

# Annual Shareholder Meeting May 10, 2021

Robert Atwell Executive Chairman Nicolet Bankshares, Inc.

# **Business Portion of Meeting**

- Call Meeting to Order
- Purpose of Meeting
  - Election of Directors
  - Ratify the appointment of independent accounting firm for the annual audit of 2021
  - Advisory vote on named executive officer compensation
- Quorum
- Approve Minutes from May 11, 2020 Meeting



## **Board of Directors**

Robert B. Atwell Rachel Campos-Duffy Michael E. Daniels John N. Dykema **Terrence R. Fulwiler** Christopher J. Ghidorzi Andrew F. Hetzel, Jr.

Ann K. Lawson Donald "DJ" Long, Jr. Dustin J. McClone Susan L. Merkatoris Oliver Pierce Smith Robert J. Weyers



## Welcome Ann Lawson



## 2020 Director Nominee

Chief Financial Officer of Nicolet Bankshares & Nicolet National Bank 2009 to 2021



## **Business Portion** (continued)

- Election of Directors
- Ratification of Wipfli LLP for the 2021 year
- Advisory Vote on NEO Compensation
- Adjourn Business Portion of Meeting



# **Remaining Agenda**

- Financial Overview Ann Lawson, CFO
- Perspectives on 2020 Mike Daniels, President & CEO
- Q&A
  Bob Atwell & Mike Daniels



# **Forward Looking Statements**

#### Forward Looking Statements "Safe Harbor" Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

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The COVID pandemic is adversely affecting us, our customers, counterparties, employees, and third-party service providers, and the ultimate extent of the impacts on our business, financial position, results of operations, liquidity, and prospects is uncertain. Continued deterioration in general business and economic conditions or turbulence in domestic financial markets could adversely affect Nicolet's revenues and the values of its assets and liabilities, lead to a tightening of credit, and increase stock price volatility. In addition, the COVID pandemic may result in changes to statutes, regulations, or regulatory policies or practices that could affect Nicolet insubstantial and unpredictable ways.

All forward-looking statements included in this communication are made as of the date hereof and are based on information available to management at that time. Except as required by law, Nicolet does not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances that occur after the date the forward-looking statements were made.



# **Forward Looking Statements**

#### Important Information and Where to Find It

This communication relates to the proposed merger transaction involving Nicolet and Mackinac. In connection with the proposed merger, Nicolet and Mackinac will file a joint proxy statement/prospectus on Form S-4 and other relevant documents concerning the merger with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

#### BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR INVESTMENT DECISION, INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED MERGER OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT NICOLET, MACKINAC AND THE PROPOSED MERGER.

When available, the joint proxy statement/prospectus will be delivered to shareholders of Nicolet and Mackinac. Investors may obtain copies of the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents (as they become available) free of charge at the SEC's website (www.sec.gov). Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Nicolet will be available free of charge on Nicolet's website at www.nicoletbank.com. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Mackinac will be available free of charge on Mackinac's website at www.bankmbank.com.

Nicolet, Mackinac and certain of their directors, executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of Nicolet and the shareholders of Mackinac in connection with the proposed merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of Nicolet and Mackinac will be included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus for the proposed transaction filed with the SEC. Information about the directors and executive officers of Nicolet is also included in the proxy statement for its 2021 annual meeting of shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 2, 2021. Information about the directors and executive officers of Mackinac is also included in the proxy statement for its 2020 annual meeting of shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 22, 2020. Additional information regarding the interests of such participants and other persons who may be deemed participants in the transaction will be included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and the other relevant documents filed with the SEC when they become available.

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# **Financial Overview**

Ann Lawson – Chief Financial Officer

2020 Financial Results

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 Results

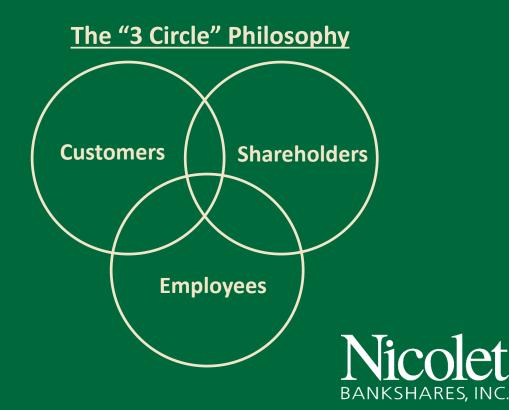
## 2020 – What a Year!

#### Strategic Plan – 2017 and Beyond

Optimization and Succession: "Be a profitability focused bank doubling in size over 5 years through targeted acquisition growth and smart organic growth across all of our revenue lines, while remaining committed to share price return and active supportive capital management."

