

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2021</u> and ending <u>12/31/2021</u>	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☐
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.	☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information												
1a Name of plan <u>FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 401(K)</u> 2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST</u> <u>900 SOUTH BROADWAY</u> <u>PO BOX 1090</u> <u>MINOT, ND 58702-1090</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>002</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1997</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>45-0279825</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>701-852-3711</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2d Business code (see instructions) <u>522110</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 30px;"></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1997</u>		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>45-0279825</u>		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>701-852-3711</u>		2d Business code (see instructions) <u>522110</u>			
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Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/07/2022	DAWN YSTAAS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor		3b Administrator's EIN	
		3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5	401
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).			
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year.....		6a(1)	325
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	367
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	4
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	71
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	442
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	2
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	444
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	402
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....		7	
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2J 2K 2T			
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:			
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)			
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☒ <u>1</u> A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☐ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)	

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2021 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2021 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021	
A Name of plan FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 401(K)	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 45-0279825

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions	Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
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(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
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2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid 0	(b) Total amount of fees paid 0
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ **GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT**

b	Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	735435	
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year (2) Dividends and credits..... (3) Interest credited during the year..... (4) Transferred from separate account..... (5) Other (specify below) ▶ 7c(1) 7c(2) 7c(3) 7c(4) 7c(5) 7c(6) 0	7d	735435	
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))			
e	Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year (2) Administration charge made by carrier..... (3) Transferred to separate account..... (4) Other (specify below) ▶ LIQUIDATED TO PURCHASE INVESTMENTS	7e(1) 7e(2) 7e(3) 7e(4) 735435	7e(5)	735435
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	0	

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3))		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. Specify nature of costs.	10b	

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 45-0279825	

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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MINOT, ND 58702-1090

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 64 65 49	PLAN SPONSOR	24589	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	28124	
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	1312548	1104715
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	200605	
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	190164	
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	4746581	
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	198977	293517
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	21431173	33283298
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	735435	
(15) Other.....	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	28843607	34681530

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k		

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	28843607	34681530
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	980109	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2027642	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	1917169	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		4924920
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	13133	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	32481	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		45614
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	2074749	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		2074749
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	1085173	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		1085173
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	975935	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		975935

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		
c Other income.....	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		9106391
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	3243879	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other.....	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		3243879
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)	24589	
(4) Other.....	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		24589
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		3268468
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		5837923
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: BRADY, MARTZ & ASSOCIATES P.C.

(2) EIN: 45-0310328

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.).....

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)			
4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)			
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)			
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		8000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.		X	
4n		X	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A Name of plan <u>FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 401(K)</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>45-0279825</u>

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): _____ Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.	
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☒ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☒ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2021
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Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 14** Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....

14a

b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

14b

c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

14c

- 15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....

15a

b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....

15b

- 16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year.....

16a

b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....

16b

- 17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

- 18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

- 19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:

☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?

☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 401(K)
MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Administrators of
First Western Bank & Trust 401(k)
Minot, North Dakota

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2021 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of First Western Bank & Trust 401(k), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements (2021 Financial Statements).

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2021 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section—

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2021 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- the information in the accompanying 2021 financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of First Western Bank & Trust 401(k) and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2021 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about First Western Bank & Trust 401(k)'s ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments; administering the plan; and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of First Western Bank & Trust 401(k)'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about First Western Bank & Trust 401(k)'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2021 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

2021 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2021 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion—

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Auditor's Report on the 2020 Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the 2020 financial statements of First Western Bank & Trust 401(k). As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting Disclosures under ERISA, the Plan administrator instructed us not to perform auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by a qualified institution. In our report dated October 7, 2021, we indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence to provide basis for an audit opinion and accordingly, we did not express an opinion on the 2020 financial statements, and (b) the form and content of the information included in the 2020 financial statements other than that derived from the certified information were presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.



