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**FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF THE GULF COAST ANNOUNCES THE
RESULTS OF 2012 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

NAPLES, FL. April 25 – First National Bank of the Gulf Coast, an independent community bank serving the banking needs of individuals and business owners in Southwest Florida, announced the results of its 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on Monday, April 23, 2012, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.

By a vast majority, shareholders reelected the following directors: Christopher C. Casciato, Michael J. Kerschner, Dianne Gillmor Krumsee, John McWilliams, Judy Miller, J. Nathan Stout and Gary L. Tice. Each will serve until the 2015 annual meeting.

Also during the meeting, Chairman and CEO Gary L. Tice along with members of the bank’s senior executive management provided a progress report on First National Bank of the Gulf Coast and the state of the banking industry. Tice said 2011 was a year of meeting and exceeding expectations for the bank. As of December 31, 2011, total assets were \$396 million, an increase of approximately \$97 million from year end 2010. The bank also completed a successful private placement and rights offering to shareholders.

“We are very proud of the growth that the bank has achieved, particularly the quality of our loan growth,” Tice said. “First National Bank of the Gulf Coast is positioned solidly in its primary markets and has the infrastructure, technology and experience in place to successfully expand into other strategic markets along the West Coast of Florida.”

Following the presentation, Tice recognized former board member Dr. George Kidd Jr. who was named as an honorary director. Kidd is President Emeritus and a Professor of Economics at Tiffin University. He was a founding director of Panther Community Bank, with whom First National Bank of the Gulf Coast merged in 2009, and played a vital role in strategic planning and served on the Audit Committee and Investment Committee.

Headquartered in Naples, First National Bank of the Gulf Coast currently has two full-service offices. For additional information, call 239-348-8000 or toll-free number at 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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