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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF FIRST WEST VIRGINIA BANCORP, INC.

Wheeling, West Virginia
April 15, 2016

TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS:

Please take notice that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of First West Virginia Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company"), a West Virginia corporation, will be held at the Corporate Office of Progressive Bank, N.A., 590 National Road, Wheeling, West Virginia, at 4:00 p.m., on May 10, 2016. The close of business on March 23, 2016 has been fixed as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

While the Board of Directors sincerely hopes that all of you will attend the meeting, we nevertheless urge you to COMPLETE, DATE, SIGN AND RETURN THE PROXY CARD, ENCLOSED, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. A self-addressed stamped envelope is provided for that purpose. You should return the proxy whether or not you plan to attend the meeting in person. If you do attend the meeting, you may revoke the proxy and vote in person if you so desire.

The purposes of the Annual Meeting are as follows:

1. To elect eleven (11) directors to the Company's Board of Directors to serve until the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
2. To ratify the selection of BKD, LLP as the Company's independent public accounting firm for the year ended December 31, 2016.
3. To transact such other business as may lawfully be brought before the meeting.

You are urged to read the accompanying Proxy Statement carefully, as it contains detailed information regarding the nominees for directors of the Company and the independent public accounting firm of the Company.

By order of the Board of Directors.

Deborah A. Kloeppner

DEBORAH A. KLOEPPNER
Secretary

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 10, 2016

This proxy statement, along with our Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, are available free of charge on the following website: www.edocumentview.com/FWVB.

FIRST WEST VIRGINIA BANCORP, INC.
1701 Warwood Avenue, Wheeling, West Virginia 26003

PROXY STATEMENT
For Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be Held May 10, 2016

This proxy statement is furnished to the shareholders of First West Virginia Bancorp, Inc., (the "Company"), in connection with the solicitation of proxies for use at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held May 10, 2016, beginning at 4:00 p.m., and at all adjournments thereof, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The meeting will be held at the Corporate Office of Progressive Bank, N.A., 590 National Road, Wheeling, West Virginia. This proxy statement and the enclosed form of proxy are first being mailed to shareholders on or about April 15, 2016.

Whether or not you expect to be personally present at the meeting, you are requested to fill in, sign, date and return the enclosed form of proxy. A proxy may be revoked at any time before it is voted at the meeting by executing a later dated proxy or by voting in person at the meeting, or by filing a written revocation with the judges of election. All shares represented by duly executed proxies in the accompanying form will be voted unless revoked prior to the voting thereof.

The presence, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the shareholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting is necessary to constitute a quorum. Abstentions and broker "non-votes" are counted as present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining a quorum. A broker "non-vote" occurs when a nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the nominee does not have discretionary voting power for that particular item and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner.

The close of business on March 23, 2016 has been fixed as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. As of the record date, there were outstanding and entitled to be voted at such meeting 1,728,730 shares of common stock less 10,000 shares held in treasury. The holders of the common stock will be entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held of record on the record date. In the election for directors votes may be cumulated if a shareholder requests cumulative voting for directors at least 48 hours before the meeting. Please see **Voting and Election of Directors – Cumulative Voting**, below.

Owners of common stock in street name may receive a notice from their broker or bank stating that only one proxy statement will be delivered to multiple security holders sharing an address. This practice, known as "householding," is designed to reduce printing and postage costs. If any shareholder residing at such an address wishes to receive a separate proxy statement, he or she may contact Deborah A. Kloeppner, Secretary, First West Virginia Bancorp, Inc., 1701 Warwood Avenue, Wheeling, West Virginia 26003, or by telephone at (304) 218-2421, or by e-mail at dkloeppner@progbank.com. In addition, shareholders who receive multiple copies of the proxy statement at the same address may also contact Deborah A. Kloeppner to request that a single copy of the proxy statement be sent in the future.

A copy of the Company's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 accompanies this proxy statement.

The solicitation of this proxy is made by the Board of Directors of the Company. The solicitation will be by mail and the expense thereof will be paid by the Company. In addition, solicitation of proxies may be made by telephone or other means by directors, officers or regular employees of the Company.

Voting

Voting at the Annual Meeting

The method by which you vote now will in no way limit your right to vote at the Annual Meeting if you later decide to attend in person. If your shares are held in the name of a bank, broker or other holder of record, you must obtain a proxy, executed in your favor, from the holder of record to be able to vote at the Meeting.

All shares that have been properly voted and not revoked will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with your instructions. If you sign your proxy card but do not give voting instructions, the shares represented by that proxy will be voted as recommended by the Board of Directors.

Voting on Other Matters

If any other matters are properly presented at the Annual Meeting for consideration, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy intend to exercise their discretionary authority in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations to vote on those matters for you. As of the date this proxy statement went to press, we did not know of any other matter to be raised at the Annual Meeting.

