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## **First Manitowoc Bancorp, Inc. raises its quarterly cash dividend**

First Manitowoc Bancorp, Inc. (OTCBB: FMWC.OB), parent company of Bank First, announced that its Board of Directors approved its first quarter cash dividend of \$0.11 per common share payable on March 9, 2012, to shareholders of record as of March 2, 2012. The dividend reflects a 4.76% increase from the previous quarter.

“We are very pleased to announce that we’ve raised our quarterly cash dividend. Upon reviewing our records, we’ve discovered that the Corporation has consecutively paid dividends for more than a quarter of a century,” stated Mike Molepske, President and CEO at Bank First. “Bank First continues to perform exceptionally well, compared to many of our peers. Our focus on relationships and the ability to tailor our products and services to fit our customers’ needs help guide us to success.”

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First Manitowoc Bancorp, Inc. provides financial services through its sole subsidiary, Bank First National, a national banking association incorporated in 1894. The Bank is an independent community bank with 12 banking locations in Manitowoc, Brown, and Sheboygan and Winnebago counties. The Bank has grown through both acquisitions and de novo branch expansion. The Bank offers loan, deposit, investment advisory and trust products at each of its banking offices. Insurance products are available through Ansay & Associates, LLC. Trust, investment advisory and other financial services are offered through the Bank’s partnership with Legacy Private Trust and through an alliance with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. The Bank is a co-owner of a data processing subsidiary, United Financial Services, Inc., which provides data services to nearly 40 Wisconsin banks. The Bank employs approximately 168 full-time equivalent staff and has assets of \$874 million as of September 30, 2011. Further information about First Manitowoc Bancorp, Inc. and Bank First is available at [www.BankFirstNational.com](http://www.BankFirstNational.com).

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