Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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1210-0089

2025

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

A This return/report is for:
- ☐ a multiemployer plan
- ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- ☒ a single-employer plan
- ☐ a DFE (specify) _____

B This return/report is:
- ☐ the first return/report
- ☐ the final return/report
- ☐ an amended return/report
- ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ ☐

D Check box if filing under:
- ☒ Form 5558
- ☐ automatic extension
- ☐ the DFVC program
- ☐ special extension (enter description)

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶ ☐

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 401(K)

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1997

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST

900 SOUTH BROADWAY
PO BOX 1090
MINOT, ND 58702-1090

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 45-0279825

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 701-852-3711

2d Business code (see instructions) 522110

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2026	JAMES PASZEK
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2026	DAWN YSTAAS
	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

3a	Plan administrator's name and address [X] 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:	**4b**	EIN
a	Sponsor's name	**4d**	PN
c	Plan Name		

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	507
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1)	Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	308
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	322
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	127
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	449
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	449
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)**	455
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)**	449
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.	**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 Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2J 2K 2T

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1)	[ ] Insurance	**(1)**	[ ] Insurance
(2)	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	**(2)**	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	[X] Trust	**(3)**	[X] Trust
(4)	[ ] General assets of the sponsor	**(4)**	[ ] General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(4)** [ ] **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- **(5)** [ ] **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2025 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2025 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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.**	**2025** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

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

Part I 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)

EPIC RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES

1610 DES PERES ROAD, SUITE 203
ST. LOUIS, MO 63131

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 37 64	RECORDKEEPER	43506	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	0	Yes [ ] No [X]

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

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45-0279825

(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?
14	PLAN ADMINISTRATOR	9064	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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(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.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

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DFE/Participating Plan Information

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A Name of plan
FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 401(K)

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
45-0279825

Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FWB REVOLUTION AGGRESSIVE GROWTH

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
45-0279825-000	C	2582058

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FWB REVOLUTION BALANCED

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
45-0279825-000	C	14035985

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FWB REVOLUTION GROWTH

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
45-0279825-000	C	3425149

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FWB REVOLUTION INCOME

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
45-0279825-000	C	207875

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FWB REVOLUTION INCOME OPPORTUNITY

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
45-0279825-000	C	29160

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FWB REVOLUTION MODERATE BALANCED

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
45-0279825-000	C	1071183

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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Part II **Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
45-0279825

Part I 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	4319	107
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	3643	3269
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	888	0
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(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)	353647	326855
(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)	43312086	48339130
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
1e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
1f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	43674583	48669361
Liabilities			
1g Benefit claims payable	1g		
1h Operating payables	1h		
1i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
1j Other liabilities	1j		
1k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k		
Net Assets			
1l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	43674583	48669361

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)	1444421	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2576869	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	1165644	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		5186934
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	25878	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		25878
(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	1031176	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		1031176
(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)		
(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)		5560097
c Other income	2c		8133
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		11812218
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	6764870	
(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)		6764870
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)	52570	
(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)		52570
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		6817440
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		4994778
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) [X] 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) [X] DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 **(2)** [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) **(3)** [ ] neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

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

(1) Name: BRADY MARTZ, PLLC **(2)** EIN: 99-2923038

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
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.)	**4a**	X		888
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		8000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**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**		X	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

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

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

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2025

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

A Name of plan
FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 401(K)

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
45-0279825

Part I Distributions

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

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): 45-0279825

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

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**

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.

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):

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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): _____

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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 _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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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): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14c**	

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

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

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

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

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

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

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

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) 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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number_____.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the financial statements of First Western Bank & Trust 401(k), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of First Western Bank & Trust 401(k)'s financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

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

Basis for Opinion

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 First Western Bank & Trust 401(k) 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 ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 First Western Bank & Trust 401(k)'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about First Western Bank & Trust 401(k)'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2025 and Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2025, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to

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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. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

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

Brady Martz

BRADY MARTZ, PLLC
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

October 15, 2026

FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 401(K)
EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 45-0279825
PLAN NUMBER 002
FORM 5500 ANNUAL REPORT - SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(I) -
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT THE END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2025

