigned certify they have reviewed this report, this report has been prepared in accordance with all applicable statutory or regulatory requirements and the information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of his or her knowledge and belief.

  
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Keith Kennedy  
Chairman of the Board  
May 4, 2017

  
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Jeannine Mondero  
Chairman of the Audit Committee  
May 4, 2017

  
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Kevin D. Swayne  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
May 4, 2017

  
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Kristen Windscheffel  
Chief Financial Officer  
May 4, 2017

## Statement of Condition

(Dollars in Thousands)

	March 31 2017	December 31 2016
	UNAUDITED	AUDITED
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Loans	\$ 325,307	\$ 335,620
Less allowance for loan losses	154	154
Net loans	325,153	335,466
Cash	313	2,864
Accrued interest receivable	4,196	4,001
Investment in CoBank, ACB	11,856	11,735
Premises and equipment, net	1,816	1,837
Prepaid benefit expense	265	321
Other assets	1,066	2,258
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 344,665</b>	<b>\$ 358,482</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Note payable to CoBank, ACB	\$ 269,476	\$ 284,338
Accrued interest payable	352	304
Accrued benefits liability	52	52
Other liabilities	737	1,054
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>270,617</b>	<b>285,748</b>
<b>Commitments and Contingencies</b>		
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Capital stock	718	732
Unallocated retained earnings	73,330	72,002
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>74,048</b>	<b>72,734</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 344,665</b>	<b>\$ 358,482</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Comprehensive Income

(Dollars in Thousands)

UNAUDITED	For the three months ended March 31	
	2017	2016
<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>		
Loans	\$ 3,375	\$ 3,341
<b>Total interest income</b>	<b>3,375</b>	<b>3,341</b>
<b>INTEREST EXPENSE</b>		
Note payable to CoBank	1,269	1,185
<b>Total interest expense</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>1,185</b>
Net interest income	<b>2,106</b>	2,156
<b>NONINTEREST INCOME</b>		
Financially related services income	22	41
Loan fees	21	6
Patronage refund from Farm Credit Institutions	413	446
Mineral income	40	33
Other noninterest income	15	11
<b>Total noninterest income</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>537</b>
<b>NONINTEREST EXPENSE</b>		
Salaries and employee benefits	806	596
Occupancy and equipment	29	27
Purchased services from AgVantis, Inc.	165	159
Farm Credit Insurance Fund premium	96	108
Merger-implementation costs	13	-
Supervisory and examination costs	37	31
Other noninterest expense	143	149
<b>Total noninterest expense</b>	<b>1,289</b>	<b>1,070</b>
<b>Net income/Comprehensive income</b>	<b>\$ 1,328</b>	<b>\$ 1,623</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity

(Dollars in Thousands)

UNAUDITED	Capital Stock	Unallocated Retained Earnings	Total Shareholders' Equity
<b>Balance at December 31, 2015</b>	\$ 747	\$ 67,835	\$ 68,582
Comprehensive income		1,623	1,623
Stock issued	10		10
Stock retired	(14)		(14)
Patronage distributions: Cash		(332)	(332)
<b>Balance at March 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 743</b>	<b>\$ 69,126</b>	<b>\$ 69,869</b>
<b>Balance at December 31, 2016</b>	\$ 732	\$ 72,002	\$ 72,734
Comprehensive income		1,328	1,328
Stock issued	2		2
Stock retired	(16)		(16)
<b>Balance at March 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$ 718</b>	<b>\$ 73,330</b>	<b>\$ 74,048</b>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
(Dollars in Thousands, Except as Noted)  
(Unaudited)

**NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

A description of the organization and operations of Farm Credit of Ness City, FLCA (the Association), the significant accounting policies followed, and the financial condition and results of operations as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, are contained in the 2016 Annual Report to Shareholders. These unaudited first quarter 2017 financial statements should be read in conjunction with the 2016 Annual Report to Shareholders.

Effective January 1, 2017, High Plains Farm Credit, ACA (High Plains) and Farm Credit of Ness City, FLCA (Ness City) entered into a joint management agreement with the intent to merge at a later date in 2017. The planned merger will be subject to the approval of the Farm Credit Administration, CoBank, and stockholder votes of both High Plains and Ness City. Detailed disclosure packages will be sent to all stockholders in advance of the vote. Meetings will then be scheduled to provide all stockholders an opportunity to have their questions answered.

