

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System



Annual Report of Holding Companies—FR Y-6

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Report at the close of business as of the end of fiscal year

This Report is required by law: Section 5(c)(1)(A) of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. § 1844 (c)(1)(A)); Section 8(a) of the International Banking Act (12 U.S.C. § 3106(a)); Sections 11(a)(1), 25 and 25A of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. §§ 248(a)(1), 602, and 611a); Section 211.13(c) of Regulation K (12 C.F.R. § 211.13(c)); and Section 225.5(b) of Regulation Y (12 C.F.R. § 225.5(b)) and section 10(c)(2)(H) of the Home Owners' Loan Act. Return to the appropriate Federal Reserve Bank the original and the number of copies specified.

This report form is to be filed by all top-tier bank holding companies and top-tier savings and loan holding companies organized under U.S. law, and by any foreign banking organization that does not meet the requirements of and is not treated as a qualifying foreign banking organization under Section 211.23 of Regulation K (12 C.F.R. § 211.23). (See page one of the general instructions for more detail of who must file.) The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and an organization (or a person) is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

NOTE: The *Annual Report of Holding Companies* must be signed by one director of the top-tier holding company. This individual should also be a senior official of the top-tier holding company. In the event that the top-tier holding company does not have an individual who is a senior official and is also a director, the chairman of the board must sign the report.

Date of Report (top-tier holding company's fiscal year-end):

December 31, 2015

Month / Day / Year

549300ILTC50KHDX4A08

Reporter's Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) (20-Character LEI Code)

I, **David Melville, III**

Name of the Holding Company Director and Official

President and Chief Executive Officer

Title of the Holding Company Director and Official

Reporter's Name, Street, and Mailing Address

Business First Bancshares, Inc.

Legal Title of Holding Company

8440 Jefferson Hwy, Ste. 101

(Mailing Address of the Holding Company) Street / P.O. Box

Baton Rouge

LA

70809

City

State

Zip Code

attest that the *Annual Report of Holding Companies* (including the supporting attachments) for this report date has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the Federal Reserve System and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Physical Location (if different from mailing address)

With respect to information regarding individuals contained in this report, the Reporter certifies that it has the authority to provide this information to the Federal Reserve. The Reporter also certifies that it has the authority, on behalf of each individual, to consent or object to public release of information regarding that individual. The Federal Reserve may assume, in the absence of a request for confidential treatment submitted in accordance with the Board's "Rules Regarding Availability of Information," 12 C.F.R. Part 261, that the Reporter and individual consent to public release of all details in the report concerning that individual.

Person to whom questions about this report should be directed:

Terre Bidwell

SVP, Finance (Bank)

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Title

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Signature of Holding Company Director and Official

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Date of Signature

For holding companies not registered with the SEC—

Indicate status of Annual Report to Shareholders:

- is included with the FR Y-6 report
- will be sent under separate cover
- is not prepared

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Does the reporter request confidential treatment for any portion of this submission?

Yes Please identify the report items to which this request applies:

- In accordance with the instructions on pages GEN-2 and 3, a letter justifying the request is being provided.
- The information for which confidential treatment is sought is being submitted separately labeled "Confidential."

No

Attachment A

Results: A list of branches for your depository institution: **BUSINESS FIRST BANK (ID_RSSD: 3408728)**.
 This depository institution is held by **BUSINESS FIRST BANCSHARES, INC. (3488850)** of **BATON ROUGE, LA**.
 The data are as of **12/31/2015**. Data reflects information that was received and processed through **01/07/2016**.

Reconciliation and Verification Steps

1. In the **Data Action** column of each branch row, enter one or more of the actions specified below.
2. If required, enter the date in the **Effective Date** column.

Actions

- OK:** If the branch information is correct, enter "OK" in the **Data Action** column.
Change: If the branch information is incorrect or incomplete, revise the data, enter "Change" in the **Data Action** column and the date when this information first became valid in the **Effective Date** column.
Close: If a branch listed was sold or closed, enter "Close" in the **Data Action** column and the sale or closure date in the **Effective Date** column.
Delete: If a branch listed was never owned by this depository institution, enter "Delete" in the **Data Action** column.
Add: If a reportable branch is missing, insert a row, add the branch data, and enter "Add" in the **Data Action** column and the opening or acquisition date in the **Effective Date** column.

If printing this list, you may need to adjust your page setup in MS Excel. Try using landscape orientation, page scaling, and/or legal sized paper.

