

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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.

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

- A This return/report is for: a multiemployer plan, a multiple-employer plan, a single-employer plan, a DFE, etc.
B This return/report is: the first return/report, the final return/report, an amended return/report, a short plan year return/report, etc.
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, etc.
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: BREMER FINANCIAL CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 007
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/1989
2a Plan sponsor's name, mailing address, city, state, and ZIP: BREMER FINANCIAL CORPORATION, 380 ST. PETER STREET, SUITE 500, ST. PAUL, MN 55102-1321
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 41-0715583
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 651-702-2864
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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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| 3a Plan administrator's name and address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor BREMER BANK, N.A. 372 ST. PETER STREET ST. PAUL, MN 55102-1302 | | 3b Administrator's EIN 41-0224890 |
| | | 3c Administrator's telephone number 651-702-2864 |
| 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 | 2066 |
| 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). | | |
| 6a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year | 6a(1) | 1485 |
| 6a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year | 6a(2) | 1473 |
| b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... | 6b | 0 |
| c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits | 6c | 581 |
| d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2), 6b, and 6c..... | 6d | 2054 |
| e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. | 6e | 16 |
| f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e..... | 6f | 2070 |
| g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) | 6g(1) | 1804 |
| g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) | 6g(2) | 1826 |
| h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | 6h | 79 |
| 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:
20 3H 3I

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

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| 9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) | 9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) |
| (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance | (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts | (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts |
| (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust | (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | (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)

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| a Pension Schedules | | b General Schedules | |
| (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) | | (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) | |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary | | (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan) | |
| (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary | | (3) <input type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____ | |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____ | | (4) <input type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) | |
| (5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan 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 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 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 H (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> | 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. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection |
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| For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024 | |
| A Name of plan BREMER FINANCIAL CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 007 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BREMER FINANCIAL CORPORATION | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-0715583 |

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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.

| | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Assets | | |
| 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) | 4416100 |
| (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) | |
| (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) | 16330248 | 11834262 |
| (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 | 20921085 | 16250362 |
| 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 | 20921085 | 16250362 |

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) | 508000 | |
| (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) | | 508000 |
| b Earnings on investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest: | | | |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) | 224999 | |
| (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) | -65 | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) | 2b(1)(G) | | 224934 |
| (2) Dividends: | | | |
| (A) Preferred stock..... | 2b(2)(A) | | |
| (B) Common stock..... | 2b(2)(B) | 619534 | |
| (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) | | 619534 |
| (3) Rents..... | 2b(3) | | |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: | | | |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds..... | 2b(4)(A) | 2433810 | |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)..... | 2b(4)(B) | 2494299 | |
| (C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result..... | 2b(4)(C) | | -60489 |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: | | | |
| (A) Real estate..... | 2b(5)(A) | | |
| (B) Other..... | 2b(5)(B) | -4435497 | |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B) | 2b(5)(C) | | -4435497 |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
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| (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) | | 65 |
| c Other income | 2c | | |
| d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2d | | -3143453 |

Expenses

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|--|---------------|---------|---------|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers..... | 2e(1) | 1524900 | |
| (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) | | 1524900 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)..... | 2g | | |
| h Interest expense..... | 2h | | |
| i Administrative expenses: | | | |
| (1) Salaries and allowances | 2i(1) | | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | | |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees | 2i(3) | | |
| (4) IQPA audit fees | 2i(4) | | |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees | 2i(5) | | |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees | 2i(6) | | |
| (7) Actuarial fees | 2i(7) | | |
| (8) Legal fees | 2i(8) | | |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees | 2i(9) | | |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses | 2i(10) | | |
| (11) Other expenses..... | 2i(11) | | |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) | 2i(12) | | |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2j | | 1524900 |

Net Income and Reconciliation

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| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d | 2k | | -4668353 |
| l Transfers of assets: | | | |
| (1) To this plan..... | 2l(1) | | |
| (2) From this plan | 2l(2) | | 2370 |

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: EIDE BAILLY

(2) EIN: 45-0250958

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG 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. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

| | Yes | No | Amount |
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| 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.) | | X | |
| 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.) | | 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.) | | 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.) | | X | |
| e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? | X | | 15000000 |
| 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 | |
| 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 | |
| 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 | |
| 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 | | |
| 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 | |
| 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 | |
| l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? | | X | |
| m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) | | 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. | | | |

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) |
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| BFA - BREMER 401(K) PLAN | 41-0715583 | 002 |
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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 _____.