The accompanying unaudited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. (GAAP) for interim financial information. Accordingly, they do not include all of the disclosures required by GAAP for annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 as contained in the 2016 Annual Report to Shareholders.

In the opinion of management, the unaudited financial information is complete and reflects all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair statement of results for the interim periods. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year ending December 31, 2017. Descriptions of the significant accounting policies are included in the 2016 Annual Report to Shareholders. In the opinion of management, these policies and the presentation of the interim financial condition and results of operations conform with GAAP and prevailing practices within the banking industry.

In August 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued guidance entitled "Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments." The guidance addresses specific cash flow issues with the objective of reducing the diversity in the classification of these cash flows. Included in the cash flow issues are debt prepayment or debt extinguishment costs and settlement of zero-coupon debt instruments or other debt instruments with coupon interest rates that are insignificant in relation to the effective interest rate of the borrowing. This guidance becomes effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to impact the Association's financial condition or its results of operations but could change the classification of certain items in the statement of cash flows.

In June 2016, the FASB issued guidance entitled "Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments." The guidance replaces the current incurred loss impairment methodology with a methodology that reflects expected credit losses and requires consideration of a broader range of reasonable and supportable information to inform credit loss estimates. Credit losses relating to available-for-sale securities would also be recorded through an allowance for credit losses. For public business entities that are not U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filers this guidance becomes effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2020, with early application permitted. The Association is currently evaluating the impact of adoption on its financial condition and results of operations.

In February 2016, the FASB issued guidance entitled "Leases." The guidance requires the recognition by lessees of lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet for the rights and obligations created by those leases. Leases with lease terms of more than 12 months are impacted by this guidance. This guidance becomes effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, with early application permitted. The Association is currently evaluating the impact of adoption on its financial condition and results of operations.

In January 2016, the FASB issued guidance entitled "Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Liabilities." The guidance affects, among other things, the presentation and disclosure requirements for financial instruments. For public entities, the guidance eliminates the requirement to disclose the methods and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value of financial instruments carried at amortized cost. This guidance becomes effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to impact the Association's financial condition or its results of operations.



In May 2014, the FASB issued guidance entitled, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers." The guidance governs revenue recognition from contracts with customers and requires an entity to recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Financial instruments and other contractual rights within the scope of other guidance issued by the FASB are excluded from the scope of this new revenue recognition guidance. In this regard, a majority of our contracts would be excluded from the scope of this new guidance. In August 2015, the FASB issued an update that defers this guidance by one year, which results in the new revenue standard becoming effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Association is in the process of reviewing contracts to determine the effect, if any, on its financial condition or results of operations.

## NOTE 2 - LOANS AND ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES

A summary of loans follows.

	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Real estate mortgage	\$ 281,488	\$ 287,788
Production and intermediate-term	15,959	20,875
Agribusiness	27,001	26,079
Rural residential real estate	859	878
<b>Total loans</b>	<b>\$ 325,307</b>	<b>\$ 335,620</b>

The Association purchases or sells participation interests with other parties in order to diversify risk, manage loan volume and comply with Farm Credit Administration regulations. The following table presents information regarding the balances of participations purchased and sold at March 31, 2017:

	Other Farm Credit Institutions	
	Purchased	Sold
Real estate mortgage	\$ 3,787	\$ 52,953
Production and intermediate-term	15,959	-
Agribusiness	26,701	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 46,447</b>	<b>\$ 52,953</b>

The following table shows loans and related accrued interest classified under the Farm Credit Administration Uniform Loan Classification System as a percentage of total loans and related accrued interest receivable by loan type as of:

	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Real estate mortgage		
Acceptable	96.74%	97.18%
OAEM	1.31%	0.84%
Substandard	1.95%	1.98%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Production and intermediate-term		
Acceptable	99.18%	99.38%
Substandard	0.82%	0.62%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Agribusiness		
Acceptable	100.00%	99.91%
OAEM	0.00%	0.09%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Rural residential real estate		
Acceptable	100.00%	97.19%
OAEM	0.00%	2.81%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Total Loans</b>		
Acceptable	97.13%	97.52%
OAEM	1.14%	0.74%
Substandard	1.73%	1.74%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

High risk assets consist of impaired loans and other property owned. These nonperforming assets (including related accrued interest) and related credit quality are as follows

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Nonaccrual loans		
Real estate mortgage	\$ 2,409	\$ 2,783
Total nonaccrual loans	\$ 2,409	\$ 2,783
Total high risk assets	\$ 2,409	\$ 2,783

There were no accruing restructure loans 90 days or more past due or other property owned for the periods presented.