#### **5 Core Values**

Be Real Be Responsive Be Personal Be Memorable Be Entrepreneurial



## 2020 – Key Themes

- Pandemic Responses and Efficiencies
- Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") and Liquidity
- Asset Quality
- Mortgage Revenues on Record-breaking Activity
- Advantage Community Bank Acquisition

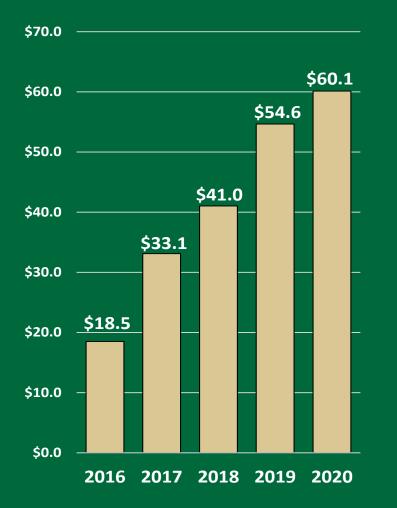


#### **Net Income**

#### \$60.1 million, +10%



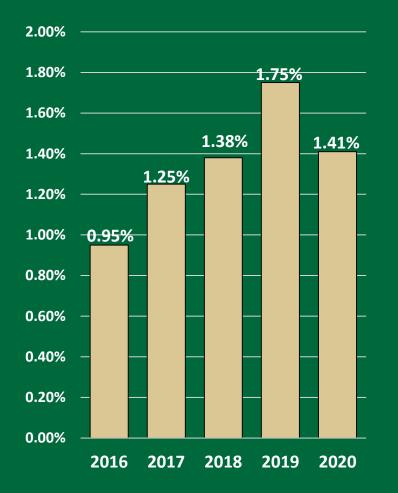
#### \$5.70/share, +3%





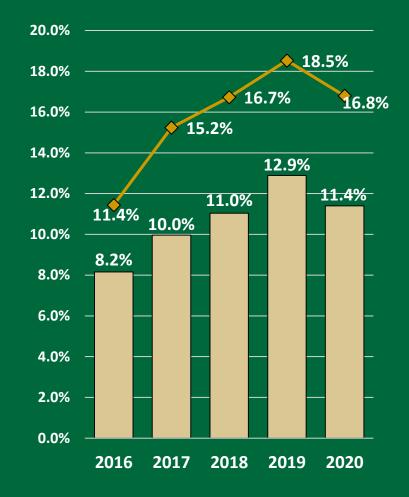
#### **Return on Average Assets**

2020, 1.41%

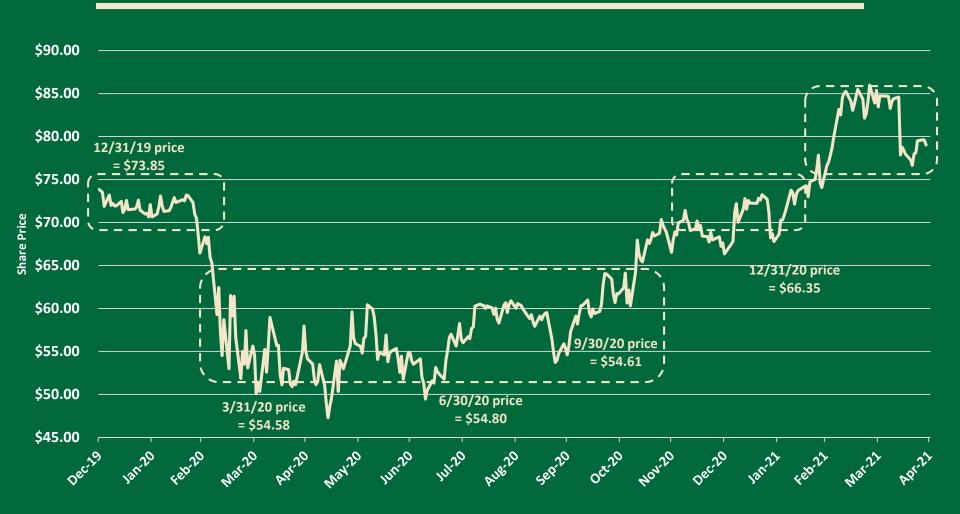


## Return on Average Common Equity

#### 11.4% ROACE, 16.8% ROATCE



## **NCBS Stock Price**



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#### **Total Equity**

### Regulatory Ratios at Year End 2020

#### Repurchase Program



\*Minimums include 0.5% buffers

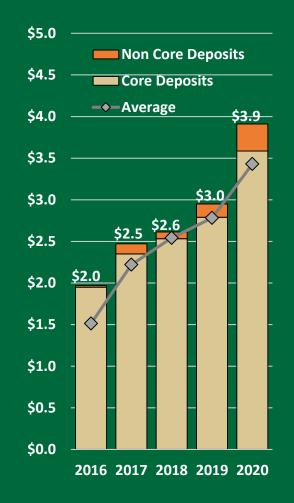
#### Assets

YE20 \$4.6 billion (+27%) Y-o-Y Average +36%



#### Deposits

YE20 \$3.9 billion (+33%) Y-o-Y Average +32%

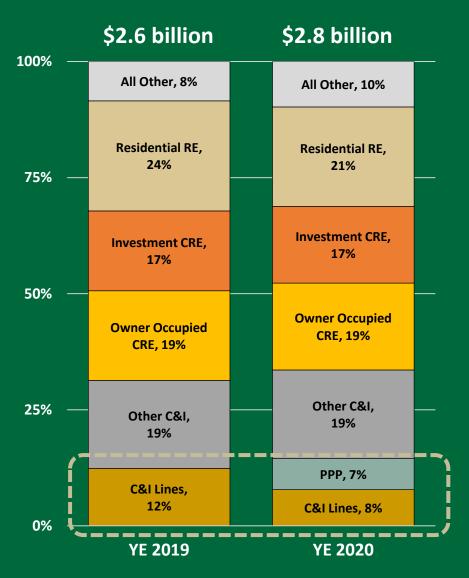


#### Loans

#### YE20 \$2.8 billion (+8%) Y-o-Y Average +24%



#### Loan Mix



#### **Paycheck Protection Program**

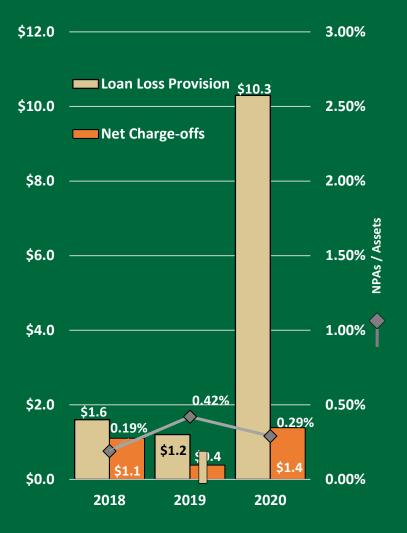
- 2,725 PPP Loans funded
- \$351 million originated
- \$186 million at year-end 2020
- 1% coupon loans, "Forgiveable"
- \$12.3 million fees, of which
  \$5.8 million recognized in 2020

#### Total Loans YE20 versus YE19

- + \$186 million PPP
- \$104 million Commercial lines
- + \$133 million All other loans (+6%)
- + \$215 million (up 8% over YE19)

#### **Asset Quality Metrics**

#### **Allowance for Credit Losses**

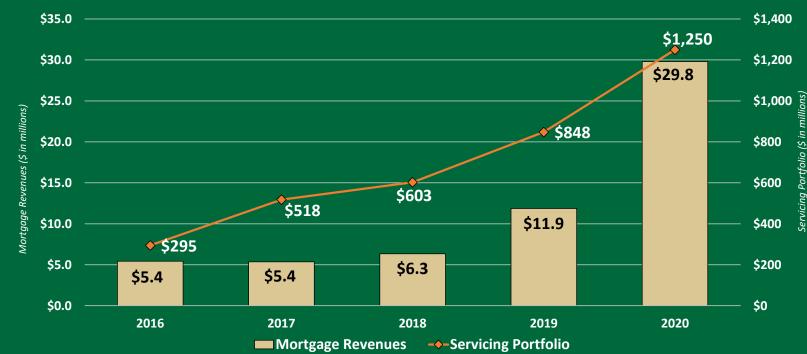