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| 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> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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| A Name of plan <u>BREMER FINANCIAL CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u> | B Three-digit plan number (PN) | <u>007</u> |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>BREMER FINANCIAL CORPORATION</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>41-0715583</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): 82-3967259

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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| 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.

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| 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:

| | | |
|---|------------|--|
| 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) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%
 High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:
 0-5 years 5-10 years 10-15 years 15 years or more

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: _____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? Yes No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).
 Design-based safe harbor method
 "Prior year" ADP test
 "Current year" ADP test
 N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter ___/___/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.

Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

Bremer Financial Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Bremer Financial Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan

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Independent Auditor's Report

Retirement Plans Committee
Bremer Financial Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Lake Elmo, Minnesota

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Bremer Financial Corporation 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 December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, 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 (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's 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.

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.

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 Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that 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 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 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 GAAS 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 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.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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 4i – schedule of assets held at end of year as of December 31, 2024, 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 (DOL) 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 has been subjected to 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 DOL'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 are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Eide Bailly LLP

Mankato, Minnesota
September 24, 2025

Bremer Financial Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2024 and 2023

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Investments, at fair value | <u>\$ 16,250,362</u> | <u>\$ 20,921,085</u> |
| Net Assets Available for Benefits | <u><u>\$ 16,250,362</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 20,921,085</u></u> |

Bremer Financial Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2024

| | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Investment Income (Losses) | |
| Dividends and interest | \$ 844,533 |
| Net depreciation in fair value of investments | <u>(4,495,986)</u> |
| Total investment income (losses) | <u>(3,651,453)</u> |
| Contributions - Employer | <u>508,000</u> |
| Deductions | |
| Benefits paid to participants | <u>1,524,900</u> |
| Net Decrease | (4,668,353) |
| Transfer to Bremer 401k | (2,370) |
| Net Assets Available for Benefits | |
| Beginning of year | <u>20,921,085</u> |
| End of year | <u><u>\$ 16,250,362</u></u> |

Note 1 - Description of Plan

The following brief description of the Bremer Financial Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

Bremer Financial Corporation and subsidiaries (the Company) established the Plan effective as of January 1, 1989. The Plan operates as an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) of 1986, as amended, and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan is administered by the Retirement Plans Committee of the Company. Charles Schwab Bank serves as record-keeper and partial custodian of the Plan, and GreatBanc Trust Company serves as the directed trustee of the Company stock in the Plan.

Eligibility

Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan if they have completed 30 days of service and are regularly scheduled to work at least 20 hours per week and are 21 years of age. Employees scheduled less than 20 hours per week are eligible to participate in the Plan if they have completed one year of service and are 21 years of age. A year of service for purposes of eligibility is a consecutive 12-month period during which the employee has 1,000 or more hours of service. Leased employees, union members, independent contractors, and non-resident aliens are not eligible to participate in the Plan.

Entry Date

Employees may enter the Plan on the first day of the quarter coinciding with or following the date they satisfy the Plan's eligibility requirements.

Contributions

Contributions to the Plan are made by the Company at the discretion of the Company. The contributions are allocated according to the pro rata share of each participant's compensation to total eligible compensation. Participants must have completed 1,000 hours of service and be actively employed at the end of the year, unless terminated due to retirement, death, or disability, to receive an allocation of the contribution. In 2024, the Company made total discretionary contributions of \$508,000.