Required Vote

A plurality of the votes cast is required for the election of directors. Abstentions and broker "non-votes" will be disregarded and will have no effect on the outcome of the vote for the election of directors.

Shares represented by proxies which are marked "withhold authority" with respect to the election of any one or more nominees for election as directors and proxies which are marked to deny discretionary authority on other matters will be counted for the purpose of determining the number of shares represented by proxy at the meeting. Such proxies will thus have the same effect as if the shares represented thereby were voted against such nominee or nominees or against such other matters. If a broker indicates on a proxy that the broker does not have discretionary authority as to certain shares to vote on a particular matter, those shares will not be considered as present and entitled to vote with respect to that matter.

Election of Directors - Cumulative Voting

In the election for directors every shareholder entitled to vote shall have the right to vote, in person or by proxy, the number of shares owned by him or her for as many persons as there are directors to be elected and for whose election he or she has a right to vote, or to cumulate his or her votes by giving one candidate as many votes as the number of such directors multiplied by the number of his or her shares shall equal, or by distributing such votes on the same principal among any number of such candidates. Such rights may be exercised by a clear indication of the shareholder's intent on the form of proxy. Under applicable law, there are no dissenter's rights of appraisal as to the election of directors.

At our 2016 Annual Meeting, the total number of directors to be elected is eleven (11) with terms to expire at the 2017 annual meeting. Each shareholder has the right to cast eleven (11) votes for each share of stock held on the record date for purposes of cumulative voting for the election of directors.

If cumulative voting is invoked by any shareholder, the vote represented by the proxies delivered pursuant to this solicitation, which do not contain contrary instructions, may be cumulated at the

discretion of the Board of Directors of First West Virginia Bancorp, Inc. in order to elect to the Board of Directors the maximum nominees named in this proxy statement.

Voting on Other Business

For purposes of ratification of BKD, LLP as the Company's independent public accounting firm for the year ended December 31, 2016, an affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on this proposal is required. Under applicable law, there are no dissenter's rights of appraisal as to this item. In determining whether the proposal has received the requisite number of affirmative votes, abstentions and broker "non-votes" will be disregarded and will have no effect on the outcome of the vote.

Item 1 - Election of Eleven (11) Directors

The first proposal to be voted upon is the election of the following eleven (11) directors, each of whom were recommended by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company:

Jonathan A. Bedway
Nada E. Beneke
Dr. Clyde D. Campbell
Rosalie J. Dlesk
Robert J. Fitzsimmons
Joseph M. Menendez
R. Clark Morton
Roberta Robinson Olejasz
William G. Petroplus
Thomas L. Sable
Brian L. Schambach

All of the nominees are directors standing for re-election. Each of these nominees will be elected to serve a one-year term and will be subject to re-election at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

Should any one or more of the nominees be unable or unwilling to serve (which is not expected), the proxies (except proxies marked to the contrary) will be voted for such other person or persons as the Board of Directors of the Company may recommend.

The persons named in the enclosed proxy intend to vote the proxy for the election of each of the eleven (11) nominees, unless you indicate on the proxy card that your vote should be withheld from any or all of such nominees.

THIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT SHAREHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING ELEVEN (11) NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTORS TERMS TO EXPIRE AT THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING	INITIAL ELECTION TO BOARD
JONATHAN A. BEDWAY (50) - President of Bedway Development Corporation; President of Double J Real Estate, LLC; President of Bedway Group, Inc.; President of Bedway Realty; President of Bedway Land & Minerals; Director of Progressive Bank, N.A.	**2014**
NADA E. BENEKE (60) - Sanitarian, Ohio County Health Department; Director of Progressive Bank, N.A.	**2001**

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTORS TERMS TO EXPIRE AT THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING	INITIAL ELECTION TO BOARD
DR. CLYDE D. CAMPBELL (86) - Retired; Former President of West Liberty State College and former Interim President of Jefferson Community College; Director of Progressive Bank, N.A.	**2014**
ROSALIE J. DLESK (78) – Owner of Dlesk Realty and Investment Company; President of Dlesk, Inc.; President of Ohio Valley Carpeting, Inc.; Director of Progressive Bank, N.A.	**2013**
ROBERT J. FITZSIMMONS (37) - Attorney-at-Law, Member of Fitzsimmons Law Firm PLLC; Member of RCK 1 Group LLC and RCK 2 Group; Member of BOT LLC; Director of Progressive Bank, N.A.	**2014**
JOSEPH M. MENENDEZ (42) - Chief Financial Officer and member of DM Hydraulic & Industrial Services, LLC; Chief Financial Officer and member of Greasy Lake, LLC; Certified Public Accountant; Director of Progressive Bank, N.A.	**2014**
R. CLARK MORTON (87) - Attorney-at-Law, Retired Partner, Herndon, Morton, Herndon & Yaeger; Chairman of the Board and Director of Progressive Bank, N.A.	**1965**
ROBERTA ROBINSON OLEJASZ (44) - Dealer Operator and Finance Manager of Bob Robinson Chevrolet-Buick-GMC-Cadillac Inc.; Director of Progressive Bank, N.A.	**2014**
WILLIAM G. PETROPLUS (68) – President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company; President and Chief Executive Officer of Progressive Bank, N.A.; Attorney-at-Law, Member/Partner, Petroplus & Gaudino; Member of GWP Realty, LLC; Director of Progressive Bank, N.A.	**1998**
THOMAS L. SABLE (58) - Managing Partner, Summit Atlantic Group, LLC; Auditor/Clerk-Treasurer, Village of Bellaire, Ohio; Director of Progressive Bank, N.A.	**2005**
BRIAN L. SCHAMBACH (58) - President of BlueChem Chemical; District Account Manager for Chemetell Corporation; Director of Progressive Bank, N.A.	**2014**