	(a)	(b) Identity of Issue	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
		ClearBridge International Growth Fund Class I	Mutual Fund	**	$ 152,076
		Columbia Dividend Income Fund Instl 3	Mutual Fund	**	602,133
		Federated Hermes Corporate Bond Fund	Mutual Fund	**	214,975
		Federated Hermes Government Obligations Fund Premier	Mutual Fund	**	1,364,820
		Federated Hermes International Leaders Fund A	Mutual Fund	**	66,081
		Federated Hermes International Small-Mid Co IS	Mutual Fund	**	165,760
		Federated Hermes Kaufmann Fund IS	Mutual Fund	**	517,522
		Federated Hermes MDT Large Cap Value Fund SS	Mutual Fund	**	420,785
		Integrity Mid-North American Resources Fund A	Mutual Fund	**	395,626
		T Rowe Price Growth Stock	Mutual Fund	**	1,585,546
		TCW MetWest Total Return Bond I	Mutual Fund	**	264,870
		Vanguard 500 Index Admiral Fund	Mutual Fund	**	5,248,805
		Vanguard Capital Opportunity Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	885,131
		Vangard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	221,358
		Vanguard Health Care Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	152,468
		Vanguard High-Yield Corporate Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	501,476
		Vanguard Information Technology Index Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	1,306,157
		Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	1,289,380
		Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	155,178
		Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	648,561
		Vanguard Small Cap Value Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	314,245
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	382,728
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	72,054
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	3,423,554
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,023,303
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,170,281
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	814,416
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	440,322
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	794,942
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	309,325
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	208,302
		Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund	Mutual Fund	**	266,241
		Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	416,931
		Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	480,858
		Vanguard Wellington Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	711,510
*		First Western Bank Revolution Aggressive Growth	Collective trust fund	**	2,582,058
*		First Western Bank Revolution Balanced	Collective trust fund	**	14,035,985
*		First Western Bank Revolution Growth	Collective trust fund	**	3,425,149
*		First Western Bank Revolution Income	Collective trust fund	**	207,875
*		First Western Bank Revolution Income Opportunity	Collective trust fund	**	29,160
*		First Western Bank Revolution Moderate Balanced	Collective trust fund	**	1,071,183
*		Notes Receivable from Participants	Participant Loans - Interest rates varying between 4.25% and 9.50% with various maturities	-	326,855
					$ 48,665,985

* Party-in-interest as defined by ERISA

** Participant-directed investment

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SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

		Total That Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			
Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Check Here if Late Participant Loans are Included	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
$ 888	N/A	$ 888 *	$ -	$ -	$ -

* Amount represents delinquent participant contributions for the year ended December 31, 2024 that have not been fully corrected as of December 31, 2025.

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

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the financial statements of First Western Bank & Trust 401(k), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of First Western Bank & Trust 401(k)'s financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

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

Basis for Opinion

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 First Western Bank & Trust 401(k) 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 ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 First Western Bank & Trust 401(k)'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about First Western Bank & Trust 401(k)'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2025 and Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2025, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to

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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. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

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

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BRADY MARTZ, PLLC
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

October 15, 2026

FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 401(K)
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024

	2025	2024
ASSETS:		
Investments at fair value	$ 48,339,130	$ 43,312,086
Receivables:		
Participant contributions	-	888
Employer contributions	3,269	3,643
Notes receivable from participants	326,855	353,647
Total receivables	330,124	358,178
Cash	107	4,319
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 48,669,361	$ 43,674,583

See Notes to the Financial Statements

FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 401(K)

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024

	2025	2024
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:		
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$ 5,560,097	$ 4,478,477
Dividends and interest income	1,031,176	990,959
Total investment income	6,591,273	5,469,436
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	25,878	24,618
Contributions:		
Participants	2,576,869	2,429,403
Employer, net of forfeitures	1,444,421	1,351,939
Rollovers	1,165,644	2,230,222
Total contributions	5,186,934	6,011,564
Other income	8,133	-
Total additions	11,812,218	11,505,618
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:		
Benefits paid to participants	6,764,870	8,035,130
Administrative expenses	52,570	46,593
Total deductions	6,817,440	8,081,723
NET INCREASE	4,994,778	3,423,895
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:		
Beginning of year	43,674,583	40,250,688
End of year	$ 48,669,361	$ 43,674,583

See Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTE 1 PLAN DESCRIPTION

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

General

The Plan is a safe harbor defined contribution plan covering all employees of First Western Bank & Trust (Company) who are age 18 or older and have worked for the company for at least two consecutive months. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Plan is administered by the Company's trust department. Matrix Trust Company serves as the trustee and holds the plan's assets, and EPIC RPS serves as the recordkeeper for the plan.

