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| <p style="text-align: center;">Form 5500</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">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).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p> | <p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; text-align: center;">2022</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p> |
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information
 For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 04/30/2023

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

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| <p>1a Name of plan <u>SOUTH PLAINS FINANCIAL, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u></p> | <p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p> |
| <p>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>SOUTH PLAINS FINANCIAL, INC.</u> <u>5219 CITY BANK PARKWAY</u> <u>LUBBOCK, TX 79407</u></p> | <p>1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1994</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>75-2453320</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>806-792-7101</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>525100</u></p> |

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.

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| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/31/2023 | ROB DEAN |
| | Signature of plan administrator | Date | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator |
| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/31/2023 | STEVEN CROCKETT |
| | 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 | 5 769 |
| 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 a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits..... d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)..... h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | 6a(1) 431 6a(2) 0 6b 0 6c 0 6d 0 6e 0 6f 0 6g 0 6h 0 |
| 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 2O 2Q 3H 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | 9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> 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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary | b General Schedules (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) <input type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) (5) <input type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) <input type="checkbox"/> 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 2022 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2022 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 _____

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| SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | 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. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2023** and ending **04/30/2023**

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| A Name of plan SOUTH PLAINS FINANCIAL, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | 001 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SOUTH PLAINS FINANCIAL, INC. | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 75-2453320 | |

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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)

EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE PLANS, INC.

12466 LOS INDIOS TRAIL
SUITE 200
AUSTIN, TX 78729

| (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? |
|----------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 12 13 15 29 37 38 64 | TPA, RK | 20619 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC

2403 82ND STREET
LUBBOCK, TX 79423

| (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? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 10 70 | AUDIT | 2000 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

(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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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.

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| (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. | |
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| (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. | |
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| (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. | |
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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)

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

Explanation:

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

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| d Address: | e Telephone: |

Explanation:

**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.**

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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2023** and ending **04/30/2023**

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| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SOUTH PLAINS FINANCIAL, INC. | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 75-2453320 |

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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) | | |
| (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) | 1650535 | 0 |
| (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) | | |
| (4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities): | | | |
| (A) Preferred..... | 1c(4)(A) | | |
| (B) Common..... | 1c(4)(B) | | |
| (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) | | |
| (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) | 1086128 | 0 |
| (14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)..... | 1c(14) | | |
| (15) Other..... | 1c(15) | | |

| 1d Employer-related investments: | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|-------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities..... | 1d(1) | 70864973 | 0 |
| (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 | 73601636 | 0 |
| 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 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)..... | 1l | 73601636 | 0 |

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) | | |
| (B) Participants..... | 2a(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Others (including rollovers)..... | 2a(1)(C) | | |
| (2) Noncash contributions..... | 2a(2) | | |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2)..... | 2a(3) | | 0 |
| b Earnings on investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest: | | | |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) | 1424 | |
| (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) | | |
| (F) Other..... | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)..... | 2b(1)(G) | | 1424 |
| (2) Dividends: | | | |
| (A) Preferred stock..... | 2b(2)(A) | | |
| (B) Common stock..... | 2b(2)(B) | 200972 | |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)..... | 2b(2)(C) | 5619 | |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C)..... | 2b(2)(D) | | 206591 |
| (3) Rents..... | 2b(3) | | |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: | | | |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds..... | 2b(4)(A) | | |
| (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) | | |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: | | | |
| (A) Real estate..... | 2b(5)(A) | | |
| (B) Other..... | 2b(5)(B) | -4449261 | |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)..... | 2b(5)(C) | | |

| | | (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 | | -4241246 |
| Expenses | | | |
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers | 2e(1) | 69337771 | |
| (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) | | 69337771 |
| 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) | 2000 | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees..... | 2i(2) | 19000 | |
| (3) Investment advisory and management fees | 2i(3) | 1619 | |
| (4) Other | 2i(4) | | |
| (5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)..... | 2i(5) | | 22619 |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2j | | 69360390 |
| Net Income and Reconciliation | | | |
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d..... | 2k | | -73601636 |
| 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: CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC

(2) EIN: 72-1396621

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?..... | 4e | X | | 4000000 |
| f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? | 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?..... | 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?..... | 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.)..... | 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.)..... | 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?..... | 4k | X | | |
| l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?..... | 4l | | X | |
| m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)..... | 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..... | 4n | | | |

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 0.

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) |
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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) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | 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. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 04/30/2023

| | | |
|--|--|------------|
| A Name of plan <u>SOUTH PLAINS FINANCIAL, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u> | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | <u>001</u> |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>SOUTH PLAINS FINANCIAL, INC.</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>75-2453320</u> | |

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| 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.....

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| 1 | 0 |
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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): 04-3523567

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.....