Submission Procedure

When you are finished, send a saved copy to your FRB contact. See the detailed instructions on this site for more information.
 If you are e-mailing this to your FRB contact, put your institution name, city and state in the subject line of the e-mail.

Note:

To satisfy the **FR Y-10 reporting requirements**, you must also submit FR Y-10 Domestic Branch Schedules for each branch with a **Data Action** of **Change, Close, Delete, or Add**.
 The FR Y-10 report may be submitted in a hardcopy format or via the FR Y-10 Online application - <https://y10online.federalreserve.gov>.

* FDIC UNINUM, Office Number, and ID_RSSD columns are for reference only. Verification of these values is not required.

Data Action	Effective Date	Branch Service Type	Branch ID_RSSD*	Popular Name	Street Address	City	State	Zip Code	County	Country	FDIC UNINUM*	Office Number*	Head Office	Head Office ID_RSSD*	Comments
OK		Full Service (Head Office)	3408728	BUSINESS FIRST BANK	8440 JEFFERSON HIGHWAY, SUITE 101	BATON ROUGE	LA	70809	EAST BATON ROUGE	UNITED STATES	443550		0	BUSINESS FIRST BANK	3408728
OK		Full Service	893538	COURSEY BOULEVARD BRANCH	11307 COURSEY BOULEVARD	BATON ROUGE	LA	70816	EAST BATON ROUGE	UNITED STATES	Not Required	Not Required		BUSINESS FIRST BANK	3408728
OK		Full Service	1958283	FLORIDA BOULEVARD BRANCH	4944 FLORIDA BLVD	BATON ROUGE	LA	70806	EAST BATON ROUGE	UNITED STATES	Not Required	Not Required		BUSINESS FIRST BANK	3408728
OK		Full Service	3319347	JEFFERSON HIGHWAY BRANCH	7880 JEFFERSON HWY	BATON ROUGE	LA	70809	EAST BATON ROUGE	UNITED STATES	Not Required	Not Required		BUSINESS FIRST BANK	3408728
OK		Full Service	2804752	PERKINS ROAD BRANCH	10725 PERKINS ROAD	BATON ROUGE	LA	70810	EAST BATON ROUGE	UNITED STATES	Not Required	Not Required		BUSINESS FIRST BANK	3408728
OK		Full Service	830832	BRUSLY BRANCH	729 S VAUGHN	BRUSLY	LA	70719	WEST BATON ROUGE	UNITED STATES	Not Required	Not Required		BUSINESS FIRST BANK	3408728
OK		Full Service	3730595	NORTH SHORE BANKING CENTER	1675 US HIGHWAY 190	COVINGTON	LA	70433	ST TAMMANY	UNITED STATES	471481		2	BUSINESS FIRST BANK	3408728
OK		Full Service	2909602	DENHAM SPRING BRANCH	31635 LA HWY 16	DENHAM SPRINGS	LA	70726	LIVINGSTON	UNITED STATES	Not Required	Not Required		BUSINESS FIRST BANK	3408728
OK		Full Service	2983399	ERWINVILLE BRANCH	4610 POYDRAS BAYOU ROAD	ERWINVILLE	LA	70729	WEST BATON ROUGE	UNITED STATES	Not Required	Not Required		BUSINESS FIRST BANK	3408728
OK		Full Service	2550004	GONZALES BRANCH	1821 WEST HIGHWAY 30	GONZALES	LA	70737	ASCENSION	UNITED STATES	Not Required	Not Required		BUSINESS FIRST BANK	3408728
OK		Full Service	4114231	LAFAYETTE BANKING CENTER	900 EAST ST. MARY BOULEVARD, SUITE 100	LAFAYETTE	LA	70503	LAFAYETTE	UNITED STATES	478478		3	BUSINESS FIRST BANK	3408728
OK		Full Service	4114240	LAKE CHARLES BANKING CENTER	928 RYAN STREET	LAKE CHARLES	LA	70601	CALCASIEU	UNITED STATES	492001		4	BUSINESS FIRST BANK	3408728
OK		Full Service	3288050	PORT ALLEN BRANCH	320 NORTH ALEXANDER AVENUE	PORT ALLEN	LA	70767	WEST BATON ROUGE	UNITED STATES	Not Required	Not Required		BUSINESS FIRST BANK	3408728
OK		Full Service	3587931	NORTHWEST LOUISIANA BANKING CENTER	800 SPRING STREET, SUITE 120	SHREVEPORT	LA	71101	CADDO	UNITED STATES	454678		1	BUSINESS FIRST BANK	3408728
OK		Full Service	4053929	ZACHARY BRANCH	1858 CHURCH STREET	ZACHARY	LA	70791	EAST BATON ROUGE	UNITED STATES	Not Required	Not Required		BUSINESS FIRST BANK	3408728
ADD	10/1/2015	Full Service		BAYOU REGION BANKING CENTER	435 CORPORATE DRIVE	HOUMA	LA	70360	TERREBONNE	UNITED STATES	Not Required	Not Required		BUSINESS FIRST BANK	3408728