Contributions

Participants may contribute up to the maximum dollar amount allowed under federal regulations for the Plan year. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions.

The Plan allows participants to allocate contributions between pretax and after tax (Roth 401(k)) deferrals. The Company provides a safe harbor matching contribution equivalent to 100% of the participants' elective deferrals that do not exceed 5% of eligible compensation. The Plan also provides for a discretionary profit sharing feature, which requires one year of service to be eligible for this contribution. When profit sharing contributions are made, they are allocated among employees of the Company based on a level of compensation. The Company made no profit sharing contributions during the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024.

Participants may make rollover contributions for amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit plans, defined contribution plans, or individual retirement accounts.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and the Company's contributions. Plan earnings are allocated based on participant account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. The Plan allows for participant-directed investment programs for which separate funds are maintained. The value of each participant's account is determined daily.

Participants' Investment Options

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

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of employment, death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the vested value of his or her account, a series of equal payments over a set period of time that does not exceed the participant's life expectancy, or a combination of lump-sum and installment payments. Distribution of benefits upon termination becomes automatic if the participant's account balance is less than $5,000. Hardship distributions and in-service retirement distributions are also permitted for participants who have not separated from service. Participants must have attained age 59 1/2 to qualify for in-service distributions. Generally, certain minimum distributions are required for participants who have separated from service and have reached required minimum distribution age.

Vesting

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

Forfeitures

At December 31, 2025 and 2024, forfeited accounts totaled $18,489 and $9,709, respectively. This account is used to reduce employer contributions. During the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, $0 and $6,162, respectively, were used to reduce employer contributions.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum of the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest rates equal to the prime rate, as stated in the Wall Street Journal, plus 1%. The term of the loan cannot exceed five years, unless it is for the purchase of a principal residence, which must be repaid within fifteen years. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. All outstanding balances are due in their entirety upon the occurrence of a distributable event.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

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

Basis of Presentation

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

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. The Plan's management determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the trustee. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Contributions

Contributions from Plan participants and matching contributions from the Company are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation.

Payment of Benefits

Benefit distributions are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Several of the investment fund options are subject to investment fees based on a percentage of invested assets, as disclosed in the fund's prospectus. All such fees are charged directly against the fund's investment performance and thus are not separately disclosed in the accompanying financial statements. Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements.

Income Taxes

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

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred.

NOTE 3 INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE

Certain information in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedules related to investments held as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and investment income for the years then ended, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by the trustee, Matrix Trust Company, a qualified institution.

NOTE 4 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

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

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

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

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, 2025 and 2024.

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 Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Collective trust funds: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of units of the collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the account will sell the investment for an amount different than the NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the trustee reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2025 and 2024.

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2025:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	$ 26,987,720	$ -	$ -	$ 26,987,720
Investments measured at net asset value (a)				21,351,410
Investments at fair value				$ 48,339,130

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	$ 25,301,098	$ -	$ -	$ 25,301,098
Investments measured at net asset value (a)				18,010,988
Investments at fair value				$ 43,312,086

(a) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value per Share Practical Expedient

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

	December 31,				
	2025	2024			
Investment Type	Fair Market Value	Fair Market Value	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Collective trust funds:					
Aggressive growth	$ 2,582,058	$ 1,454,131	$ -	Daily	N/A
Balanced	14,035,985	13,592,872	-	Daily	N/A
Growth	3,425,149	2,067,827	-	Daily	N/A
Income	207,875	152,841	-	Daily	N/A
Income opportunity	29,160	22,824	-	Daily	N/A
Moderate balanced	1,071,183	720,493	-	Daily	N/A
Total collective trust funds	$21,351,410	$18,010,988			

Aggressive growth collective trust funds seek equities for a high level of consistent long-term returns. The majority of the portfolio's assets are invested in equities, while the remainder is in alternative assets. Increased market fluctuations over the short term due to market volatility are expected. This collective trust fund is for investors with a time horizon greater than 20 years with the ability to accept greater risk.

