# FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION WASHINGTON, D.C.

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In the Matter of	)	
	)	ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST
THAYER COUNTY BANK	)	
HEBRON, NEBRASKA	)	FDIC-09-475b
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(Insured State Nonmember Bank)	)	
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Thayer County Bank, Hebron, Nebraska ("Bank"), having been advised of its right to a NOTICE OF CHARGES AND OF HEARING detailing the unsafe or unsound banking practices and violations of law and/or regulation alleged to have been committed by the Bank, and its right to a hearing on those charges under section 8(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act ("Act"), 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b), and having waived those rights, entered into a STIPULATION AND CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST ("CONSENT AGREEMENT") dated October 19, 2009, with counsel for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), whereby, solely for the purpose of this proceeding and without admitting or denying any unsafe or unsound banking practices and violations of law and/or regulation, the Bank consented to the issuance of the following ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST ("ORDER") by the FDIC.

The FDIC considered the matter and determined that it has reason to believe that the Bank has engaged in unsafe and unsound banking practices and violations of law and/or regulation. The FDIC, therefore, accepts the CONSENT AGREEMENT and issues the following:

### ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Bank, its institutionaffiliated parties, as that term is defined in section 3(u) of
the Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u), and its successors and assigns,
cease and desist from the following unsafe or unsound banking
practices:

- A. Operating with a board of directors and management that did not implement adequate policies and practices for the prudent operation of the Bank.
- B. Operating with inadequate capital and an inadequate allowance for loan and lease losses for the volume, kind, and quality of loans and leases held, and/or failing to make provision for an appropriate allowance for possible loan and lease losses.
- C. Operating with inadequate liquidity in light of the Bank's asset and liability mix.
- D. Engaging in hazardous lending and lax collection practices.

- E. Operating with excessive loan losses and with excessive levels of adversely classified items.
- F. Operating with an inadequate risk identification and loan review system.
  - G. Operating with inadequate earnings.
  - H. Violating laws and/or regulations.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Bank, its institutionaffiliated parties, and its successors and assigns, take
affirmative action as follows:

### Qualified Management.

(a) From the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall take action to have qualified management, including the appropriate number and type of senior officers with the requisite knowledge, skills, ability, and experience, giving consideration to the size and complexity of the Bank, to operate the Bank in a safe and sound manner, and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and restore the Bank to a satisfactory financial condition, including, but not limited to, capital adequacy, asset quality, management effectiveness, earnings, liquidity, and sensitivity to market risk. Each member of management shall be provided appropriate written authority from the board of directors to implement the provisions of this ORDER.

- (b) Within 60 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the board of directors shall assess management's ability to:
- (i) Comply with the requirements of this ORDER; all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations; FDIC and FFIEC policy statements; and the Bank's approved policies and procedures; and
- (ii) Restore and thereafter maintain the Bank in a safe and sound condition, including, but not limited to, capital adequacy, asset quality, earnings, management effectiveness, liquidity, and sensitivity to market risks.
- (c) The board shall record its actions, delegations of authority, assessments, and other findings regarding management in the minutes of the board of directors meetings.
- (d) In the event of a vacancy in the Bank's necessary management structure as determined under this ORDER, the board shall document in its minutes the Bank's efforts to expeditiously fill that vacancy with a qualified individual.

### 2. Minimum Capital Requirements.

(a) While this ORDER is in effect, the Bank shall have and maintain the following minimum capital levels (as defined in Part 325 of the FDIC's Rules and Regulations), after establishing an appropriate allowance for loan and lease losses:

- (i) Tier 1 capital at least equal to 8 percent of total assets;
- (ii) Total risk-based capital at least equal to 12 percent of total risk-weighted assets.
- (b) In the event any ratio is or becomes less than the minimum required by subparagraph (a) of this provision, the Bank shall submit a written plan to the FDIC Regional Director for the Kansas City Region and the Director for the Nebraska Department of Banking & Finance ("Supervisory Authorities") within 30 days describing the means and timing by which the Bank shall increase such capital ratios up to or in excess of the minimum requirements. The written plan shall also include contingent plans in the event of any changes affecting pending capital proposals. Thereafter, the Bank shall approve the written plan, which approval shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors and the Bank shall implement and fully comply with the written plan.
- (c) Any increase in Tier 1 capital necessary to meet the requirements of subparagraph (a) of this provision may not be accomplished through a deduction from the allowance for loan and lease losses.

