

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP INC

Form 10-Q

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q**

☒ **Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**
For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2010

OR

☐ **Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**
For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 0-14492
FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

OHIO

34-1469491

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S Employer
Identification No.)

307-11 North Defiance Street, Archbold, Ohio

43502

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(419) 446-2501

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). ☐ Yes ☐ No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act..

Large accelerated filer ☐

Accelerated filer ☒

Non-accelerated filer ☐
(Do not check if a smaller
reporting company)

Smaller reporting
company ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). ☐ Yes ☒ No

Indicate the number of shares of each of the issuers classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

Common Stock, No Par Value

4,734,724.00

Class

Outstanding as of April 28,2010

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ITEM 1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)
(in thousands of dollars)

<S>	March 31, 2010 <C>	December 31, 2009 <C>
ASSETS:		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 11,778	\$ 19,343
Interest bearing deposits with banks	25,153	9,348
Federal funds sold	12,917	4,957
Investment Securities:		
U.S. Treasury	17,818	5,219
U.S. Government	142,812	141,523
State & political obligations	61,884	60,539
All others	4,448	4,448
Loans and leases (Net of reserve for loan losses of \$7,471 and \$6,008 respectively)	548,818	563,911
Bank premises and equipment-net	15,975	16,053
Accrued interest and other assets	25,228	24,445
Goodwill	4,074	4,074
TOTAL ASSETS	870,905	853,860
 LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY		
LIABILITIES:		
Deposits:		
Noninterest bearing	\$ 58,859	\$ 65,302
Interest bearing	624,441	611,142
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreement to repurchase	45,291	43,257
Other borrowed money	43,133	34,199
Accrued interest and other liabilities	5,501	6,376
Total Liabilities	777,225	760,276
 SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY:		
Common stock, no par value authorized 6,500,000 shares; issued 5,200,000 shares	12,677	12,677
Treasury Stock - 437,601 shares 2010, 437,551 shares 2009	(9,083)	(9,082)
Unearned Stock Awards 27,675 for 2010 and 27,775 for 2009	(571)	(573)
Undivided profits	88,452	88,048
Accumulated other comprehensive income (expense)	2,205	2,514
Total Shareholders Equity	93,680	93,584

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	870,905	\$	853,860
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See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Unaudited Financial Statements.

Note: The December 31, 2009 Balance Sheet has been derived from the audited financial statements of that date.

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FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(Unaudited)
(in thousands of dollars, except per share data)

<Table>	Three Months Ended March 31, 2010		March 31, 2009
<Caption>			
INTEREST INCOME:			
Loans and leases	\$	8,482	\$ 8,434
Investment Securities:			
U.S. Treasury securities			
Securities of U.S. Government agencies			
Obligations of states and political subdivisions			
Other			
Federal funds			
Deposits in banks			
Total Interest Income			
INTEREST EXPENSE:			
Deposits			
Borrowed funds			
Total Interest Expense			
NET INTEREST INCOME BEFORE			
PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES			
PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES			
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER			
PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES			
OTHER INCOME:			
Service charges			
Other			
Net securities gains (losses)			
OTHER EXPENSES:			
Salaries and wages			
Pension and other employee benefits			
Occupancy expense (net)			
Other operating expenses			
INCOME BEFORE FEDERAL INCOME TAX			
FEDERAL INCOME TAXES			
NET INCOME	\$	1,256	\$ 1,730

OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (NET OF TAX):

Unrealized gains (losses) on securities	(309)	16
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COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (EXPENSE)	\$ 947	\$ 1,746
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NET INCOME PER SHARE	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.36
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Based upon average weighted shares outstanding of:	4,734,674	4,756,389
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DIVIDENDS DECLARED	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18
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No disclosure of diluted earnings per share is required as shares are antidiluted as of quarter end.

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Unaudited Financial Statements.