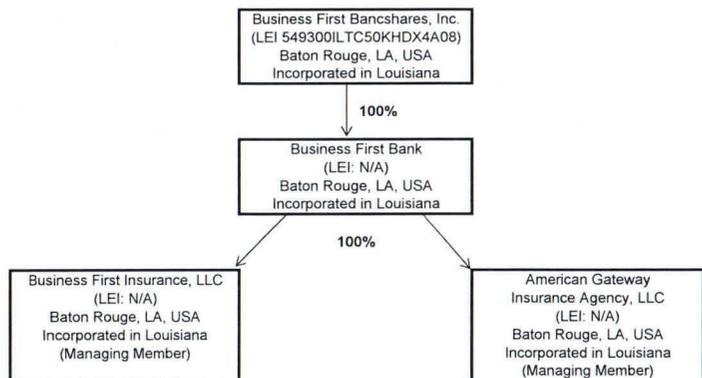


Business First Bancshares, Inc.
 8440 Jefferson Hwy
 Baton Rouge, LA 70809
 Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015

1: Annual Report to Shareholders

The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

2a: Organization Chart



2b: Domestic Branch Listing

See Attachment A

3(1): Securities Holders owning or controlling 5 percent or more voting shares of Business First Bancshares, Inc. at 12/31/15.

There were no shareholders of record that owned (directly or indirectly), controlled, or held the power to vote 5 percent or more of voting shares of Business First Bancshares, Inc. at 12/31/15.

3(2): Security Holders not listed in section 3(1) that owned or controlled 5 percent or more of any class of voting securities in Business First Bancshares, Inc. during 2015.

There were no shareholders that owned or controlled 5 percent or more of voting shares of Business First Bancshares, Inc. during 2015.

4: Insiders

(1) Name City, State, Country	(2) Principal Occupation if other than with Bank Holding Company	(3)(a) Title & Position with Bank Holding Company	(3)(b) Title & Position with Subsidiaries (Include names of subsidiaries)	(3)(c) Title & Position with Other Businesses (Include names of other businesses)	(4)(a) Percentage of Voting Shares in Bank Holding Company	(4)(b) Percentage of Voting Shares in Subsidiaries (Include names of subsidiaries)	(4)(c) List names of other companies (Includes partnerships) if 25% or more of voting securities are held (List names of companies and percentage of voting securities held)
Lloyd Alford Baton Rouge, LA, USA	Car Wash Owner	Director	Director Business First Bank	Owner - Benny's Car Wash	0.426%	None	Benny's Equipment and Supplies, Inc. (100%) Alford Properties, LLC (100%)
Steven Champney Baton Rouge, LA, USA	NA	Treasurer	Executive Vice President & CFO Business First Bank	None	0.569%	None	None
John Graves Baton Rouge, LA, USA	Engineer	Director	Director Business First Bank	President - Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc.	0.412%	None	JAG-Jeff Hwy, LLC (100%) JAG Greenscape, LLC (60%) Greenscape Holdings, LLC (25%)

4: Insiders (Continued)