BRADY, MARTZ & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

October 7, 2022

FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 401(K)
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

ASSETS	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Investments, at fair value	\$ 34,388,013	\$ 27,881,071
Investments, at contract value	-	735,435
Total investments	<u>34,388,013</u>	<u>28,616,506</u>
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	293,517	198,977
Other employer contribution receivable	-	28,124
Total receivables	<u>293,517</u>	<u>227,101</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>34,681,530</u>	<u>28,843,607</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 34,681,530</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 28,843,607</u></u>

See Notes to the Financial Statements

FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 401(K)
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

	2021	2020
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:		
Investment income		
Interest	\$ 32,481	\$ 27,885
Dividends	2,074,749	499,131
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	2,061,108	927,558
Total investment income	<u>4,168,338</u>	<u>1,454,574</u>
Interest Income on Notes Receivable from Participants	<u>13,133</u>	<u>4,978</u>
Contributions		
Employer, net of forfeitures	980,109	597,917
Employee	2,027,642	1,128,396
Rollover	1,917,169	1,793,155
Total contributions	<u>4,924,920</u>	<u>3,519,468</u>
Total additions	<u>9,106,391</u>	<u>4,979,020</u>
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:		
Benefits paid to participants	3,243,879	339,877
Plan expenses	24,589	7,923
Total deductions	<u>3,268,468</u>	<u>347,800</u>
NET INCREASE	5,837,923	4,631,220
Transfer of assets to Plan	-	10,593,513
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		
Beginning of year	<u>28,843,607</u>	<u>13,618,874</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 34,681,530</u>	<u>\$ 28,843,607</u>

See Notes to the Financial Statements

FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 401(K)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the First Western Bank & Trust 401(k) (Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a safe-harbor defined contribution plan covering all employees of First Western Bank & Trust (the Company) who are age twenty-one or older and have worked for the company for at least two consecutive months beginning January 1, 2021, and three consecutive months prior to January 1, 2021. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Plan is administered by the Company's trust department. The Company's trust department also serves as the trustee of the Plan, maintains the records of the participant data, and holds the Plan assets. As described in Note 10, effective December 31, 2020, the assets of BlackridgeBANK 401(k) Plan were merged into the First Western Bank & Trust 401(k) Plan. Reliance Trust Company served as the trustee for the BlackridgeBANK 401(k) Plan, maintained the records of the participant data, and held the Plan assets. As of December 31, 2020, Reliance Trust Company has certified the BlackridgeBANK 401(k) Plan assets that merged into the First Western Bank & Trust 401(k) Plan.

SECURE Act

On December 20, 2019, the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 ("SECURE Act") was enacted and was effective beginning on January 1, 2020. The SECURE Act provisions included, among other things, an increase in the age limit for required minimum distributions from 70 ½ to 72.

Coronavirus-Related Distribution ("CRD") and Loan Relief

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") was signed into law. The provisions of the CARES act were optional. The provisions allowed for qualifying participants to:

- Take expanded distribution options to withdraw up to \$100,000 penalty free for qualifying reasons through December 31, 2020 with additional options to repay some or all of their CRD within three years.
- Borrow from their account up to a maximum of the lesser of \$100,000 or 100 percent of their vested account balance.
- Temporarily suspend required minimum distributions for 2020 for participants that turned 72 in 2020.

The Plan has opted into the above-mentioned provisions.

Contributions

Participants may contribute any percentage of their income, but they are restricted by the annual IRS limits. The Plan allows participants to allocate contributions between pretax and after tax (Roth 401(k)) deferrals. The Company provides a safe harbor matching contribution equivalent to 100% of the participant's elective deferrals that do not exceed 4%. The Plan also provides for a discretionary profit-sharing feature, which requires one year of service to be eligible for this contribution.

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Participant's Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the Company's safe harbor matching contribution, and profit-sharing contribution, if any. Plan earnings are allocated based on participant account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account. The Plan allows for participant-directed investment programs for which separate funds are maintained.

For the profit-sharing feature, the employer contributions are discretionary. When contributions are made, they are allocated among employees of the Company based on a level of compensation.

Participants' Investment Options

Participants must direct their salary deferral contributions and Company safe harbor matching and discretionary profit-sharing contributions, if any, to selected investments as offered by the Plan. Participants may change their investment options throughout the year by contacting First Western Bank & Trust.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts in any amount greater than \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$50,000 or 50 percent of the participant's vested account balance, for a term not to exceed five years (fifteen years in cases where the loan proceeds are used to purchase the participant's principal residence). All loans shall bear an interest rate equal to the prime rate, as stated in the Wall Street Journal, plus 1%. Principal and interest are paid ratably during the year through payroll deductions and credited to the participant's account. All outstanding balances are due in their entirety upon the occurrence of a distributable event.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions and employer safe harbor matching contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the remainder of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100 percent vested after five years of credited service.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service, death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the vested value of his or her account, a series of equal payments over a set period of time that does not exceed the participant's life expectancy, or a combination of lump-sum and installment payments. If the vested amount does not exceed \$1,000, the participant will receive a lump-sum distribution. Hardship distributions and in-service retirement distributions are also permitted for participants who have not separated from service. Participants must have attained age 59 ½ to qualify for in-service distributions.