Additional impaired loan information is as follows:

	March 31, 2017			December 31, 2016		
	Recorded Investment	Unpaid Principal Balance	Related Allowance	Recorded Investment	Unpaid Principal Balance	Related Allowance
Impaired loans with no related allowance for credit losses:						
Real estate mortgage	\$ 2,409	\$ 2,341	\$ -	\$ 2,783	\$ 2,723	\$ -
Total	\$ 2,409	\$ 2,341	\$ -	\$ 2,783	\$ 2,723	\$ -

Note: The recorded investment in the loan receivable is the face amount increased or decreased by applicable accrued interest and unamortized premium, discount, finance charges, or acquisition costs and may also reflect a previous direct write-down of the loan receivable.

There were no impaired loans with a related allowance for the period presented.

	For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2017		For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2016	
	Average Impaired Loans	Interest Income Recognized	Average Impaired Loans	Interest Income Recognized
Impaired loans with no related allowance for credit losses:				
Real estate mortgage	\$ 2,329	\$ 3	\$ 318	\$ -
Total	\$ 2,329	\$ 3	\$ 318	\$ -

The following tables provide an age analysis of past due loans (including accrued interest).

	30-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due	Total Past Due	Not Past Due or less than 30 Days Past Due	Recorded Investment in Loans	Recorded Investment Accruing Loans 90 Days or More Past Due
<b>March 31, 2017</b>						
Real estate mortgage	\$ 228	\$ 1,075	\$ 1,303	\$ 284,210	\$ 285,513	\$ -
Production and intermediate-term	-	-	-	16,070	16,070	-
Agribusiness	-	-	-	27,057	27,057	-
Rural residential real estate	-	-	-	863	863	-
Total	\$ 228	\$ 1,075	\$ 1,303	\$ 328,200	\$ 329,503	\$ -

	30-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due	Total Past Due	Not Past Due or less than 30 Days Past Due	Recorded Investment in Loans	Recorded Investment Accruing Loans 90 Days or More Past Due
<b>December 31, 2016</b>						
Real estate mortgage	\$ 335	\$ 2,436	\$ 2,771	\$ 288,816	\$ 291,587	\$ -
Production and intermediate-term	-	-	-	21,010	21,010	-
Agribusiness	-	-	-	26,144	26,144	-
Rural residential real estate	-	-	-	880	880	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 335</b>	<b>\$ 2,436</b>	<b>\$ 2,771</b>	<b>\$ 336,850</b>	<b>\$ 339,621</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

A summary of changes in the allowance for loan losses is as follows:

	Balance at December 31, 2016	Charge-offs	Recoveries	Provision for Loan Losses/ (Loan Loss Reversals)	Balance at March 31, 2017
Real estate mortgage	\$ 79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (9)	\$ 70
Production and intermediate-term	33	-	-	7	40
Agribusiness	42	-	-	2	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 154</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 154</b>

	Balance at December 31, 2015	Charge-offs	Recoveries	Provision for Loan Losses/ (Loan Loss Reversals)	Balance at March 31, 2016
Real estate mortgage	\$ 65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65
Production and intermediate-term	24	-	-	-	24
Agribusiness	43	-	-	-	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 132</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 132</b>

	Allowance for Credit Losses Ending Balance at March 31, 2017		Recorded Investments in Loans Outstanding Ending Balance at March 31, 2017	
	Individually evaluated for impairment	Collectively evaluated for impairment	Individually evaluated for impairment	Collectively evaluated for impairment
Real estate mortgage	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ 2,409	\$ 283,104
Production and intermediate-term	-	40	-	16,070
Agribusiness	-	44	-	27,057
Rural residential real estate	-	-	-	863
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 154</b>	<b>\$ 2,409</b>	<b>\$ 327,094</b>