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| 3 | |
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| 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.) |
|----------------|---|

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

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| 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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (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: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)..... | 14a | |
| b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> 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:

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| 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 _____



**South Plains Financial, Inc.
Employee Stock Ownership Plan**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

April 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022



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Note: Other schedules required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) have been omitted because the conditions under which they are required are not present.



REPORT



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Participants and Plan Administrator of
South Plains Financial, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Lubbock, Texas

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the South Plains Financial, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of April 30, 2023 (in liquidation) and December 31, 2022 (in liquidation), and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period January 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023 (in liquidation) and for the year ended December 31, 2022 (in liquidation), and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of April 30, 2023 (in liquidation) and December 31, 2022 (in liquidation), and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the period January 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023 (in liquidation) and for the year ended December 31, 2022 (in liquidation), in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

As discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements, the governing body of the South Plains Financial, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan approved a plan of liquidation on December 30, 2022, and management determined liquidation was imminent. As a result, the Plan has changed its basis of accounting to the liquidation basis used in presenting the April 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022 financial statements. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 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.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 auditors' 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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 the Plan'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.

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.

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(i), Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2022, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of the Plan's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits 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 GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its 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 information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

The supplemental Schedule H, line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), as of December 31, 2022 that accompanies the financial statements does not disclose the historical cost of certain nonparticipant-directed Plan assets held by the custodian. Disclosure of this information is required by the Department of Labor's Rules and regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Our opinion on the ERISA required supplemental schedule is not modified with respect to this matter.

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC
Lubbock, Texas
October 12, 2023



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



**South Plains Financial, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**

| | (In liquidation) | (In liquidation) |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | April 30, | December 31, |
| | 2023 | 2022 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Assets | | |
| Investments | | |
| Employer common stock | \$ - | \$ 70,864,973 |
| Mutual fund | - | 1,086,128 |
| Trustee omnibus account | - | 1,650,535 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Total assets | - | 73,601,636 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Net assets available for benefits | \$ - | \$ 73,601,636 |
| <hr/> <hr/> | | |

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

**South Plains Financial, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**

| <i>For the four months ended April 30, 2023, and the year ended December 31, 2022</i> | (In liquidation) April 30, 2023 | (In liquidation) December 31, 2022 |
|---|--|---|
| Additions | | |
| Investment Income | | |
| Interest and dividends | \$ 208,015 | \$ 1,265,770 |
| Total additions | 208,015 | 1,265,770 |
| Deductions | | |
| Net depreciation in value of investments | 4,449,261 | 922,923 |
| Benefits paid to participants | 69,337,771 | 6,894,864 |
| Administrative expenses | 22,619 | 38,924 |
| Total deductions | 73,809,651 | 7,856,711 |
| Net decrease | (73,601,636) | (6,590,941) |
| Net Assets Available for Benefits | | |
| Beginning of year | 73,601,636 | 80,192,577 |
| End of year | \$ - | \$ 73,601,636 |

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

South Plains Financial, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the South Plains Financial, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Refer to the Plan documents for a more complete description of Plan provisions.

General

The Plan is an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) covering eligible employees of South Plains Financial, Inc. (the Employer). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The South Plains Financial Inc. ESOP committee (ESOP Committee), is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Plan's Investment Committee (Investment Committee) determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance and reports to the ESOP Committee. The Employer's VP of Human Resources and City Bank Trust are co-trustees (Trustees).

Some administrative functions are performed by employees of South Plains Financial, Inc. No compensation is remitted to the Employer for these services.

City Bank Trust is the Plan's custodian for the omnibus account investment, National Financial Services, LLC, a Fidelity Investments company, is the custodian of the Employer common stock, and Fidelity Personal Trust Company is the Plan's custodian for a mutual fund. Employee Incentive Plans, Inc. (EIP) acts as the third-party administrator for the Plan, which performs certain plan administration and annual ERISA Compliance testing.

Voting Rights

Participants instruct the Trustees how to vote their shares. The Trustees will vote as instructed and fractional shares will be voted in a manner which most closely reflects the participants' direction of allocated shares unless fiduciary duties under ERISA would require a different result. When voting instructions are not received in a timely manner, the Trustees will not vote except as required by law.

Participant Accounts

A separate account is maintained for each participant in the ESOP plan. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan as defined by the Plan.

Vesting

As of February 2, 2021, participants are fully vested in all assets in their separate account.

South Plains Financial, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (Continued)

Benefit Payments

Upon termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may receive a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or annual installments for up to a ten year period. The Plan has the option to make distributions in cash or Employer stock, unless Employer stock is elected by the participant. The amount to be distributed is based upon the next following valuation date. Distributions are not permitted before a participant reaches the age of 59½, except in the event of death, disability, or termination.

Diversification

Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in Employer stock into investments that are more diversified. Participants who are age 55 may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a six year period. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to twenty five percent of the number of shares then allocated to his or her account. In the final ninety day period of the sixth year, the percentage changes to fifty percent of the number of shares then allocated to his or her account.