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FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANCORP, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)
(in thousands of dollars)

<Table>	Three Months Ended	
<Caption>	March 31, 2010	March 31, 2009
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$ 1,256	\$ 1,730
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	344	364
Premium amortization	294	177
Discount amortization	(19)	(19)
Amortization of servicing rights	103	308
Amortization of core deposit intangible	39	39
Provision for loan losses	1,690	659
(Gain) Loss on sale of fixed assets		(1)
(Gain) Loss on sale of investment securities	(259)	(118)
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:		
Accrued interest receivable and other assets	(1,230)	(1,595)
Accrued interest payable and other liabilities	(410)	853
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	1,808	2,397
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Capital expenditures	(266)	(117)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		1
Proceeds from maturities of investment securities	32,241	26,599
Proceeds from sale of investment securities	12,519	4,284
Purchase of investment securities	(60,477)	(34,110)
Net (increase) decrease in loans and leases	13,403	12,058
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	(2,580)	8,715
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Net increase (decrease) in deposits	6,856	28,714
Net change in short-term borrowings	2,034	(5,178)
Increase in long-term borrowings	9,000	
Payments on long-term borrowings	(66)	(76)
Purchase of Treasury stock		(172)
Payments of dividends	(852)	(857)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities	16,972	22,431
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	16,200	33,543
Cash and cash equivalents Beginning of year	33,648	20,887
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS END OF THE PERIOD	\$ 49,848	\$ 54,430

RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:

Cash and cash due from banks	\$ 11,778	\$ 33,844
Interest bearing deposits with banks	25,153	
<i>Federal funds sold</i>	12,917	20,586
	\$ 49,848	\$ 54,430

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions for Form 10Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X; accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results that are expected for the year ended December 31, 2010. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

ITEM 2 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITIONS AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

INTRODUCTION

Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") was incorporated on February 25, 1985, under the laws of the State of Ohio. Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, Inc., and its subsidiary The Farmers & Merchants State Bank (the "Bank") are engaged in commercial banking. The executive offices of the Company are located at 307 North Defiance Street, Archbold 43502.

As the new year began, the banking industry along with the rest of the business world continued to feel the impact of the slow and difficult economy. As the possible impact of health care reform was on the minds of all businesses, banks were also concerned on the issues of regulatory reform and its potential impact on future revenues and expenses. Those concerns still remain. Short-term rates remain low and are expected to remain low throughout 2010. Meanwhile long-term rates have increased and the additional income that was derived from mortgage financing in 2009 has significantly lessened in 2010. What the steepness of the yield curve has provided in 2010 is the opportunity to book gains on sales of investments without compromising the yield of the investment portfolio and only slightly increasing the duration.

The Bank chose to sell off a portion of the security portfolio, mainly short-term securities that were replaced with only slightly longer terms. In first quarter 2009, the Bank had sales which produced a favorable gain on securities of almost \$118 thousand and sold off mainly out of state securities and replaced with pledgeable Ohio securities. In 2010, the favorable gain produced from the sale of securities is over double that at almost \$259 thousand.

The two largest expenses of 2009 and 2010 which can be tied to the economy and business failures also remain the same. The amount of provision expensed for loan loss in the first quarter 2009 was approximately \$636.5 thousand compared to a 2.5 times higher expense of \$1.69 million during first quarter 2010. Addressing declining collateral values and improvement of asset quality remains in the forefront of priorities for 2010. The second factor is the continuation of the high cost of FDIC assessments. Less than \$500 separates the cost between the first quarter of 2009 and 2010, each around \$259 thousand. While still predicted to cost over \$1 million in 2010, the bright spot will be that it will be under the total expense of 2009, provided an additional special assessment is not levied. Many challenges await the Company in the quarters to come. Overall

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performance of 2010 should mirror 2009 with the Company remaining strong, stable and well capitalized.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICY AND ESTIMATES

The Company's consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and the Company follows general practices within the industries in which it operates. At times the application of these principles requires Management to make assumptions, estimates and judgments that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. These assumptions, estimates and judgments are based on information available as of the date of the financial statements. As this information changes, the financial statements could reflect different assumptions, estimates and judgments. Certain policies inherently have a greater reliance on assumptions, estimates and judgments and as such have a greater possibility of producing results that could be materially different than originally reported. Examples of critical assumptions, estimates and judgments are when assets and liabilities are required to be recorded at fair value, when a decline in the value of an asset not required to be recorded at fair value warrants an impairment write-down or valuation reserve to be established, or when an asset or liability must be recorded contingent upon a future event.

