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FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF THE GULF COAST ANNOUNCES THE RESULTS OF 2011 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

NAPLES, FL. May 10 – First National Bank of the Gulf Coast, an independent community bank serving the banking needs of individuals and business owners throughout Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties, announced the results of its 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on Monday, May 9, 2011, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort.

By a vast majority, shareholders reelected the following directors: Jim Lindsay, Ed Mace, Don Major, Tom O’Reilly, Cal Pratt, Joe Smallwood, Gary Tice, Scott Weidle and Tim Zellers. Each of them will serve a three-year term, expiring at the 2014 annual meeting.

Shareholders also elected Chris Casciato, managing director of Lightyear Capital, as a Class III director and Adam Compton, head of the financial services sector with GMT Capital Corporation, as a Class I director. Lightyear and GMT were lead investors in the previously announced private placement of approximately \$148 million in committed capital. The bank closed on its initial draw of \$40 million in capital on April 29, 2011.

Also during the meeting, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Gary L. Tice along with members of the bank’s senior leadership team provided a progress and strategic initiatives report on First National Bank of the Gulf Coast, which opened in October 2009. Tice stated that the bank is experiencing solid growth and is gaining positive recognition in the communities it serves. As of March 31, 2011, total assets were \$329.4 million and total deposits relationships were \$302.4 million. At the same time, the bank has maintained exceptional credit quality.

“First National Bank of the Gulf Coast has been successful in navigating through the current economic environment and with the recent capital infusion is now poised to gain

additional market share,” Tice said. “Our goal is to establish First National Bank of the Gulf Coast as the premiere financial services company in Southwest Florida.”

Following the presentation, Tice announced that the bank’s Board of Directors had voted unanimously to recognize long-time community philanthropist Arlene Nichols by renaming the community board room in the bank’s Anchor Rode Drive office in her honor. Nichols, who passed away earlier this year, was a founder in First National Bank of the Gulf Coast. Through the years, she generously gave of her time and talents to numerous local community organizations.

Tice also recognized two former board members Paulette Kempfer and John Kimbell and named each as an honorary director. Kempfer and Kimbell contributed greatly to the success of First National Bank of the Gulf Coast and are retiring to pursue other interests.

Headquartered in Naples, First National Bank of the Gulf Coast currently has three full-service offices. For additional information, contact First National Bank of the Gulf Coast in Naples at 239-348-8000 or in Lehigh Acres at 239-303-7310. The toll-free number is 1-877-763-0244. Information, including a copy of the script from the annual meeting of shareholders, also may be obtained by visiting the bank online at [.fnbofgc.com](http://fnbofgc.com).

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