### 3. Dividend Restriction.

While this ORDER is in effect, the Bank shall not declare or pay any cash dividends without the prior written approval of the Supervisory Authorities.

### 4. Brokered Deposits.

- (a) Upon issuance of this ORDER and so long as this ORDER is in effect, the Bank shall not accept, increase, renew, or rollover any brokered deposits without the prior written approval of the Supervisory Authorities.
- (b) Within 30 days of the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall develop a written plan for reducing its reliance on brokered deposits ("brokered deposit plan"). The brokered deposit plan shall detail the current composition of the Bank's brokered deposits by maturity and explain the means by which such deposits will be paid. The Bank shall submit the brokered deposit plan to the Supervisory Authorities. Thereafter, the Bank shall approve the brokered deposit plan, which approval shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors, and the Bank shall implement and fully comply with the brokered deposit plan.
- (c) For purposes of this ORDER, brokered deposits are defined in section 337.6(a)(2) of the FDIC Rules and Regulations to include any deposits funded by third-party agents or nominees

for depositors, including deposits managed by a trustee or custodian when each individual beneficial interest is entitled to or asserts a right to federal deposit insurance.

### 5. Liquidity.

(a) Within 30 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall prepare a written liquidity analysis and projection for the sources and uses of funds, including but not limited to the following:

#### Sources:

- (i) listing of loans available for participation or sale and a list of committed purchasers;
- (ii) listing of and projected pay offs or pay downs of loans;
- (iii) specific listing of all funding sources and borrowings and level of commitments/availability;
- (iv) projection and breakdown of deposit growth from non-brokered deposits and sources;

#### Uses:

- (v) listing and timing of contractually binding loan commitments that are expected to be funded;
- (vi) projections for known maturities and/or
  withdrawals of brokered deposits and other out-of-market
  deposits;

- (vii) projections, including best and worse case
  scenarios, of large public/private deposit withdrawals;
  Projections and Contingency Plans:
- (viii) projections for curtailing loan growth and/or shrinking the total asset size of the Bank; and
- (ix) specific contingency plans that help management to monitor liquidity risk, ensure that an appropriate amount of liquid assets is maintained, measure and project funding requirements during various scenarios, and manage access to funding sources.
- (b) This written analysis and projection shall be reviewed by management for viability on a weekly basis, and updated as necessary.

### 6. Reduction of Adversely Classified Assets.

(a) Within 30 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall formulate written plans to reduce the Bank's risk exposure in each asset in excess of \$100,000 adversely classified as "Substandard" in the FDIC June 29, 2009 Report of Examination ("Report of Examination"). For purposes of this provision, "reduce" means to collect, charge off, or improve the quality of an asset so as to warrant its removal from adverse classification by the Supervisory Authorities. In developing the plans mandated by this subparagraph (a), the Bank shall, at

a minimum, and with respect to each adversely classified loan or lease, review, analyze, and document the financial position of the borrower, including source of repayment, repayment ability, and alternative repayment sources, as well as the value and accessibility of any pledged or assigned collateral, and any possible actions to improve the Bank's collateral position.

(b) Upon completion of the plans, the Bank shall submit the plans to the Supervisory Authorities. Thereafter, the Bank shall: approve the plans, which approval shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors; have a copy of the applicable plan for each asset in the appropriate loan file; and, shall implement and fully comply with the plans.

# 7. Restrictions on Advances to Adversely Classified Borrowers.

(a) While this ORDER is in effect, the Bank shall not extend, directly or indirectly, any additional credit to, or for the benefit of, any borrower who has a loan or other extension of credit or obligation with the Bank that has been, in whole or in part, charged off or adversely classified "Substandard" in the Report of Examination and is uncollected, or classified "Substandard" or "Doubtful" in any future Reports of Examination from either of the Supervisory Authorities and is uncollected. The requirements of this paragraph shall not prohibit the Bank from renewing, after collecting in cash all interest and fees

due from a borrower, any credit already extended to the borrower.