Director Qualifications and Review of Director Nominees

In connection with the director nominations for the 2016 Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee considered the nominee's roles in identifying and understanding the Company's risks and overseeing the Company's compliance with its risk management program. These considerations were in addition to the qualifications, skills and attributes described below that are considered by the Nominating Committee in selecting nominees for the Board of Directors.

Each nominee brings a strong and unique background and set of skills to the Board providing the Board as a whole competence and experience in a wide variety of areas including, banking, finance, accounting, legal, corporate governance, and executive management. Set forth below are the specific experience, qualifications, skills, and attributes considered by the Board in concluding that the nominees are qualified to serve as directors of the Company:

Nominees:

Jonathan A. Bedway, age 50, has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company since 2014.

Mr. Bedway's 26 years of experience as the owner of a successful construction and development company and his experience and knowledge of the local and regional commercial real estate market will be beneficial to the Company in reviewing and attracting commercial loans.

Mr. Bedway is the founder and President of Bedway Development Corporation, a commercial construction contractor and a commercial real estate developer. Mr. Bedway also is the President of Double J Real Estate, LLC, President of Bedway Group, Inc., and President of Bedway Realty. Mr. Bedway serves on the Board of Wheeling Country Day School where he is the President of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Bedway is a graduate of The Linsly School and West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Nada E. Beneke, age 60, has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company since 2001 and currently serves as a member of the Nominating and Audit Committees. She also serves as a director of Progressive Bank, N.A., a subsidiary bank of the Company.

Ms. Beneke's background has proven beneficial in board discussions and decisions impacting the development and implementation of our Pandemic Response Plan. Ms. Beneke is a certified trainer by the Mine Safety and Health Association and enforces all local, county and state public health regulations and codes. She brings an inquisitive perspective to the board and injects probing questions that invoke further discussion and evaluation of our options.

Ms. Beneke is a Sanitarian Supervisor for the Ohio County Health Department in Wheeling, West Virginia. Ms. Beneke received her undergraduate and master's degrees from West Virginia University.

Dr. Clyde D. Campbell, age 86, has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company since 2014 and currently serves as a director of Progressive Bank, N.A., a subsidiary bank of the Company.

Dr. Campbell brings a strong sense of executive management and leadership to the Board. Dr. Campbell has served as a director of Progressive Bank, N.A. for 29 years and has served as a professor and an administrator in higher education for approximately 30 years. Dr. Campbell has experience in management of multi-million dollar annual budgets.

Dr. Campbell was a professor of chemistry at West Liberty State College and also served as the Chairman of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. He also taught as an adjunct professor of chemistry at Bethany College and West Virginia Northern Community College. Dr. Campbell also served in other administrative positions at West Liberty State College including Associate Academic Dean, Director of the School of Health Professions, Dean of Administration and Academic Dean before becoming the President of West Liberty State College, a position that he held for 11 years. Dr. Campbell also served as the Interim President of Jefferson Community College in Steubenville, Ohio. Dr. Campbell retired in 1995.

Dr. Campbell is on numerous boards and was the President of the Ohio County Board of Education and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ohio County Heart Association.

Dr. Campbell obtained both a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and Mathematics from West Liberty State College, a Masters degree in Biological/Organic Chemistry from North Carolina State University and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Biological/Organic Chemistry from West Virginia University.

Rosalie J. Dlesk**,** age 78, has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company since December 2013. Mrs. Dlesk also operates Dlesk Realty and Investment Company as a sole proprietor, serves as President of Dlesk, Inc. and serves as President of Ohio Valley Carpeting, Inc.

Robert J. Fitzsimmons, age 37, has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company since 2014.

Mr. Fitzsimmons brings to our Board relevant experience with regulatory compliance and economic development issues facing the banking industry and the State of West Virginia.