Balanced collective trust funds seek a blend of equities for consistent long-term returns, paired with conservative holdings to reduce short-term market fluctuations and produce income. The portfolio's assets are invested in equities, alternative assets and fixed income securities. This collective trust fund is for investors with a time horizon between 10-20 years with the ability to accept greater risk.

Growth collective trust funds seek equities for a high level of consistent long-term returns, with some conservative holdings to reduce short-term market fluctuations and produce income. The portfolio's assets are invested in equities, alternative assets, and fixed income securities. Increased market value fluctuations over the short-term due to market volatility are expected. This collective trust fund is for investors with a time horizon of 15-20 years or greater.

Income collective trust funds seek to maximize current income with reduced market risk. The portfolio's assets are invested in fixed income securities. This collective trust fund is for investors with a time horizon between 0-10 years with the objective of stability.

Income opportunity collective trust funds seek conservative holdings to reduce short-term market fluctuations and generate income, coupled with equities to provide long term growth. The portfolio's assets are invested in fixed income, equities, and alternative assets. This collective trust fund is for investors with a time horizon between 5-15 years with the ability to accept some risk.

Moderate balanced collective trust funds seek a blend of conservative holdings to reduce short-term market fluctuations and produce income, coupled with equities for long-term returns. The portfolio's assets are invested in fixed income, equities, and alternative assets. This collective trust fund is for investors with a time horizon between 10-15 years with the ability to accept some risk.

NOTE 5 INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan adopted a non-standardized pre-approved plan sponsored by Ascensus LLC. The pre-approved plan has received an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, from the Internal Revenue Service as to the Plan's qualified status. The pre-approved plan opinion letter has been relied upon by this Plan. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

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

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

First Western Bank & Trust's trust department administers the plan, EPIC RPS is the recordkeeper and Matrix Trust Company is the custodian of the Plan, and therefore are parties-in-interest. First Western Bank & Trust, EPIC RPS, and Matrix Trust Company provide certain administrative services to Plan pursuant to service agreements with the Company. First Western Bank & Trust receives revenue from mutual fund service providers for services First Western Bank & Trust provides the funds. This revenue is used to offset certain amounts owed to First Western Bank & Trust for its administrative services to the Plan. If revenue received by First Western Bank & Trust exceeds amounts owed under the service agreement, First Western Bank & Trust remits the excess to the Plan as earnings. During the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, $2,983 and $0 were used to offset fees.

NOTE 7 NON-EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS WITH PARTIES-IN-INTEREST

The Company remitted the following participant contributions to the trustee subsequent to the date required by the Department of Labor (DOL) Regulation 2510.3-102:

Contribution Date	Amount
December 31, 2024	$ 888

The Company will prepare and file Form 5330 with the Internal Revenue Service and pay excise tax related to the non-exempt party-in-interest transactions that occurred during the year ended December 31, 2024. The Company will also calculate an amount representing the earnings that the contributions would have earned if they had been deposited timely.

There were no late remittances of employee contributions for the 2025 plan year.

NOTE 8 AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company reserves the right at any time to amend or terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of the Plan and ERISA. If the Company terminates contributions or the Plan is terminated, all participants become fully vested.

NOTE 9 RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

NOTE 10 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

No significant events have occurred subsequent to the Plan’s year end. Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 15, 2026, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 401(K)
EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 45-0279825
PLAN NUMBER 002
FORM 5500 ANNUAL REPORT - SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(I) -
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT THE END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2025

