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Bank First declares quarterly cash dividend for shareholders

Bank First, under the parent company First Manitowoc Bancorp, Inc. (OTCBB: FMWC.OB), announced that its Board of Directors approved its quarterly cash dividend of \$0.11 per common share payable on September 14, 2012, to shareholders of record as of September 7, 2012. The dividend is unchanged from the prior quarterly dividend of \$0.11 per share.

Capital ratios of the company continue to exceed the well-capitalized threshold. The company's excess capital provides capacity for continued growth. "Our footprint expansion into Sheboygan in 2008 and into Oshkosh in 2011 has translated into improved profitability for Bank First," said Mike Molepske, President and Chief Executive Officer. Return on average assets for the Bank was 1.33% for the six months ended June 30, 2012, compared to 1.05% in the prior year period.

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 164 full-time equivalent staff and has assets of \$939 million as of June 30, 2012. Further information about First Manitowoc Bancorp, Inc. is available by clicking on the Investor Relations tab at www.BankFirstNational.com.

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