Mr. Fitzsimmons is a member of the Fitzsimmons Law Firm PLLC, where he maintains a general litigation practice. Mr. Fitzsimmons is a former West Virginia State Senator and served on the following committees: Vice Chair of Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; Government Organization; Transportation and Infrastructure; Labor; Military and Enrolled Bills. Mr. Fitzsimmons is also a member of RCK 1 Group LLC which operates talk radio stations AM 1600 WKKX, Wheeling, West Virginia and AM 1370 WVLY, Moundsville, West Virginia. Mr. Fitzsimmons is also a member of RCK 2 Group LLC and BOT LLC which own and manage commercial real estate.

Mr. Fitzsimmons received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis and his Doctor of Law degree from Wake Forest University.

Joseph M. Menendez, age 42, has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company since 2014, and serves as a member of our Audit Committee. He also currently serves as a director of Progressive Bank, N.A., a subsidiary bank of the Company.

Mr. Menendez brings to our Board relevant experience with accounting and reporting issues. Mr. Menendez's familiarity with the importance of compliance regarding financial reporting, taxation, auditing and implementation of internal controls provide for a sound background for serving on the Board of Directors.

Mr. Menendez is the Chief Financial Officer and member of DM Hydraulic & Industrial Services, LLC, a hydraulic repair company. He also is the Chief Financial Officer and member of Greasy Lake, LLC, a real estate holding company.

Mr. Menendez previously served as the Chief Financial Officer from 2013-2014 and the Controller from 2007-2013 of Tecnocap LLC, an international manufacturing company. Mr. Menendez is a certified public accountant and worked at S.R. Snodgrass, A.C. until August 2007. Mr. Menendez is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a member of the West Virginia Society of CPA's.

Mr. Menendez obtained a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Professional Accountancy degree from West Virginia University.

R. Clark Morton**,** age 87 has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company since 1965 and is currently serving as a member of the Audit Committee and the Corporate Governance/Human Resource Compensation Committee. He also currently serves as the Chairman of Progressive Bank, N.A., a subsidiary bank of the Company.

Mr. Morton's long tenure with the Company provides continuity in the leadership and strategic initiatives and goals of the Company. He also assists in the compliance with corporate governance standards and regulatory issues. His expertise in taxation also provides guidance to the board.

Prior to his retirement in 1995, Mr. Morton was a partner in the law firm of Herndon Morton Herndon and Yaeger and specialized in tax law, corporate law, probate law, estate and trust planning and business law. Before private law practice, Mr. Morton was an attorney for the U.S. Treasury Department Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Morton received his undergraduate degree from West Liberty State College and his degree in law from Georgetown University. Mr. Morton's leadership and service to the Wheeling area is reflected by his involvement in a local community board and foundation.

Roberta Robinson Olejasz, age 44, has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company since 2014.

Ms. Olejasz brings a strong sense of executive management and leadership to the Board. In addition, Ms. Olejasz's experience as the dealer operator of Bob Robinson Chevrolet-Buick-GMC-Cadillac Inc. equips her to understand and guide management decisions and actions relating to planning, risk management, marketing and capital management.

Ms. Olejasz has been the dealer operator of Bob Robinson Chevrolet-Buick-GMC-Cadillac Inc. since 2005 and also serves as the finance manager of the dealership. Ms. Olejasz is a director and the Secretary/Treasurer of the West Virginia Automobile and Truck Dealers Association, a member of the visiting committee of the West Virginia University College of Business and Economics, and a board member of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Olejasz received a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Masters of Business Administration from West Virginia University.

William G. Petroplus, age 68, has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company since 1998. Prior to his appointment as President and Chief Executive Officer, he was appointed as the Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and Progressive Bank, N.A., on December 21, 2013. Mr. Petroplus had previously served as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and as a member of the Corporate Governance/Human Resource Compensation Committee prior to his appointment as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. He also serves as a director of Progressive Bank, N.A., a subsidiary bank of the Company, and has been a director of Progressive Bank since 1986.

Mr. Petroplus's expertise in laws and regulations, that pertain to, but are not limited to real estate law, commercial lending, corporate law and fiduciary matters, contribute insight to the board on such matters.

Mr. Petroplus has over 40 years' experience as an attorney. He has been with the law firm, Petroplus & Gaudino, PLLC since 1999. His legal background and training provide him with an excellent framework within which to offer advice and counsel in a highly regulated banking industry. He also is the sole member of GWP Realty LLC, a real estate investment and rental limited liability company. Mr. Petroplus is a graduate of West Virginia University and the West Virginia University College of Law.

Thomas L. Sable, age 58, has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company since 2005 and serves as a member of our Audit Committee. He has also served as a director of Progressive Bank, N.A., a subsidiary bank of the Company.