Voting Rights

Each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to the shares allocated to his or her account and is notified by the trustee prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised. The trustee is not permitted to vote any allocated share for which instructions have not been given by a participant. The record date for voting shares is annually on February 28. Shares of terminated employees are reallocated to active participants on February 25 of each year to ensure that there are no unallocated shares available to be voted on by the trustee.

Bremer Financial Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan

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Put Option

The employer stock that is held by the Plan and its participants is not readily tradable on an established market and is subject to put and call options as outlined under that certain Plan of Reorganization, dated February 8, 1989, entered into by and between the Company and the Otto Bremer Trust. The employee holders of Class A common stock have the right to require the Company to purchase their shares upon their deaths, permanent disabilities, or retirements, while the Company has the option to purchase the shares upon the occurrence of certain events, which include death, retirement, or termination of employment. All transactions involving Class A common stock inside the ESOP are executed at fair value, based upon an independent appraisal.

Participant Accounts

The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account is credited as of the last day of each Plan year with an allocation of the Company's discretionary contribution and forfeitures of terminated participants' non-vested accounts. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Company as of the last day of the Plan year will receive an allocation. Allocations are based on a participant's eligible compensation, relative to the total eligible compensation. Plan earnings and losses are allocated to each participant's account based on the ratio of the participant's account balance.

Vesting

Vesting in employer contributions is based on years of credited services as set forth in the following table:

| <u>Participant's Years of Service</u> | <u>Vesting Percentage</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 or less | 0% |
| 2 | 25% |
| 3 | 50% |
| 4 | 75% |
| 5 or more | 100% |

Participants are 100% vested in their account balances upon retirement, death, or total and permanent disability.

Forfeitures

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited non-vested accounts were approximately \$57,000 and \$64,000, respectively. Forfeited accounts are allocated to eligible participants. During the year ended December 31, 2024, forfeited non-vested accounts totaling approximately \$68,000 were allocated to eligible participants. Allocations are based on a participant's eligible compensation, relative to the total eligible compensation.

Payment of Benefits

Upon death, disability, or retirement, a participant will receive a lump-sum amount or periodic installments equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, as defined in the Plan document. In-service distributions are available upon age 59½.

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 Company common stock into investments that are more diversified. Participants who are at least age 55 with at least ten years of participation in the Plan 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 25% of the number of post-1986 shares allocated to his or her account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50%. Participants who elect to diversify receive a cash distribution. The election to diversify is made subsequent to year-end, based upon the shares of employer stock in the participant's account at year-end.

Plan Termination

The Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their account. Subsequent to year-end, the plan was terminated and participant's became 100% vested in their account. See footnote 11 for further details.

Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies and Use of Estimates

Basis of Accounting

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Bremer Financial Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan

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Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are reported at fair 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. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Net depreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as those held during the year.

The classification of investment earnings (losses) reported above and in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits may differ from the classification of earnings (losses) on Form 5500 due to different reporting requirements on Form 5500.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

Expenses

The Plan's expenses are paid by either the Plan or the Company, as provided by the Plan document. Expenses that are paid directly by the Company are excluded from these financial statements.

Note 3 - Investments

The Plan's investments in the Plan sponsor common stock as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, are as follows:

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Plan sponsor common stock | | |
| Number of shares | 103,356 | 103,356 |
| Cost | \$ 8,250,016 | \$ 8,250,016 |
| Fair value | 11,834,262 | 16,330,248 |

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value 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) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

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; and
- 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.

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.

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 December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Money Market Mutual Fund: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. The mutual fund held by the Plan is an open-ended mutual fund that is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. This fund is required to publish its daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual fund held by the Plan is deemed to be actively traded.

Common Stock: The fair value of the Company common stock held in the Plan is valued at estimated fair value based upon an independent appraisal. The appraisal was based upon a combination of the asset-based income and market approaches consistent with prior years. The appraiser took into account historical and forecasted asset growth, discount rates, return on assets, return on equity, market comparables, and estimated fair value of Company assets and liabilities, including discounts for lack of marketability and repurchase obligation.