	(a)	(b) Identity of Issue	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
		ClearBridge International Growth Fund Class I	Mutual Fund	**	$ 152,076
		Columbia Dividend Income Fund Instl 3	Mutual Fund	**	602,133
		Federated Hermes Corporate Bond Fund	Mutual Fund	**	214,975
		Federated Hermes Government Obligations Fund Premier	Mutual Fund	**	1,364,820
		Federated Hermes International Leaders Fund A	Mutual Fund	**	66,081
		Federated Hermes International Small-Mid Co IS	Mutual Fund	**	165,760
		Federated Hermes Kaufmann Fund IS	Mutual Fund	**	517,522
		Federated Hermes MDT Large Cap Value Fund SS	Mutual Fund	**	420,785
		Integrity Mid-North American Resources Fund A	Mutual Fund	**	395,626
		T Rowe Price Growth Stock	Mutual Fund	**	1,585,546
		TCW MetWest Total Return Bond I	Mutual Fund	**	264,870
		Vanguard 500 Index Admiral Fund	Mutual Fund	**	5,248,805
		Vanguard Capital Opportunity Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	885,131
		Vangard Emerging Markets Stock Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	221,358
		Vanguard Health Care Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	152,468
		Vanguard High-Yield Corporate Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	501,476
		Vanguard Information Technology Index Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	1,306,157
		Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	1,289,380
		Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	155,178
		Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	648,561
		Vanguard Small Cap Value Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	314,245
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	382,728
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	72,054
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	3,423,554
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,023,303
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	1,170,281
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	814,416
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	440,322
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	794,942
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	309,325
		Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Fund	Mutual Fund	**	208,302
		Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund	Mutual Fund	**	266,241
		Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	416,931
		Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	480,858
		Vanguard Wellington Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund	**	711,510
*		First Western Bank Revolution Aggressive Growth	Collective trust fund	**	2,582,058
*		First Western Bank Revolution Balanced	Collective trust fund	**	14,035,985
*		First Western Bank Revolution Growth	Collective trust fund	**	3,425,149
*		First Western Bank Revolution Income	Collective trust fund	**	207,875
*		First Western Bank Revolution Income Opportunity	Collective trust fund	**	29,160
*		First Western Bank Revolution Moderate Balanced	Collective trust fund	**	1,071,183
*		Notes Receivable from Participants	Participant Loans - Interest rates varying between 4.25% and 9.50% with various maturities	-	326,855
					$ 48,665,985

* Party-in-interest as defined by ERISA

** Participant-directed investment

FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 401(K)
EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 45-0279825
PLAN NUMBER 002
FORM 5500 ANNUAL REPORT - SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(A) -
SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

		Total That Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			
Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Check Here if Late Participant Loans are Included	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
$ 888	N/A	$ 888 *	$ -	$ -	$ -

* Amount represents delinquent participant contributions for the year ended December 31, 2024 that have not been fully corrected as of December 31, 2025.

Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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1210 - 0089

2025

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

A This return/report is for:
- ☐ a multiemployer plan
- ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- ☒ a single-employer plan
- ☐ a DFE (specify) _____

B This return/report is:
- ☐ the first return/report
- ☐ the final return/report
- ☐ an amended return/report
- ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here ▶ ☐

D Check box if filing under:
- ☒ Form 5558
- ☐ automatic extension
- ☐ the DFVC program
- ☐ special extension (enter description)

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here ▶ ☐

Part II Basic Plan Information - enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST 401(K)

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1997

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
FIRST WESTERN BANK & TRUST

900 SOUTH BROADWAY
PO BOX 1090
MINOT ND 58702-1090

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 45-0279825

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number (701)852-3711

2d Business code (see instructions) 522110

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

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

SIGN HERE	X James E Boyd Signature of plan administrator	10-13-2026 Date	JAMES PASZEK Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	X Dawn Ystaas Signature of employer/plan sponsor	10/13/2026 Date	DAWN YSTAAS Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE	 Signature of DFE	 Date	 Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor

3b Administrator's EIN

3c Administrator's telephone number

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:
a Sponsor's name
c Plan Name

4b EIN

4d PN

5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	507
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a (1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	308
a (2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	322
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	127
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2), 6b,** and **6c**	**6d**	449
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	**6e**	0
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	449
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)**	455
(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	449
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**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 Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
2E 2F 2J 2K 2T

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) ☐ Insurance
(2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) ☒ Trust
(4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) ☐ Insurance
(2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) ☒ Trust
(4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules
(1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
(2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
(3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
(4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) - Number Attached ____
(5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules
(1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
(2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information - Small Plan)
(3) ☐ **A** (Insurance Information) - Number Attached ____
(4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
(5) ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
(6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2025 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2025 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 _____