Mr. Sable, as a self-employed businessman, contributes to assessments of the impacts of our board decisions on our customers, employees, and community reputation. He brings to the board an entrepreneur perspective, which joined with his banking and governmental expertise, provides ongoing insight into attracting and servicing our customer base.

Mr. Sable is the owner and managing partner of Summit Atlantic Group, LLC, which is the parent company to Myrtle Beach Tanning, a retail tanning salon service. He has held the position of the Auditor/Clerk-Treasurer for the Village of Bellaire, Ohio for the past decade and also currently serves on their Public Records Commission. He previously served as their City Auditor. He was the owner/operator of Bellaire Hardware & Equipment Rentals for 23 years. In 1982, he served on the City of Bellaire Neighborhood Development Corporation as a Rehabilitation Grant Specialist for a two-year period. Mr. Sable was employed by Farmers & Merchants National Bank for six years beginning in 1976 and gained valuable experience engaged as a loan officer, security officer, and other departmental positions.

Brian L. Schambach, age 58, has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company since 2014.

Mr. Schambach brings to the Board his business, budget, fiduciary duty and marketing experience and his management and leadership skills as the president of a chemical company and the district account manager of a company that serves customers throughout the United States and Canada.

Mr. Schambach is the President of BlueChem Chemical, a company that manufactures and distributes process chemicals to the metal industry. Mr. Shambach is also the District Account Manager for Chemetell Corporation and responsible for direct sales to the metals industry in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. Mr. Schambach also works as a Key Account Manager for Timet Corp. and oversees its Toronto, Ohio, Henderson, Nevada and Morgantown, West Virginia plants. Mr. Schambach was a District Account Manager for Nalco Chemical (Calgon Corporation) for 13 years prior to joining Chemetell Corporation. Mr. Schambach serves on several boards and was a former Marshall County Commissioner.

Mr. Schambach obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resource Management from Wheeling Jesuit University.

Our Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" each of the nominees listed above.

Board of Director Meetings

There were twelve (12) regular meetings of the Board of Directors of the Company during 2015 and one (1) special meeting. All directors attended at least 75 percent of the meetings of the Board and the meetings held by committees of the Board on which the directors served in 2015. The standing committees of the Board include: Audit Committee, Nominating Committee and Corporate Governance/Human Resource and Compensation Committee.

Policy On Director Attendance At Shareholder Meetings

In order to fulfill their primary responsibilities, directors of the Company are expected to attend the annual meeting of shareholders and all board meetings, as well as all meetings on committees on which they serve. All of the current directors of the Company attended the 2015 annual meeting of shareholders.

Audit Committee

The primary function of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities by reviewing: the financial reports and other financial information provided by the Company to the shareholders, any governmental body, and others; the Company's systems of internal control regarding finance, accounting, legal compliance and ethics that management and the Board have established; and the Company's auditing, accounting and financial reporting processes. The Audit Committee operates pursuant to a written charter, a copy of which is available on the Company's website at www.progbank.com on the Investor Relations page. The committee met five (5) times during 2015. The independent members of the committee consist of non-salaried directors and presently include Joseph M. Menendez, Chairman, Nada E. Beneke, R. Clark Morton and Thomas L. Sable.

Nominating Committee

The Board of Directors has established a formal nominating committee for the selection of directors of the Company, consisting of non-salaried directors and presently includes Thomas L. Sable, Chairman, Nada E. Beneke, R. Clark Morton and Brian L. Schambach. The committee met two (2) times during 2015. The nominating committee has a charter, a copy of which is available on the Company's website at www.progbank.com on the Investor Relations page. The Nominating committee charter requires that candidates for director should have certain minimum qualifications, including:

- Directors should be of the highest ethical character;

- Directors should have excellent personal and professional reputations in the Company's market area;

- Directors should be accomplished in their professions or careers;

- Directors should be able to read and understand financial statements and either have knowledge of, or the ability and willingness to learn, financial institution law;

- Directors should have relevant experience and expertise to evaluate financial data and provide direction and advice to the chief executive officer and the ability to exercise sound business judgment;

- Directors must be willing and able to expend the time to attend meetings of the board of directors of the Company and the bank and to serve on board committees;

- The board of directors will consider whether a nominee is independent, as legally defined. In addition, directors should avoid the appearance of any conflict and should be independent of any particular constituency and be able to serve all shareholders of the Company;

- Because the directors of the Company also serve as directors of the bank, a majority of directors must be residents of West Virginia, as required by state banking law;

- Directors must be acceptable to the Company's and the bank's regulatory agencies, including the Comptroller of the Currency, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and West Virginia Division of Banking and must not be under any legal disability which prevents them from serving on the board of directors or participating in the affairs of a financial institution;

- Directors must own or acquire sufficient capital stock to satisfy the requirements of law and the bylaws of the bank; and,

- Directors must be at least 21 years of age.

