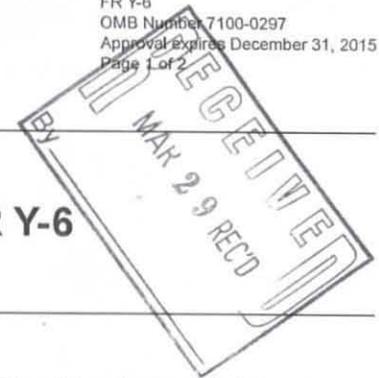


Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System



Annual Report of Holding Companies—FR Y-6



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, 2012

Month / Day / Year

I, **David Melville**

Reporter's Name, Street, and Mailing Address

Business First Bancshares, Inc.

Name of the Holding Company Director and Official

President and Chief Executive Officer

Legal Title of Holding Company

8440 Jefferson Hwy, Ste. 101

Title of the Holding Company Director and Official

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

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.

Baton Rouge

LA

70809

City

State

Zip Code

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:

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Controller (Bank)

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Title

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Address (URL) for the Holding Company's web page

Signature of Holding Company Director and Official

[Handwritten Signature]
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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
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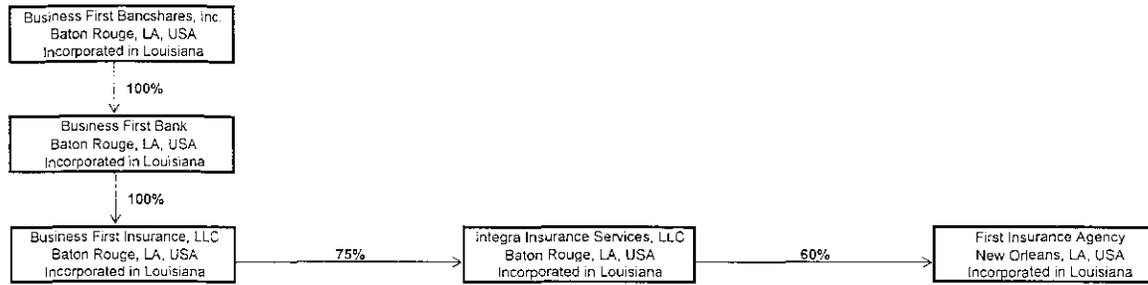
Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to vary from 1.3 to 101 hours per response, with an average of 5.25 hours per response, including time to gather and maintain data in the required form and to review instructions and complete the information collection. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, DC 20551, and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (7100-0297), Washington, DC 20503.

Business First Bancshares, Inc.
 8440 Jefferson Hwy
 Baton Rouge, LA 70809
 Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2012

1: Annual Report to Shareholders

The Annual Audited Report to the Shareholders (along with a clipped copy) is included.

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 12/31/12.

There are 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 12/31/12.

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 2012.

There were no shareholders that owned or controlled 5 percent or more of voting shares of Business First Bancshares, Inc. during 2012.

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 | 0.565% | 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 | None | None | None |
| Sue Anne Kleinpeter Cox Baton Rouge, LA, USA | CFO of Dairy Farm | Director | Director Business First Bank | Owner / CFO / Director - Kleinpeter Farms Dairy, LLC Manager / Partner - DBK, LLC | 1.500% | None | Kleinpeter Farms Dairy, LLC (50%) DBK, LLC (50%) |

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 BANK: ARES: NC: 2483850 of BATON ROUGE, LA. The data are as of 02/25/2022. Data reflects information that was received and processed through 02/24/2023.

- 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 line 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 line 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, pages via 1 in, and/or larger sized paper.

Submission Procedure

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

Notes:

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://fdonline.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 | 70859 | EAST BATON ROUGE | UN, FED STATES | 443550 | 0 | BUSINESS FIRST BANK | 3408728 | | | |
| OK | | Full Service | 414231 | LAFAYETTE BANKING CENTER | 900 EAST ST. MARY BOULEVARD, SUITE 100 | LAFAYETTE | LA | 70503 | LAFAYETTE | UN, FED STATES | 478478 | 3 | BUSINESS FIRST BANK | 3408728 | | | |
| OK | | Full Service | 414260 | LAKE CHARLES BANKING CENTER | 928 RYAN STREET | LAKE CHARLES | LA | 70501 | CALCASEU | UN, FED STATES | 492001 | 4 | BUSINESS FIRST BANK | 3408728 | | | |
| Change | 7/7/2023 | Full Service | 3780929 | NORTH SP-ONE BANKING CENTER | 1625 U.S. HWY 190 | COVINGTON | LA | 70433 | ST TAMMANY | UN, FED STATES | 471484 | 2 | BUSINESS FIRST BANK | 3408728 | | | |
| OK | | Full Service | 3781931 | NORTHWEST LOUISIANA BANKING CENTER | 800 SPRING STREET, SUITE 110 | MONROE | LA | 71101 | CADDO | UN, FED STATES | 454678 | 1 | BUSINESS FIRST BANK | 3408728 | | | |