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Forfeitures

The non-vested portion of a paid participant's balance is used to reduce the employer's safe harbor matching contribution. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, there were unallocated assets, which consisted of forfeited non-vested accounts of \$699 and \$0, respectively. Forfeitures of \$1,996 and \$258 were used to offset employer contributions during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, ("GAAP"), as codified by the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value, except for the fully benefit-responsive investment contract, which is reported at contract value. 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 at the measurement date. The Plan's investment committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by investment advisors and the trustees of the Plan. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are reflected on a trade date basis. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year and is reflected in the statement of changes in net assets available for Plan benefits.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits to participants are recorded when paid.

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Plan Expenses

The investment funds in the Plan are subject to investment fees based on a percentage of invested assets, as disclosed in the fund's prospectus. All such fees are charged directly against the fund's investment performance and thus are not separately disclosed in the accompanying financial statements. Certain administrative expenses that are paid by the Company are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

Participants that are separated from service with the Company, but still maintain a balance in the Plan, are charged a quarterly fee against their funds in the Plan, which has been reflected as plan expenses on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Income Taxes

The Plan's policy is to evaluate the likelihood that its uncertain tax positions will prevail upon examination based on the extent to which those positions have substantial support within the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations, Revenue Rulings, court decisions, and other evidence.

NOTE 3 INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEES

The following information, included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule was obtained from data that has been prepared and certified to as complete and accurate by the trustees, First Western Bank & Trust and Reliance Trust Company.

<u>December 31, 2021</u>	<u>First Western Bank & Trust</u>
Investments, at fair value:	
Money market funds	\$ 772,821
Certificates of deposit	331,894
Mutual funds	33,283,298
Notes receivable from participants	293,517
Investment income	4,168,338
Interest income from notes receivable from participants	13,133

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<u>December 31, 2020</u>	<u>First Western Bank & Trust</u>	<u>Reliance Trust Company</u>	<u>Total</u>
Investments, at contract value:	\$ -	\$ 735,435	\$ 735,435
Investments, at fair value:			
Money market funds	778,999	-	778,999
Certificates of deposit	533,549	-	533,549
Common stock	4,746,581	-	4,746,581
Preferred stock	190,164	-	190,164
Mutual funds	11,665,011	9,766,162	21,431,173
Corporate bonds	200,605	-	200,605
Notes receivable from participants	107,061	91,916	198,977
Investment income	1,454,574	-	1,454,574
Interest income from notes receivable from participants	4,978	-	4,978

NOTE 4 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

FASB ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements*, establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under Topic 820 are described below:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means;

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Money market funds: Valued at cost plus any earned or accrued interest.

Certificates of deposit: Valued at cost plus any earned or accrued interest.

Common stocks and preferred stocks: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Mutual funds (including money market mutual funds): Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Corporate bonds: Value determined by evaluating pricing models that vary by asset class and incorporating available trade, bid, and other market information. Loan performance data may also be utilized. To evaluate a wide range of fixed-income securities, evaluators draw parallels from the trading and quoting of bonds with similar features (corporate bonds). Characteristics used to identify comparable securities may include such things as: sector, type of bond, coupon, credit quality ratings, bond insurance, or other credit enhancement, maturity, call, put, sinking fund or other early redemption features.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methodologies are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Money market funds	\$ 772,821	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 772,821
Certificates of deposit	331,894	-	-	331,894
Mutual funds	<u>33,283,298</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,283,298</u>
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 34,388,013</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 34,388,013</u>

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Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Money market funds	\$ 778,999	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 778,999
Certificates of deposit	533,549	-	-	533,549
Common stock	4,746,581	-	-	4,746,581
Preferred stock	190,164	-	-	190,164
Mutual funds	21,431,173	-	-	21,431,173
Corporate bonds	<u>-</u>	<u>200,605</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,605</u>
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 27,680,466</u>	<u>\$ 200,605</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 27,881,071</u>