The board of directors of the Company reserves the right to modify these minimum qualifications from time to time, except where the qualifications are required by the laws relating to financial institutions. The nominating committee does not consider diversity in identifying nominees for directors.

The nominating committee's process for identifying and evaluating nominees is as follows: In the case of incumbent directors whose terms are set to expire, the nominating committee considers the directors' overall service to the Company during their term, including such factors as the number of meetings attended, the level of participation, quality of performance and any transactions between such directors of the Company and the bank. The nominating committee also reviews the payment history of loans, if any, made to such directors of the bank to ensure that the directors are not chronically delinquent and in default. The nominating committee considers whether any transactions between the directors and the bank have been criticized by any banking regulatory agency or the bank's external auditors and whether corrective action, if required, has been taken and was sufficient. The nominating committee also confirms that such directors remain eligible to serve on the board of directors of a financial institution under federal and state law. For new director candidates, the nominating committee uses its network of contacts in the Company's market area to compile a list of potential candidates. The nominating committee then meets to discuss each candidate and whether he or she meets the criteria set forth above. The nominating committee then discusses each candidate's qualifications and chooses a candidate by majority vote.

The nominating committee will consider director candidates recommended by shareholders, provided that the recommendations are received at least 120 days before the next annual meeting of shareholders. In addition, the procedures set forth below must be followed by shareholders for submitting nominations. The nominating committee does not intend to alter the manner in which it evaluates candidates, regardless of whether or not the candidate was recommended or nominated by a shareholder.

The Company's bylaws provide that nominations for election to the board of directors, other than those made by or on behalf of the Company's existing management, must be made by a shareholder in writing delivered or mailed to the President not less than 14 days nor more than 40 days prior to the meeting called for the election of directors; provided, however, that if less than 21 days' notice of the

meeting is given to shareholders, the nominations must be mailed or delivered to the President not later than the close of business on the seventh day following the day on which the notice of meeting was mailed. The notice of nomination must contain the following information, to the extent known:

- Name and address of proposed nominee(s);
- Principal occupation of nominee(s);
- Total shares to be voted for each nominee;
- Name and address of notifying shareholder; and
- Number of shares owned by notifying shareholder.

Nominations not made in accordance with these requirements may be disregarded by the chairman of the meeting and in such case the votes cast for each such nominee will likewise be disregarded. No shareholder recommendations or nominations have been made in connection with the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Corporate Governance/Human Resource and Compensation Committee

The functions of the Corporate Governance, Human Resource and Compensation Committee are to review and recommend the annual salaries and bonuses of all executive officers; recommend the annual contribution to the employees' profit sharing plan; and monitor the senior management and succession plans. The Committee reviews profitability of the Company and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors with regard to annual dividends to shareholders. The Committee also reviews director fees paid for attendance at board and committee meetings. The Board of Directors reviews the Committee recommendations for final action thereon. Company performance is considered in establishing the annual budget for salary increases and is the initial part of the review process. Company performance factors, including net income and return on equity, and individual performance are considered in setting annual bonuses. The Committee has a charter, a copy of which is available on the Company's website at www.progbank.com on the Investor Relations page. The Committee has authority to retain consultants and delegate authority if deemed necessary. The Committee met three (3) times during 2015. The members of the Committee consist of non-salaried directors. The Committee members during 2015 were R. Clark Morton, Chairman, Nada E. Beneke, Dr. Clyde D. Campbell and Thomas L. Sable.

Board's Role in Risk Oversight

The Board's role in the Company's risk oversight process includes receiving regular reports from members of senior management on areas of material risk to the Company, including operational, market, credit, financial, legal and regulatory risks. The full Board (or the appropriate Committee in the case of risks that are under the purview of a particular Committee such as the Asset/Liability Management Committee) receives these reports from the appropriate "risk owner" within the organization to enable it to understand our risk identification, risk management and risk mitigation strategies. When a Committee receives the report, the Chairman of the relevant Committee reports on the discussion to the full Board during the Committee reports portion of the next Board meeting. This enables the Board and its Committees to coordinate the risk oversight role, particularly with respect to risk interrelationships. As part of its charter, the Audit Committee assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities to ensure the quality and integrity of the Company's financial reports.

Director Compensation

Each director of the Company was compensated at the rate of $800 per regular meeting. Additionally, each director was compensated at the rate of $325 for any meetings held in addition to the regular meetings. Audit Committee members were compensated at the rate of $475 for regular meetings. Additionally, each Audit Committee member was compensated at the rate of $300 for any meetings held in addition to the regular meetings. The Chairman of the Audit Committee received additional compensation of $100 for each regular meeting for services in that capacity. The Corporate Governance/Human Resource and Compensation and Nominating Committee members were compensated at the rate of $325 for attendance at each committee meeting, unless a special meeting is held following a regular meeting in which event there is no additional compensation at the special meeting.