Based on the valuation techniques used and the sensitivity of financial statement amounts to assumptions, estimates, and judgments underlying those amounts, management has identified the determination of the Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses (ALLL), the valuation of its Mortgage Servicing Rights and the valuation of its post retirement benefit liability as the accounting areas that requires the most subjective or complex judgments, and as such have the highest possibility of being subject to revision as new information becomes available.

The ALLL represents management's estimate of credit losses inherent in the Bank's loan portfolio at the report date. The estimate is a composite of a variety of factors including past experience, collateral value and the general economy. ALLL includes a specific portion, a formula driven portion, and a general nonspecific portion.

FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Fair values of financial instruments are management's estimate of the values at which the instruments could be exchanged in a transaction between willing parties. These estimates are subjective and may vary significantly from amounts that would be realized in actual transactions. In addition, other significant assets are not considered financial assets including deferred tax assets, premises, equipment and intangibles. Further, the tax ramifications related to the realization of the unrealized gains and losses can have a significant effect on the fair value estimates and have not been considered in any of the elements.

The following assumptions and methods were used in estimating the fair value for financial instruments.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amounts reported in the balance sheet for cash, cash equivalents and federal funds sold approximate their fair values. Also included in this line item are the carrying amounts of interest-bearing deposits maturing within ninety days which approximate their fair values. Fair values of other interest-bearing deposits are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses based on current rates for similar types of deposits.

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Securities and Other Securities

Fair values for securities, excluding Federal Home Loan Bank stock are based on quoted market price, where available. If quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on quoted market prices of comparable instruments. The carrying value of Federal Home Loan Bank stock approximates fair value based on the redemption provisions of the Federal Home Loan Bank.

Loans

Most commercial and real estate mortgage loans are made on a variable rate basis. For those variable-rate loans that re-price frequently, and with no significant change in credit risk, fair values are based on carrying values. The fair values of the fixed rate and all other loans are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis, using interest rates currently being offered for loans with similar terms to borrowers with similar credit quality.

Deposits

The fair values disclosed for deposits with no defined maturities are equal to their carrying amounts, which represent the amount payable on demand. The carrying amounts for variable-rate, fixed term money market accounts and certificates of deposit approximate their fair value at the reporting date. Fair value for fixed-rate certificates of deposit are estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis that applies interest rates currently being offered on certificates to a schedule of aggregated expected monthly maturities on time deposits.

Borrowings

Short-term borrowings are carried at cost that approximates fair value. Other long-term debt was generally valued using a discounted cash flow analysis with a discounted rate based on current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of arrangements, or if not available, based on an approach similar to that used for loans and deposits.

Accrued Interest Receivable and Payable

The carrying amounts of accrued interest approximate their fair values.

Dividends Payable

The carrying amounts of dividends payable approximate their fair values and are generally paid within forty days of declaration.

Off Balance Sheet Financial Instruments

Fair values for off-balance sheet, credit related financial instruments are based on fees currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and the counter-parties' credit standing. The estimated fair values, and related carrying or notional amounts, for on and off-balance sheet financial

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instruments as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 are reflected below.

	(In Thousands)			
	March 31, 2010		December 31, 2009	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Financial Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 49,848	\$ 49,848	\$ 33,648	\$ 33,648
Securities-available for sale	222,514	222,514	207,281	207,281
Other Securities	4,448	4,448	4,448	4,448
Loans, net	548,818	548,400	563,911	563,532
Interest Receivable	4,636	4,636	3,693	3,693
Financial Liabilities				
Deposits	683,300	\$679,048	\$676,444	\$672,963
Short-term Debt				
Repurchase Agreement Sold	45,291	45,291	43,257	43,257
Long Term Debt	43,133	43,659	34,199	34,947
Interest Payable	916	916	852	852
Dividends Payable	852	852	853	853
Off-Balance Sheet Financial Instruments				
Commitments to extend credit	\$	\$	\$	\$
Standby Letters of Credit				
Fair Value Measurements				

The following tables present information about the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at March 31, 2010, and the valuation techniques used by the Company to determine those fair values. In general, fair values determined by Level 1 inputs use quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access.

Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs use other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly. These Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and other inputs such as interest rates and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs, including inputs that are available in situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the related asset or liability.

In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels in the above fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The Company's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset or liability.

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Disclosures concerning assets and liabilities measured at fair value are as follows:

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis at March 31, 2010

(\$ in Thousands)				
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 3)	Balance at March 31, 2010
3/31/2010				
Assets Securities Available for Sale	\$ 160,630	\$ 61,884	\$ 0	\$ 222,514
Liabilities	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
12/31/2009				
Assets Securities Available for Sale	\$ 146,742	\$ 60,539	\$ 0	\$ 207,281
Liabilities	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

The Company did not have any assets or liabilities measured at fair value that were categorized as Level 3 during the period. All of the Company's available for sale securities, including any bonds issued by local municipalities, have CUSIP numbers or have similar characteristics of those in the municipal markets, making them comparable and marketable as Level 2.

The Company also has assets that, under certain conditions, are subject to measurement at fair value on a non-recurring basis. At March 31, 2010, such assets consist primarily of impaired loans. The Company has established the fair values of these assets using Level 3 inputs, specifically discounted cash flow projections.

Impaired loans accounted for under FAS 114 categorized as Level 3 assets consist of non-homogeneous loans that are considered impaired. The Company estimates the fair value of the loans based on the present value of expected future cash flows using management's best estimate of key assumptions. These assumptions include future payment ability, timing of payment streams, and estimated realizable values of available collateral (typically based on outside appraisals).

At March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, impaired loans categorized as Level 3 were \$13.4 and \$12.2 million, respectively. The change in fair value of impaired loans of \$2.3 million for March 31, 2010 and \$353 thousand for December 31, 2009 is accounted for in the allowance for loan losses.

Other real estate is reported at either the fair value of the real estate minus the estimated costs to sell the asset or the cost of the asset. The determination of fair value of the real estate relies primarily on appraisals from third parties. If the fair value of the real estate, minus the estimated costs to sell the asset, is less than the asset's cost, the deficiency is recognized as a valuation allowance against the asset through a charge to expense, for changes in the asset's fair value or estimated selling costs.

LIQUIDITY, CAPITAL RESOURCES AND MATERIAL CHANGES IN FINANCIAL CONDITION

In comparing the balance sheet of March 31, 2010 to that of December 31, 2009, the liquidity of the Bank remains strong with a movement of money from cash and due banks to interest bearing deposits with banks. The Bank has

taken advantage of the Federal Reserve Bank's payment of interest on excess funds and also placed funds in term deposits at the Federal Home Loan Bank which are also used for collateral pledging for notes coming due in 2010. The Bank monitors the rate paid by the Federal Reserve versus the Federal Funds Sold rate and other deposit rates offered through correspondent banks. Overall, cash and cash equivalents increased over \$16 million and securities increased an additional \$15.2 million. The Company's

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increased liquidity came from a decrease in Bank's loan portfolio, an increase in the Bank's deposits and additional borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank. The additional borrowings were in anticipation of the replacement of maturities in 2010 with current low rates specials offered by the Federal Home Loan Bank. Liquidity remains strong and the Bank has money to lend to credit worthy customers.

Net loans show a decrease of \$15.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010. Almost \$1.5 million of the decrease is due to an increase of the loan loss reserve. This is in addition to \$200 thousand of net charge-offs for the three months of 2010 decreasing the net loan balance. A portion of the decrease is positive in that troubled loans either paid off or found financing elsewhere the Bank welcomes that portion. On a less positive note, nonaccruals increased during the quarter by over \$1.5 million and past dues over 30 days increased slightly to 2.47% as of March 31st compared to December 31st's 2.26%. The Bank continues to work on these accounts with the issues streaming from the commercial and commercial real estate portfolios. Overall, total assets of the Company increased \$17 million from December 31, 2009 to March 31, 2010.