Plan Termination

The Board of Directors of the Employer formally authorized the termination of the Plan on December 30, 2022. All participants were 100% vested in Plan benefits.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

Due to the effective termination of the Plan as described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial statements as of April 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022 have been prepared using the liquidation basis of accounting.

Under the liquidation basis of accounting, assets are measured to reflect the estimated amount of cash expected to be collected in settling or disposing of the assets during the liquidation process. Liabilities are measured using the accrual basis of accounting and would include any expected costs of the disposal of assets and other costs expected to be incurred during the liquidation process.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of US GAAP financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent asset and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

South Plains Financial, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Shares of Employer stock are reported at the fair market value at which the stock trades in active markets. Fair value of mutual fund investments is the net asset value at which these funds trade in active markets. The Trustee operates an omnibus account invested in a publicly-traded money market mutual fund. Each share in the omnibus account is equal to a share in the underlying money market mutual fund whose share values are maintained at a fair value of \$1 per share. See Note 4 for further discussion of fair value measurements. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Net appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of investments consists of gains or losses on sales and transfers and appreciation or depreciation in fair values of investments held. Dividends are accrued on the ex-dividend date.

Payment of Benefits

Distributions to participants are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Expenses attributable to the general Plan administration were paid by the Plan and allocated among the accounts of all participants, in proportion to their account balances, unless paid by the Employer. During the period January 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023, expenses of \$22,619 were paid by the Plan and were allocated to participant accounts. During the year ended December 31, 2022, expenses of \$38,924 were paid by the Plan and were allocated to participant accounts.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that these changes could materially affect amounts reported in the Plan's financial statements.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, October 12, 2023 and determined there were no events that occurred that require disclosure. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in the financial statements.

South Plains Financial, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 3: PLAN TERMINATION

As described in Note 1, the decision to terminate the Plan was made on December 30, 2022. No further contributions were made to the Plan. Participants were already 100% vested in Plan benefits. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the Plan changed its basis of accounting to the liquidation basis.

All Plan benefits were paid out to participants effective April 30, 2023.

NOTE 4: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair values:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as:

- 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; or
 - can be corroborated by observable market data.

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.

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

The asset 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 maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at April 30, 2023 and at December 31, 2022.

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the SEC. 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.

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NOTE 4: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Trustee omnibus account: Comprised of a money market fund valued at the daily closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Common stock: Valued at the daily closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

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

The following table sets forth, by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value:

| Description | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1 | Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2 | Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3 | Total |
|--|--|---|--|----------------------|
| April 30, 2023 | | | | |
| Employer common stock | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | - |
| Mutual funds | - | - | - | - |
| Trustee omnibus account | - | - | - | - |
| Total investments at fair value | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | - |
| | | | | |
| <i>December 31, 2022</i> | | | | |
| Employer common stock ^[a] | \$ 70,864,973 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 70,864,973 |
| Mutual funds | 1,086,128 | - | - | 1,086,128 |
| Trustee omnibus account ^[b] | 1,650,535 | - | - | 1,650,535 |
| Total investments at fair value | \$ 73,601,636 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 73,601,636 |

[a] The Employer is a party-in-interest.

[b] City Bank Trust operates an omnibus account invested in the Invesco Short-Term Investments Trust Government & Agency Portfolio (AGPXX). City Bank Trust is a party-in-interest.

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NOTE 5: TAX STATUS

The IRS has determined, by a letter dated February 16, 2017, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Tax positions are recognized only if it is "more likely than not" that the tax position be sustained in a tax examination, with a tax examination being presumed to occur. The amount recognized is the largest amount that is greater than 50% likely of being realized on examination. For tax positions not meeting the "more likely than not" test, no tax position is recorded. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 6: RELATED-PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan held -0- and 2,574,100 shares of Employer common stock, with an estimated fair value of \$-0- and \$70,864,973 at April 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively.

Certain Plan investments were held by Fidelity Personal Trust Company, Fidelity Investments, and City Bank Trust and EIP is the record-keeper for the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.



SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE



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EIN 75-2453320, Plan Number 001
Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
As of December 31, 2022 (In liquidation)

| (a) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party | (b) | (c) Description | (d) Cost | (e) Current value |
|---|-----|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| * South Plains Financial, Inc. common stock | | 2,574,100 shares at \$27.53 | [1] | \$ 70,864,973 |
| * FZCXX-Fidelity Government Mmkt Premium | | mutual fund | \$ 1,086,128 | 1,086,128 |
| * City Bank Trust Omnibus Account | | Cash equivalent; 0.04% interest | 1,650,535 | 1,650,535 |
| Total Investments | | | | \$ 73,601,636 |

* Denotes a party-in-interest

[1] Cost information is not maintained