- (b) Subparagraph (a) of this provision shall not apply if the Bank's failure to extend further credit to a particular borrower would be detrimental to the best interests of the Bank. Prior to extending additional credit pursuant to this subparagraph (b), whether in the form of a renewal, extension, or further advance of funds, such additional credit shall be approved by the Bank's board of directors, who shall fully document in its minutes that:
- (i) the failure of the Bank to extend such credit would be detrimental to the best interests of the Bank, with an explanation of why it would be detrimental;
- (ii) that the extension of such credit would improve the Bank's position, with an explanatory statement of why the Bank's position would improve; and
- (iii) an appropriate workout plan has been developed and will be implemented in conjunction with the additional credit to be extended.
- (c) The board of directors' conclusions and approval shall be made a part of the minutes of the board, or designated committee, with a copy retained in the borrower's credit file.

### 8. Correction of Special Mention Deficiencies.

- (a) Within 30 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall correct the deficiencies listed on the "Items Listed for Special Mention" pages of the Report of Examination.
- (b) For any deficiency that cannot be corrected, the Bank shall document the reasons for such inability in the borrower's credit file, and the board of directors shall review and include the documentation in the Board's minutes.

### 9. Implementation of Loan Review.

- (a) Within 60 days of the effective date of this ORDER, the board shall develop an appropriate written program for independent loan review that will provide for a periodic review of the Bank's loan portfolio and the identification and categorization of problem credits. At a minimum, the written program shall provide for:
- (i) Prompt identification of loans with credit weaknesses that warrant the special attention of management, including the name of the borrower, amount of the loan, reason why the loan warrants special attention; and assessment of the degree of risk that the loan will not be fully repaid according to its terms;
- (ii) Prompt identification of all outstanding balances and commitments attributable to each obligor identified under

the requirements of subparagraph (i), including outstanding balances and commitments attributable to related interests of such obligors, including the obligor of record, relationship to the primary obligor identified under subparagraph (i), and an assessment of the risk exposure from the aggregate relationship;

- (iii) Identification of trends affecting the quality of the loan portfolio and potential problem areas;
- (iv) Assessment of the overall quality of the loan
  portfolio;
- (v) Identification of credit and collateral
  documentation exceptions;
- (vi) Identification and status of violations of laws, rules, or regulations with respect to the lending function;
- (vii) Identification of loans that are not in conformance with the Bank's lending policy;
- (viii) Identification of loans to directors, officers, principal shareholders, and their related interests; and
- (ix) A mechanism for reporting, in writing, the information developed in (i) through (viii) above to the board of directors on at least a quarterly basis. The written reports should also describe the action(s) taken by management with respect to problem credits.
- (b) The Bank shall submit the written program to the Supervisory Authorities. Thereafter, the Bank shall approve the

written program, which approval shall be recorded in the minutes of the board of directors meeting, and the Bank shall implement and fully comply with the program.

(c) Upon implementation, a copy of each written report submitted to the board, as well as documentation of the actions taken by the Bank or recommendations to the board that address identified deficiencies in specific loan relationships or the Bank's policies, procedures, strategies, or other elements of the Bank's lending activities, as well as any resulting determinations, shall be recorded and retained in the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors.

### 10. Maintenance of Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses.

- (a) Within 10 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the board of directors shall make a provision which will replenish the allowance for loan and lease losses ("ALLL") for the loans charged off as a result of the most recent internal loan review or in the most recent examination and reflect the potential for further losses in the remaining loans or leases classified "Substandard" and "Doubtful" as well as all other loans and leases in its portfolio.
- (b) A deficiency in the Bank's ALLL shall be remedied in the calendar quarter in which it is discovered by a charge to current operating earnings prior to any Tier 1 capital

determinations required by this ORDER and prior to the Bank's submission of its Call Report. The board of directors shall thereafter maintain an appropriate ALLL.