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Robert Greer Baton Rouge, LA, USA	Retired	Director (Chairman)	Director Business First Bank	Director - Starmount Life Director / Chairman Elect - Woman's Hospital	0.050%	None	None
Paula J. Laird Baton Rouge, LA, USA	NA	Assistant Secretary	Executive Vice President Business First Bank	None	0.565%	None	None
David L. Laxton, III Baton Rouge, LA, USA	Retired	Director	Director Business First Bank	None	0.289%	None	None
Rolfe H. McCollister, Jr Baton Rouge, LA, USA	Publisher	Director	Director Business First Bank	CEO - Louisiana Business, Inc.	1.173%	None	Louisiana Business, Inc. (55.79%) J & R Real Estate, LLC (70%)
Andrew D. McLindon Baton Rouge, LA, USA	General Contractor	Director	Director Business First Bank	Manager - Mainspring Companies, LLC Manager - MBD Construction, LLC Manager - MBD Maintenance, LLC Manager - MBD Automation, LLC Manager - McLindon Development Group Manager - Four Real Estate Services, LLC Manager - Genlease, LLC Manager - HBP 6, LLC Manager - HBP 8, LLC Manager - ORH 3, LLC Manager - ORH 5, LLC Manager - Bromley Townhomes, LLC Manager - RHP 2, LLC Manager - McLindon Commerce, LLC Manager - Stromberg Townhomes, LLC Manager - Office @ River Highland	0.284%	None	Mainspring Companies, LLC (100%) MBD Construction, LLC (100%) MBD Maintenance, LLC (100%) MBD Automation, LLC (100%) McLindon Development Group (100%) Four Real Estate Services, LLC (100%) Genlease, LLC (100%) HBP 6, LLC (100%) HBP 8, LLC (100%) ORH 3, LLC (100%) ORH 5, LLC (100%) Bromley Townhomes, LLC (100%) RHP 2, LLC (100%) McLindon Commerce, LLC (100%) Stromberg Townhomes, LLC (100%) Office @ River Highland (87%)
David Melville, III Baton Rouge, LA, USA	N/A	President, CEO and Director	President, CEO and Director Business First Bank	Member - Gulf South Capital Partners	2.646%	None	Spring Street Holding Co. (50%)
Patrick E. Mockler Baton Rouge, LA, USA	President of Beverage Distributor	Director	Director Business First Bank	President - Mockler Beverage Co.	0.052%	None	Mockler Family, LLC (50%) Reiger Development, LLC (50%) N.O. Eagle Investments, LLC (50%) Four Guys and a Trailer, LLC (25%) POS Alpine Adventures, LLC (50%)
David Montgomery Bossier City, LA, USA	Insurance	Director	Director Business First Bank	Partner - Brothers Ventures, LLC VP / Partner - Montgomery Agency, Inc.	0.071%	None	Brothers Ventures, LLC (50%) Montgomery Agency, Inc. (50%)

4: Insiders (Continued)

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Arthur Price Lafayette, LA, USA	CFO of Oil Company	Director	Director Business First Bank	President / Owner / Manager - KIT Exploration, Inc. Manager / Managing Member - PEMP Investments, LLC CFO - Convexx Oil & Gas, Inc. Manager / Managing Member - Badger Energy, LLC VP / CFO - Badger Oil Corporation Treasurer / Director - Badger Excellence in Education Foundation President / Director - Krewe of Carnivale en Rio Treasurer / Director - Southern Oilmen's Tennis Tournament Member / Director - Louisiana Oil & Gas Association Director - LA Association of Business & Industry	0.142%	None	KIT Exploration, Inc. (100%) PEMP Investments, LLC (25%)
Heather Roemer Baton Rouge, LA, USA	NA	Secretary	VP, Corporate Affairs Business First Bank	None	0.018%	None	None
Fayez K. Shamieh, MD Lake Charles, LA, USA	Neurologist	Director	Director Business First Bank	President - Fayez K. Shamieh Medical Corporation	0.330%	None	Fayez K. Shamieh Medical Corp. (100%)
Stewart Slack Dallas, TX, USA	Real Estate Developer	Director	Director Business First Bank	Partner - Slack Alost Development Partner / Manager - Bel Sole Rental Company	0.142%	None	Slack Alost Development (50%)
Kenneth Smith Houma, LA, USA	Engineer	Director	Director Business First Bank	President / CEO / Owner - T. Baker Smith, LLC Member - Four C's of Houma, LLC Manager - TBS Holdings, LLC Manager - Mega Beast, LLC	0.526%	None	T. Baker Smith, LLC (100%) Four C's of Houma, LLC (50%) Mega Beast, LLC (50%)
Thomas Everett Stewart Baton Rouge, LA, USA	Retired	Director	Director Business First Bank	None	1.812%	None	Rose Nails (50%)
Steve White Shreveport, LA, USA	Business Manager	Director	Director Business First Bank	Managing Partner - ROBCO Fossil Fuels Managing Partner - ROISO Energy, LLC Partner - Steven's Energy, LLC	0.708%	None	ROBCO Fossil Fuels (34%) ROISO Energy, LLC (40%) Steven's Energy, LLC (60%)
Robert Yarborough Baton Rouge, LA, USA	Packaging Company Owner	Director	Director Business First Bank	CEO - Manda Packing Co., LLC Partner - 3M Management Co., LLC	0.426%	None	Manda Packing Co., LLC (33.33%) 3M Management Co., LLC (33.33%)