The Company's directors, who are also directors of its subsidiary bank, Progressive Bank, N.A., were paid $325 for attendance at each regular bank board or committee meeting.

Security Ownership of Management

The following table sets forth, as of March 7, 2016, the name and address of each director, nominee for director, and principal executive officers, the number of shares of the Company's common stock beneficially owned, the percentage of stock so owned, and the percent of stock beneficially owned by all directors and principal executive officers as a group. The "beneficial ownership" of a security by an individual is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Unless otherwise noted, sole voting power and sole investment power with respect to the shares shown in the table below are held either by each individual listed or by such individual together with their spouse.

Title of Class	Name & Address	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class[(1)]
Common	Jonathan A. Bedway 68039 N. Pancoast Road Belmont, OH 43718	200	*
Common	Nada E. Beneke P.O. Box 4075 Wheeling, WV 26003	38,019	2.21%
Common	Dr. Clyde D. Campbell 199 Clearview Avenue Wheeling, WV 26003	11,259	*
Common	Rosalie J. Dlesk Highland Park Wheeling, WV 26003	190,674[(2)]	11.09%
Common	Robert J. Fitzsimmons 177 Seneca Road Wheeling, WV 26003	2,500	*

Title of Class	Name & Address	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class[1]
Common	Joseph M. Menendez 1215 Fifth Street Moundsville, WV 26041	2,700	*
Common	R. Clark Morton 129 Elm Street Wheeling, WV 26003	64,986[3]	3.73%
Common	Roberta Robinson Olejasz 20 Elmwood Place Wheeling, WV 26003	2,894	*
Common	William G. Petroplus 69-15th Street Wheeling, WV 26003	8,339[4]	*
Common	Francie P. Reppy 1701 Warwood Avenue Wheeling, WV 26003	1,870[5]	*
Common	Thomas L. Sable 1333 Elm Street Bellaire, OH 43906	11,248[6]	*
Common	Brian L. Schambach 501 Woodridge Court Glen Dale, WV 26038	600	*
Common	Brad D. Winwood 1701 Warwood Avenue Wheeling, WV 26003	141[7]	*
	Officers and Directors as a Group (13 persons)	335,430	19.5%

* Beneficial ownership does not exceed 1%.

Notes: [1] Beneficial ownership of First West Virginia common stock is stated as of March 7, 2016. Under rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, persons who have power to vote or dispose of securities, either alone or jointly with others, are deemed to be the beneficial owners of such securities. Shares owned separately by spouses are included in the column totals but are identified in the footnotes which follow. Each person reflected in the table has both sole voting power and sole investment power with respect to the shares included in the table, except as described in the footnotes.

[2] 82,000 shares are pledged as collateral.

[3] Includes 31,328 shares owned by Patricia H. Morton, his wife, and 12,425 shares owned jointly by R. Clark Morton and Patricia H. Morton.

[4] Includes 907 shares owned jointly by William G. Petroplus and Sheree A. Petroplus and 452 shares owned by Sheree A. Petroplus, his wife. Mr. Petroplus disclaims beneficial ownership of 452 shares owned by Kristen G. Petroplus, his daughter, for which William G. Petroplus acts as custodian and 452 shares owned jointly by Alyssa R. Petroplus, his daughter, for which William G. Petroplus acts as custodian.

(5) Includes 123 shares owned jointly by Francie P. Reppy and Michael H. Reppy.

(6) Includes 11,248 shares owned jointly by Thomas L. Sable and Janice M. Sable, his wife.

(7) Includes 141 shares owned jointly by Brad D. Winwood and Douglas E. Winwood.

The subsidiary of the Company is: Progressive Bank, N.A., Wheeling, WV.

Principal Shareholders

The following table sets forth, as of March 7, 2016, the name and address of each person or entity that owns of record or is the beneficial owner of more than five percent (5%) of the Company's common stock.

Title of Class	Name & Address	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
Common Stock	Cede & Co. P.O. Box 20 Bowling Green Station New York, NY 10274	1,378,650(1)	78.93%
Common Stock	Rosalie J. Dlesk Highland Park Wheeling, WV 26003	190,674	11.09%
Common Stock	James C. Inman and Laura G. Inman R.D. 1 Wellsburg, WV 26070	135,198(2)	7.87%
Common Stock	Wellington Management Company, LLP 280 Congress Street Boston, MA 02210	163,581(3)	9.52%

Notes: (1) Depository trust company that holds company shares in street name for brokerage firms and other financial institutions.

(2) Includes 112,485 shares owned by Laura G. Inman and 22,713 shares owned by James C. Inman.

(3) Includes shares held for clients as an investment advisor.

Other than those individuals and entities listed above, as of March 7, 2016, no person was known by the Company to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the Company's stock.