### 11. <u>Concentrations of Credit</u>.

- (a) Within 30 days of the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall develop a written plan ("Concentration Plan") intended to systematically reduce and monitor the Bank's concentrations listed in the Report of Examination to an amount which is commensurate with the Bank's business strategy, management expertise, and financial condition. The Concentration Plan shall establish appropriate concentration risk limits for each segment of the portfolio with common risk characteristics or sensitivities to economic, financial, or business developments. Concentration risk limits will be expressed as a percentage of the Bank's Tier 1 Capital.
- (b) The board of directors shall review, on a quarterly basis, the level and trend of concentrations, actual levels compared to levels targeted in the Concentration Plan, and reports that describe the state of and changes in commercial real estate market conditions in the geographic areas in which the Bank lends.
- (c) Immediately after development, the Concentration Plan shall be submitted to the Supervisory Authorities. Thereafter,

the board of directors shall approve the Concentration Plan, which approval shall be recorded in the minutes of the board, and the Bank shall fully implement the Concentration Plan. The Concentration Plan shall be reviewed at least annually and amended as appropriate to manage the risk in the commercial real estate portfolio as well as in large individual lending relationships.

### 12. Correction of Violations of Laws and/or Regulations.

- (a) Within 30 days after the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank, consistent with sound banking practices, shall eliminate and/or correct all violations of laws and/or regulations cited by the FDIC in the Report of Examination. In addition, within 30 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall adopt and implement appropriate procedures to ensure future compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.
- (b) The Bank shall document each violation that cannot be eliminated or corrected, and why, for review by the board of directors at its next monthly meeting. The board's review, discussion and any action upon the uncorrected violation or policy contravention shall be recorded in its minutes.

### 13. Business/Strategic Plan and Profit and Budget Plan.

- (a) Within 60 days from the effective date of this ORDER, and within the first 30 days of each calendar year thereafter, the board of directors shall develop and fully implement a written three-year business/strategic plan and one-year profit and budget plan covering the overall operation of the Bank and its goals and strategies, consistent with sound banking practices, and taking into account the Bank's other written plans, policies, or other actions as required by this ORDER.
- (b) The business/strategic plan shall provide specific objectives for asset growth, loan portfolio mix, market focus, earnings projections, capital needs, and liquidity position.

  The profit and budget plan shall include goals and strategies for improving the earnings of the Bank. The budget shall include a description of the operating assumptions that form the basis for, and adequately support, major projected income and expense components.
- (c) The business/strategic plan and the profit and budget plan, and any subsequent modification thereto, shall be submitted to the Supervisory Authorities. Thereafter, the board of directors shall approve the business/strategic plan and the profit and budget plan, with approval recorded in the board meeting minutes, and the Bank shall implement and fully comply with the plans.

### 14. Disclosure of Order to Shareholders.

Following the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall provide a copy of this ORDER to its shareholders or otherwise furnish a description of this ORDER, (i) in conjunction with the Bank's next shareholder communication, and (ii) in conjunction with its notice or proxy statement preceding the Bank's next shareholder meeting. The description shall fully describe the ORDER in all material respects. The description and any accompanying communication, statement, or notice shall be sent to the FDIC, Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection, Accounting and Securities Disclosure Section, 550 17th Street, N.W., Room F-6066, Washington, D.C. 20429 for review at least 20 days prior to dissemination to shareholders. Any changes requested to be made by the FDIC shall be made prior to dissemination of the description, communication, notice, or statement.

### 15. Progress Reports.

On or before January 31, 2010, the Bank shall furnish a written progress report to the Supervisory Authorities, using financial data as of December 31, 2009, detailing the form, manner, and results of any actions taken to secure compliance with this ORDER. Thereafter, the Bank shall furnish written progress reports to the Supervisory Authorities within 30 days

after the end of each calendar quarter. The written progress reports shall provide cumulative detail of the Bank's progress toward achieving compliance with each provision of the ORDER.

## 16. <u>Miscellaneous</u>.

- (a) This ORDER shall be effective on the date of issuance. The provisions of this ORDER shall be binding upon the Bank, its institution-affiliated parties, and any successors and assigns thereof. The provisions of this ORDER shall remain effective and enforceable except to the extent that, and until such time as, any provision has been modified, terminated, suspended, or set aside by the FDIC.
- (b) The provisions of this ORDER shall not bar, estop or otherwise prevent the Supervisory Authorities or any other federal or state agency or department from taking any action against the Bank, any of the Bank's current or former institution-affiliated parties, or agents for improper acts or omissions, violations of any law or regulations, or engaging in unsafe or unsound banking practices.

Issued Pursuant to Delegated Authority.

Dated the  $_{21}^{\text{st}}$  day of  $_{0ctober}$ , 2009 By:

/s/
Mark S. Moylan Deputy Regional Director Kansas City Regional Office