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|--|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| John M. Engquist Baton Rouge, LA, USA | Equipment Sales / Services | Director | Director Business First Bank | President / CEO / Director - H&E Equipment Services, Inc. Member - T&J Partnership Member - Gulf Wide Aviation, LLC Member - Old Towne Development Manager - Engquist Level Development | 1.797% | None | T&J Partnership (50%) Gulf Wide Aviation, LLC (62.5%) Perkins-McKenzie Insurance Agency (31.25%) BC Equipment (50%) Old Towne Development (50%) Engquist Level Development (100%) |
| John Graves Baton Rouge, LA, USA | Engineer | Director | Director Business First Bank | President - Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc. | 0.546% | None | Fortress of New Orleans, LLC (100%) JAG-Jeff Hwy, LLC (100%) JAG Greenscape, LLC (60%) Greenscape Holdings, LLC (25%) |
| Robert Greer Baton Rouge, LA, USA | Insurance Executive | Director (Chairman) | Director Business First Bank | President / CEO / Director - LEMIC Insurance Company Director - Starmount Life Direct / Chairman Elect - Woman's Hospital Director - City Club | None | None | None |
| Sonya Jarvis Baton Rouge, LA, USA | NA | Secretary | Risk Officer Business First Bank | None | None | None | None |
| Paula J. Laird Baton Rouge, LA, USA | NA | Assistant Secretary | Executive Vice President Business First Bank | None | None | None | None |
| Rolfe H. McCollister, Jr Baton Rouge, LA, USA | Publisher | Director | Director Business First Bank | CEO - Louisiana Business, Inc. | 1.012% | None | Louisiana Business, Inc. (55.79%) Overflow Enterprises, LLC (50%) 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 - 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 | 0.377% | 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 Baton Rouge, LA, USA | N/A | President, CEO and Director | President, CEO and Director Business First Bank | Member - Gulf South Capital Partners | 3.518% | None | Gulf South Capital Partners (25%) 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. | 0.068% | None | Mockler Family, LLC (33%) Reiger Development, LLC (50%) N O Eagle Investments, LLC (50%) Four Guys and a Trailer, LLC (25%) POS Alpine Adventures, LLC (50%) |

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| David Montgomery Bossier City, LA, USA | Insurance | Director | Director Business First Bank | Partner - Brothers Ventures, LLC VP / Partner - Montgomery Agency, Inc. | 0.094% | None | Brothers Ventures, LLC (50%) Montgomery Agency, Inc. (50%) |
| Nanette Noland Baton Rouge, LA, USA | Public Relations & Marketing | Director | Director Business First Bank | CEO - The Powell Group, LLC Member / Director - Pennington Biomedical Research Foundation Chair / Director - St. James Place Member / Director - Research Park Corporation Member / Director - The Lacassance Company, Inc. Manager - Noland Corpus Christi, LLC Manager - B.H. Mitigation, LLC Manager - Cherry Ridge Land Company, Inc. Managing Member - Fish Out of Water, LLC Managing Member - Two Fish Out of Water, LLC CEO - Powell Export Company, Inc. Managing Member - Texas Tea II, LLC Managing Member - Three Texas Tea, LLC Managing Member - Noland Nashville, LLC | 2.338% | None | The Powell Group, LLC (75%) Noland Corpus Christi, LLC (90%) Fish Out of Water, LLC (36.36%) Two Fish Out of Water, LLC (33.33%) Powell Export Company, Inc. (75%) Texas Tea II, LLC (33%) Noland Nashville, LLC (100%) |
| Arthur Price Lafayette, LA, USA | VP 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 Treasurer / 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 | None | None | KIT Exploration, Inc. (100%) PEMP Investments, LLC (25%) |
| Fayez K. Shamiéh, MD Lake Charles, LA, USA | Neurologist | Director | Director Business First Bank | President - Neuro Associates | 0.249% | None | None |
| Stewart Slack Dallas, TX, USA | Real Estate Developer | Director | Director Business First Bank | Partner - Slack Alost Development Partner / Manager - Bel Sole Rental Company | 0.188% | None | Slack Alost Development (50%) |

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| 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 | 0.377% | None | T. Baker Smith, LLC (100%) Four C's of Houma, LLC (50%) |
| Thomas Everett Stewart Baton Rouge, LA, USA | Retired | Director | Director Business First Bank | Director - Goavto, LLC | 1.953% | None | Canterbury Nails LSPA, LLC (50%) Lulie's On Cahaba, LLC (99%) Rose Nails (50%) |
| Aubrey Temple DeRidder, LA, USA | Real Estate Investor | Director | Director Business First Bank | Member - Phoenix Hat, LLC President - Temptan, Inc. Member - Temple Holdings, LLC Member - BAM Holdings, LLC Manager / Member - ALDA Holdings, LLC Manager / Member - WALT, LLC Manager / Member - T-Pax, LLC President - M.T. and Co., Inc. Manager / Member - Holiday Trailer Park, LLC President - Southern Underwriters, Inc. Manager / Member - DTBR Investments, LLC Manager / Member - South Commerce Development, LLC Member - Macarthur Venture 78 | 0.377% | None | Phoenix Hat, LLC (40%) Temptan, Inc. (40%) Temple Holdings, LLC (100%) BAM Holdings, LLC (50%) ALDA Holdings, LLC (50%) WALT, LLC (100%) T-Pax, LLC (50%) Lincare, Inc. (40%) L.B.T. Labor, Inc. (100%) M.T. and Co., Inc. (100%) Holiday Trailer Park, LLC (51%) Southern Underwriters, Inc. (100%) DTBR Investments, LLC (50%) South Commerce Development, LLC (25%) |
| Steve White Shreveport, LA, USA | Business Manager | Director | Director Business First Bank | Managing Partner - ROBCO Fossil Fuels | None | None | ROBCO Fossil Fuels (34%) |
| Robert Yarborough Baton Rouge, LA, USA | Packaging Company Owner | Director | Director Business First Bank | CEO - Manda Packing Co., LLC Partner - 3M Management Co., LLC | 0.565% | None | Manda Packing Co., LLC (33.33%) 3M Management Co., LLC (33.33%) |