Transactions with Management and Others

Management personnel of the Company and its subsidiary bank have had and expect to continue to have banking transactions with the bank in the ordinary course of business. Extensions of credit to such persons are made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with other persons. Management believes that these transactions do not involve more than a normal risk of collectability or present other unfavorable features.

The Company does maintain certain related party transaction and conflict of interest policies that require the disclosure by management, including directors and principal executive officers of any business or financial interest or relationship that may pose a potential conflict of interest or which might otherwise interfere with the best interests of the Company. The Company also maintains a Code of Conduct & Ethics under the supervision of the Audit Committee.

The Board of Directors met on March 8, 2016, and reviewed all transactions with related parties since January 1, 2014, to determine if such transactions were required to be reported in this Proxy Statement. The Company has not entered into any transactions with related persons since January 1, 2014, nor has the Company entered into a current transaction, in which the amount of the transaction exceeds $120,000 or 1% of the average assets of the Company at December 31, 2014, and December 31, 2015, and in which a related person had or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

Item 2 - Ratification of Independent Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors appointed BKD, LLP to serve as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2014 and 2015 and such appointment was ratified by our shareholders. The Board of Directors has appointed BKD, LLP to serve as our independent public accounting firm for 2016 subject to the ratification of our shareholders. BKD, LLP advised the Company that no member of the accounting firm has any direct or indirect material interest in the Company or its subsidiary.

Representatives of BKD, LLP will be present at the Annual Meeting to answer questions. They will also have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so.

Shareholder ratification of the selection of BKD, LLP as our independent public accounting firm is not required by our Bylaws or otherwise. However, the Board of Directors is submitting the selection of BKD, LLP to the shareholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate practice. If the shareholders fail to ratify the selection, the Audit and Compliance Committee and the Board of Directors will reconsider whether or not to retain that firm. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit and Compliance Committee and the Board of Directors in their discretion may direct the appointment of different independent auditors at any time during the year if they determine that such a change would be in the best interests of us and our shareholders.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the ratification of BKD, LLP as our independent public accounting firm for the year 2016.

Deadline for Nomination of Directors

In order for a shareholder to nominate a candidate for director, under the Company's Bylaws, nominations must be made in writing and shall be delivered or mailed to the president of the Company or to the chairman of the Board not less than 14 days nor more than 40 days prior to any meeting of shareholders called for the election of directors, provided, however, that if less than 21 days' notice of the meeting is given to shareholders, such nominations shall be mailed or delivered to the president of the Company or the chairman of the Board not later than the close of business on the seventh day following the day on which the notice of the meeting was mailed. Such notification shall contain the following information to the extent known to the notifying shareholder: (a) the name and address of each proposed nominee; (b) the principal occupation of each proposed nominee; (c) the total number of shares of stock of the Company that will be voted by him or her for each proposed nominee; (d) the name and residence address of the notifying shareholder; and (e) the number of shares of stock of the Company owned by the notifying shareholder. Nominations not made in accordance with such procedure may, in the discretion of the presiding officer, be disregarded, and upon the presiding officer's instructions, the vote teller shall disregard all votes cast for each such nominee.

The notice must be given to the Secretary of the Company, whose address is 1701 Warwood Avenue, Wheeling, West Virginia 26003. Any shareholder desiring a copy of the Company's Bylaws will be furnished one without charge upon written request to the Secretary.

Shareholder Communications with the Board

Any shareholder desiring to contact the Board of Directors or any individual director serving on the Board may do so by written communication mailed to: Board of Directors (Attention: (name of director(s), as applicable), care of Deborah A. Kloeppner, Corporate Secretary, First West Virginia Bancorp, Inc., 1701 Warwood Avenue, Wheeling, West Virginia 26003. Any communication so received will be processed by the Corporate Secretary as agent for the Board. Unless, in the judgment of the Corporate Secretary, the matter is not intended or appropriate for the Board (and subject to any applicable regulatory requirements), the Corporate Secretary will prepare a summary of the communication for prompt delivery to each member of the Board or, as appropriate, to the member(s) of the Board named in the communication. Any director may request the Corporate Secretary to produce for his or her review the original of the shareholder communication.

Legal Proceedings

The Company is unaware of any litigation other than ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business of the Company, to which it or its subsidiary is a party or of which any of their property is the subject.

Annual Report To Shareholders

The Company's Annual Report to shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, accompanies this Proxy Statement. The Annual Report does not constitute outside solicitation materials. The Company's public filings may also be obtained free of charge at the Company's website, www.progbank.com under the tab for "Investor Relations". This proxy statement, along with our Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, are available free of charge on the following website: www.edocumentview.com/FWVB.

Other Matters

The Company knows of no other matters to come before the meeting. If any other matters properly come before the meeting, the proxies solicited hereby will be voted on such matters in accordance with the judgment of the persons voting such proxies.