

PRESS RELEASE: First Ottawa Bancshares, Inc. declares dividend

OTTAWA, Illinois, May 16, 2018 -- First Ottawa Bancshares, Inc. (FOTB) has declared a dividend of \$0.75 per share payable on July 1, 2018 to common shareholders of record as of June 1, 2018.

First Ottawa Bancshares, Inc. a single bank holding company and its wholly owned subsidiary The First National Bank of Ottawa also today re-elected Bradley J. Armstrong, Donald J. Harris, and Brian P. Zabel, as Class I directors of both the holding company and the bank. These Class I directors will continue to serve with the other current directors, John L. Cantlin, Steven M. Gonzalo, Michael T. Reagan, Lynn M. Dubajic, Thomas P. Rooney, and William K. Walsh. Michael T. Reagan was also elected at the holding company's reorganization meeting as Chairman of First Ottawa Bancshares, and William K. Walsh, Vice-Chairman. Steven M. Gonzalo was elected Chairman of the First National Bank of Ottawa at the reorganizational meeting of the bank and Michael T. Reagan, Vice-Chairman.