NOTE 5 MASSMUTUAL GUARANTEED INTEREST ACCOUNT

The Plan's investments as of December 31, 2020 included the MassMutual Guaranteed Interest Account. This is a stable value investment with a guaranteed rate of return and a guarantee of principal that is backed by the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company ("MassMutual"). The guaranteed interest account is provided through a group annuity contract issued by MassMutual to a retirement plan. Under the contract, a credited rate is established for a six-month period of time and all assets invested in the guaranteed interest account are credited with that rate. At the expiration of each rate period, a new credited rate is declared. The guaranteed interest account credited rate for 2020 was approximately 2.00% for the period from January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 and approximately 1.50% for the period from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. This investment was liquidated, and the dollars were reinvested in mutual funds during 2021.

Among the asset types included in the guaranteed interest account portfolio are long-term bonds, mortgage loans, short-term investments and cash, and small positions of common stock, partnership arrangements, and real estate.

All bona fide participant initiated withdrawals from the guaranteed interest account, including benefit payments at termination or retirement, loans and transfers to other non-competing investment options, are paid at book value. Transfers to competing fixed income investments are not allowed. Employer initiated events such as layoffs, a sale of business unit, a company merger, or change in the stable value option offered under a plan are considered market value events. Upon full or partial contract or plan termination and certain other sponsor-initiated events, distributions from the guaranteed interest account may be subject to a liquidation value (market value) adjustment pursuant to a formula specified in the contract. The market value formula may produce a value that is more or less than the book value of the plan's investment in the guaranteed interest account.

The value of the guaranteed interest account is equal to the total of all amounts allocated under the contract plus all interest accrued thereon, minus the sum of any withdrawals, transfers and participant's administrative charges.

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Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer. These events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. The Plan's failure to qualify under Section 401 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code or the failure of the trust to be tax-exempt under Section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code
2. Premature termination of the contracts
3. Plan termination or merger
4. Changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options
5. Bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spinoffs of a subsidiary) that significantly affect the Plan's normal operations.

NOTE 6 INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan is a Prototype Plan sponsored by the Recordkeeper (First Western Bank & Trust) and adopted by the Company. The Internal Revenue Service informed the Recordkeeper by an opinion letter dated March 31, 2014, that the Prototype Plan is acceptable under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Company and plan administrator believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and the Plan continues to be tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the organization has taken a significant uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions, however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 7 EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS WITH PARTY-IN-INTEREST

The Party-in-interest for the Plan for December 31, 2021 and 2020 is First Western Bank and Trust, who serves as Plan Sponsor, Plan Administrator, and Trustee. The Plan holds First Western Bank & Trust certificates of deposit and First Western Bank & Trust Money Market Funds.

Participants that are separated from service with the Company, but still maintain a balance in the Plan are charged a quarterly fee against their funds in the Plan. These fees totaled \$24,589 and \$7,923 for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

NOTE 8 PLAN TERMINATION AND AMENDMENTS

First Western Bank & Trust has the right to amend the Plan if it determines it is necessary or desirable to do so. Further, although the Company intends to continue the Plan, it reserves the right to terminate it. Any termination of the Plan is subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100 percent vested in their accounts.

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NOTE 9 RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Participants direct the investment of their accounts into various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investment securities, such as a pandemic or international conflict. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participant's account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 10 PLAN MERGER

Effective December 31, 2020, the assets of BlackridgeBANK 401(k) Plan were legally merged into the First Western Bank & Trust 401(k). The assets of \$10,593,513 were presented on the 2020 Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits with a corresponding transfer on the 2020 Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

NOTE 11 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

No significant events have occurred subsequent to the Plan's year end. Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 7, 2022, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 401(K)
FORM 5500 ANNUAL REPORT - SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(I)
EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 45-0279825
PLAN NUMBER 002
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2021