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The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

| | 2024 | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| | (Level 1) | (Level 2) | (Level 3) | Total |
| Money market mutual fund | \$ 4,416,100 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,416,100 |
| Company Class A common stock | - | - | 11,834,262 | 11,834,262 |
| Total investments at fair value | \$ 4,416,100 | \$ - | \$ 11,834,262 | \$ 16,250,362 |
| | 2023 | | | |
| | (Level 1) | (Level 2) | (Level 3) | Total |
| Money market mutual fund | \$ 4,590,837 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,590,837 |
| Company Class A common stock | - | - | 16,330,248 | 16,330,248 |
| Total investments at fair value | \$ 4,590,837 | \$ - | \$ 16,330,248 | \$ 20,921,085 |

Changes in Fair Value of Level 3 Assets and Related Gains and Losses

There were no purchases, sales, or transfers in or out of Level 3 assets.

Note 5 - Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated September 9, 2014, that the Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with the applicable regulations of the IRC. Subsequent to the issuance of the determination letter, the Plan was amended. However, the Company, Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC, and, therefore believe the Plan is qualified and the related trust continues to be tax-exempt.

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 Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. 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 invests in Company common stock. In addition, the Plan received \$619,534 in dividends from the Company for the year ended December 31, 2024. These are related party and party-in-interest transactions.

Note 7 - Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan's investments consist primarily of the Company's common stock, which is exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks, as well as valuation assumptions based on earnings, cash flows, and other such techniques. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investment securities, such as a pandemic or global conflict. Due to the level of risk associated with the investment in the common stock and to uncertainties inherent in estimates and assumptions, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of the common stock will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Note 8 - Right of First Refusal

Company stock that has been distributed to a participant, and not immediately repurchased by the Company or trust, may be subject to a right of first refusal if so determined by the Company. Prior to any subsequent transfer, the shares must first be offered by written offer to the Company, and then, if refused by the Company, to the trust at fair market value, as determined by an independent appraiser appointed by the Retirement Plans Committee.

Note 9 - Dividends

Participants are given the right to take a distribution of dividends in cash or leave the funds in the Plan to be invested in Company stock, as provided by the Plan.

The Company paid dividends to the ESOP of \$1.00 for one quarter and \$1.68 per share for three quarters during the 2024 Plan year or \$619,534 during the year ended December 31, 2024.

Note 10 - Transfer to Bremer 401(k) Plan

During the year ended December 31, 2024, Bremer Financial Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan transferred \$2,370 out of the Plan to Bremer 401(k) Plan.

Note 11 - Subsequent Event

On March 21, 2025, the Board of Directors of Bremer Financial Corporation approved to terminate the Plan effective April 30, 2025 as subject to the provisions of ERISA.

The Plan sponsor has evaluated subsequent events through September 24, 2025, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

Supplementary Information
December 31, 2024

Bremer Financial Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Bremer Financial Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year

December 31, 2024

EIN: 41-0715583

Plan: 007

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |
|-----|---|--|--------------|----------------------|
| * | Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party | Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value | Cost | Current Value |
| | <u>Non-Participant-Directed</u> | | | |
| * | Bremer Financial Corporation Class A common stock | Common stock, 103,356 shares | \$ 8,250,016 | \$ 11,834,262 |
| | Franklin Money Market Fund | Money market mutual fund | 4,416,100 | <u>4,416,100</u> |
| | | | | <u>\$ 16,250,362</u> |

*A party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| NAME OF PLAN SPONSOR: | Bremer Financial Corporation |
| NAME OF PLAN: | Bremer Financial Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan |
| EIN: | 41-0715583 |
| PLAN NUMBER: | 007 |

| | (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 |
|---|---|---|----------|-------------------|
| | BREMER STOCK CASH | Money Market / Cash Equivalent | | 4,416,100 |
| * | BREMER ESOP STOCK | Employer Securities | | 11,834,262 |

* Party-in-interest