Deposits increased \$6.9 million led by the success of the Bank's offering of a high interest bearing transaction account along with an increase in health savings accounts. The success of this product is also the reason for the continued movement of deposits out of non-interest bearing to interest bearing. In 2010, the Bank strengthened the deposit offering by adding additional options to its already highly successful Reward Checking and renaming it KASASA Cash. Other offerings include KASASA Saver, Giver and Itunes. These continue to be the deposit of choice and attract not only new money of existing customers but new customers to the Bank also.

Capital increased \$96 thousand from year-end during the three months of 2010. The increase occurred as the Company did not purchase additional shares of treasury stock due to the pending announcement of the purchase of a branch office in Hicksville, Ohio from First Place Bank along with the timing of published year end results. The Company is authorized to purchase 200,000 shares of treasury stock during 2010. Activity within the treasury stock was due to the retirement of an officer. 50 shares of unearned stock awards were delivered to the employee while another 50 were returned to treasury stock.

A higher increase in capital was hampered by a decrease of just over \$300 thousand in accumulated other comprehensive income. This was due to the sale of investments as the gain of \$259 thousand shifted out of unrealized gain to realized gain and the new purchases were recorded at market value. The net impact to the capital section for market value adjustment of the remaining securities was just over a \$41 thousand decrease for the quarter.

The Company continues to be well-capitalized in accordance with Federal regulatory capital requirements as the capital ratios below show:

Primary Ratio	10.94%
Tier I Leverage Ratio	10.10%
Risk Based Capital Tier I	13.49%
Total Risk Based Capital	14.69%
Stockholders' Equity/Total Assets	10.75%

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MATERIAL CHANGES IN RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Interest Income

Interest income and yield on the loan portfolio is up slightly in 2010 as compared to 2009 even with the decrease in loan balances. Interest collected on nonaccruals during the quarter was over \$80 thousand and the addition of floors to renewed and new loans helped to increase the yield of the portfolios as compared to the previous year. Adjustments to the Farmer Mac portfolio, which is a loan participation program, also generated additional interest income. To protect the increased yield, the Bank is working to add spread to the margin on the variable rate loans so that when prime does adjust up, the Bank's rate also adjusts up over the floor. Overall, the yield on the loan portfolio was up 10 basis points from last quarter.

Interest income and yield on the securities portfolio was down as agency notes continued to be called due to the low interest rate environment. Interest on states and political obligations was up significantly as the portfolio increased from a year ago by \$17.5 million. Interest income from the investment portfolio was down \$99 thousand compared to same quarter last year.

Total interest income was down \$51 thousand in comparing the first quarter of 2010 to the first quarter of 2009.

Interest Expense

On the other side of the coin, interest expense continued to be lower than the comparable quarter of last year. Interest expense was down \$554 thousand while the deposit balance was up over \$38.7 million in comparing the ending balances of each first quarter. Time deposits continue to reprice down and the Bank continues to try and lengthen the duration of the portfolio with specials offered in terms longer than 12 months. However, depositors continue to place more funds in shorter term deposits.

Interest on borrowed funds was also lower in the first quarter of 2010 than it was in the first quarter of 2009 by \$78 thousand. While additional borrowings from Federal Home Loan Bank in the amount of \$9 million were taken in the first quarter of 2010, the rates on those borrowings were lower than those paid off during 2009. Rates paid on the daily repurchase agreements, used by the Bank to offset commercial sweep accounts, were also lower in 2010 than the corresponding rate paid in 2009. Advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank were taken to offset maturities of \$13 million occurring in the remainder of 2010 and lock in a lower rate for a longer length of time.

The decrease in interest expense outpacing the decrease in interest income remains a bright spot in the performance of 2010 as it was throughout 2009. Overall, the decrease in interest expense was \$554 thousand, over one-half a million more than the decrease in interest income.

Net interest income should continue to increase as the Bank continues to work to increase the interest income by reducing the amount of loans in nonaccrual and attempts to add spread on renewing loans. Interest expense on time deposits should also continue to show a decrease until such time that depositors begin to deposit in a longer time frame. If and when rates begin to rise, the challenge will be to delay the pricing

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