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	First Western Bank & Trust #74303	CD 3.05% 07/25/22	**	\$ 99,302
*	First Western Bank & Trust #80141	CD 2.80% 09/25/22	**	9,008
*	First Western Bank & Trust #80493	CD 2.25% 04/5/23	**	5,809
*	First Western Bank & Trust #81433	CD 2.00% 04/05/23	**	26,849
*	First Western Bank & Trust #81542	CD 2.00% 12/18/24	**	20,305
*	First Western Bank & Trust #82582	CD 1.00% 01/20/26	**	43,130
*	First Western Bank & Trust #82659	CD 1.00% 01/29/26	**	27,103
*	First Western Bank & Trust #84035	CD 2.00% 04/17/22	**	10,937
*	First Western Bank & Trust #84848	CD 2.10% 01/17/23	**	10,643
*	First Western Bank & Trust #86126	CD 3.05% 10/10/23	**	16,962
*	First Western Bank & Trust #87112	CD 2.80% 04/11/24	**	20,363
*	First Western Bank & Trust #87456	CD 2.55% 08/01/24	**	41,483
*	First Western Bank & Trust	Money Market	**	772,821
	ClearBridge International Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	**	352,867
	Columbia Dividend Income Fund	Mutual Fund	**	655,247
	Federated Bond Fund #198	Mutual Fund	**	430,340
	Federated Hermes International Small-Mid Co IS	Mutual Fund	**	291,596
	Federated Hermes Kaufmann Fund IS	Mutual Fund	**	1,134,613
	Federated International Leaders Fund A #103	Mutual Fund	**	247,735
	Federated MDT Large Cap Value SS	Mutual Fund	**	305,179
*	FWBT Revolution - Aggressive Growth - FWBT 401(k)	Mutual Fund	**	109,030
*	FWBT Revolution - Balanced - FWBT 401(k)	Mutual Fund	**	9,906,469
*	FWBT Revolution - Growth - FWBT 401(k)	Mutual Fund	**	16,838
*	FWBT Revolution - Income - FWBT 401(k)	Mutual Fund	**	999
*	FWBT Revolution - Income Opportunity - FWBT 401(k)	Mutual Fund	**	1,012
*	FWBT Revolution - Moderate Balanced - FWBT 401(k)	Mutual Fund	**	415,850
	Integrity Mid-North American Resources Fund A	Mutual Fund	**	198,009
	JP Morgan Equity Premium Income R6	Mutual Fund	**	105
	Metropolitan West TI Rtn Bd Fd	Mutual Fund	**	615,182
	T Rowe Price Growth Stock	Mutual Fund	**	1,428,880
	Vanguard 500 Index Fund #0540	Mutual Fund	**	3,005,486
	Vanguard Capital Opportunity Fund #5111 - Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	915,596
	Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund #5533	Mutual Fund	**	104,773
	Vanguard Health Care Fund #552 - Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	260,646
	Vanguard High-Yield Corporate Fund #529	Mutual Fund	**	426,779
	Vanguard Information Technology Index Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	121,703
	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund #5859 - Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	1,292,297
	Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	130,275
	Vanguard Small Cap Value Index Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	215,275
	Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund Adm Shares	Mutual Fund	**	574,047

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PLAN NUMBER 002
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DECEMBER 31, 2021

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 #682	Mutual Fund	**	304,033
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 #304	Mutual Fund	**	461,758
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 #695	Mutual Fund	**	3,254,587
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 #305	Mutual Fund	**	1,500,942
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 #696	Mutual Fund	**	1,281,968
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 #306	Mutual Fund	**	546,482
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 #699	Mutual Fund	**	448,775
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund Mf	Mutual Fund	**	545,462
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund Mf	Mutual Fund	**	178,948
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065	Mutual Fund	**	60,283
	Vanguard Target Retirement Inc #308	Mutual Fund	**	551,595
	Vanguard Total Int'l Stock Index Fund #0569 - Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	155,198
	Vanguard Total Stock Mkt Index Fund #585 - Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	198,816
	Vanguard Wellington Fund Admiral Shs #521	Mutual Fund	**	637,623
*	Notes Receivable from Participants	Promissory Notes	-	293,517
		Interest rates varying between 4.25% and 6.50% with various maturities		
*	Designates Party In Interest			<u>\$ 34,681,530</u>
**	Designates Participant-Directed Investment			

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1510-0110 1510-0080 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information	
For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2021</u> and ending <u>12/31/2021</u>	
A This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instr.)	
B This return/report is: ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)	
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here ☐	
D Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description) _____	
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here ☐	

Part II Basic Plan Information - enter all requested information	
1a Name of plan FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 401(K)	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 002 1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1997
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 900 SOUTH BROADWAY PO BOX 1090 MINOT ND 58702-1090	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 45-0279825 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number (701) 852-3711 2d Business code (see instructions) 522110

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE		10/07/2022	DAWN YSTAAS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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