	Allowance for Credit Losses Ending Balance at December 31, 2016		Recorded Investments in Loans Outstanding Ending Balance at December 31, 2016	
	Individually evaluated for impairment	Collectively evaluated for impairment	Individually evaluated for impairment	Collectively evaluated for impairment
Real estate mortgage	\$ -	\$ 79	\$ 2,783	\$ 288,804
Production and intermediate-term	-	33	-	21,010
Agribusiness	-	42	-	26,144
Rural residential real estate	-	-	-	880
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 154</b>	<b>\$ 2,783</b>	<b>\$ 336,838</b>

A restructuring of a debt constitutes a troubled debt restructuring (TDR) if the creditor, for economic or legal reasons related to the debtor's financial difficulties, grants a concession to the debtor that it would not otherwise consider. The Association recorded no TDRs during the three months ended March 31, 2017.

### NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Accounting guidance defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability. See Note 2 to the 2016 Annual Report to Shareholders for a more complete description.

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below:

	Fair Value Measurement Using			Total Fair Value
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets held in nonqualified benefits trusts				
<b>March 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$ 244</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 244</b>
December 31, 2016	\$ 80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80

During the first three months of 2017, the Association recorded no transfers in or out of Levels 1, 2, or 3. The Association had no liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at March 31, 2017 or December 31, 2016.

The Association had no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis at March 31, 2017 or December 31, 2016.

### Valuation Techniques

As more fully discussed in Note 2 to the 2016 Annual Report to Shareholders, accounting guidance establishes a fair value hierarchy, which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The following presents a brief summary of the valuation techniques used by the Association for assets and liabilities, subject to fair value measurement.

#### *Assets Held in Non-Qualified Benefits Trusts*

Assets held in trust funds related to deferred compensation and supplemental retirement plans are classified within Level 1. The trust funds include investments that are actively traded and have quoted net asset values that are observable in the marketplace.

### NOTE 4 – CAPITAL

Effective January 1, 2017, the regulatory capital requirements for System Banks and associations were modified. The new regulations replaced existing core surplus and total surplus ratios with common equity tier 1, tier 1 capital, and total capital risk based capital ratios. The new regulations also added a tier 1 leverage ratio and an unallocated retained earning equivalents (UREE) leverage ratio. The permanent capital ratio continues to remain in effect, with some modifications to align with the new regulations. Farm Credit Administration regulations require us to maintain minimums for various regulatory capital ratios.

In addition, the New Capital Regulations establish a capital conservation buffer and a leverage buffer; enhance the sensitivity of risk weightings; and, for System Banks only, require additional public disclosures. The revisions to the risk weightings include alternatives to the use of credit ratings, as required by the Dodd-Frank Act.

A summary of select capital ratios based on a three-month rolling average and regulatory minimums as of March 31, 2017 follows,

	As of March 31, 2017	Regulatory Minimums	Capital Conservation Buffer	Total
Risk Adjusted:				
Common equity tier 1 ratio	18.06%	4.5%	2.5%*	7.0%
Tier 1 capital ratio	18.06%	6.0%	2.5%*	8.5%
Total capital ratio	18.11%	8.0%	2.5%*	10.5%
Permanent capital ratio	18.08%	7.0%	–	7.0%
Non-risk-adjusted:				
Tier 1 leverage ratio	18.11%	4.0%	1.0%	5.0%
Unallocated retained earnings and equivalents leverage ratio	20.64%	1.5%	–	1.5%

\* The 2.5% capital conservation buffer over risk-adjusted ratio minimums will be phased in over three years under the FCA capital requirements.

If capital ratios fall below the regulatory minimum plus buffer amounts, capital distributions (equity redemptions, cash dividend payments, and cash patronage payments) and discretionary senior executive bonuses are restricted or prohibited without prior FCA approval. The New Capital Regulations establish a three-year phase-in of the capital conservation buffer, which began on January 1, 2017. There will be no phase-in of the leverage buffer.

#### **NOTE 5 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The association has evaluated subsequent events through May 4, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were issued, and the following subsequent event was identified:

On April 24, 2017, Dennis McNinch, Chief Lending Officer, announced his retirement effective May 31, 2017.