#### 19 Notes: NPAs exclude TDRs 2020 ACL includes \$9.3mil from CECL adoption.

## **Record Year for Mortgage**

- Processed record \$1 billion of mortgage volume in 2020, almost double 2019's originations.
- Net mortgage revenues from secondary market mortgage activity, nearly \$30 million for 2020, 150% over 2019.
- Servicing \$1.3 billion of mortgages for others at YE20.



• Pipeline remains healthy in 2021, with a gradual shift away from refinances.

## 2020 Summary

#### **Record earnings and 'top-performer' bank metrics.**

• \$60.1 million Earnings, \$5.70 EPS, 1.41% ROA, 11.4% ROE

## Decisive actions and efficiencies in response to pandemic.

- \$4 million isolated costs in 2Q20 (safety, branch closures, doing the right things)
- Automation for PPP loans and record mortgage originations

#### Asset quality better than initially expected.

- Strong loan quality, negligible net charge offs and low nonperforming assets
- \$10.3 million loan loss provision, despite asset quality holding strong

### **Record \$29.8 million net mortgage revenue**

#### Continued growth over prior year-end.

- +27% Assets, +8% Loans, +33% Deposits, +4% Equity
- Advantage Community Bank boosted presence in Central Wisconsin
- Solid underlying organic loan and deposit growth, and PPP originator
- Strong equity at year end, even after heavy common stock repurchases

## First Quarter 2021

#### **Good Results Continue**

#### **Profitability for 1Q21**

- \$18.2 million Net Income (73% over 1Q20), \$1.75 EPS
- 1.64% ROA, 13.6% ROACE, and 20.0% ROTCE (annualized)
- Net mortgage revenue (\$7.2 million)
- Funded 1,928 loans totaling \$145 million in the latest round of the PPP program (earning future fees of \$7.2 million)

### Total assets \$4.5 billion, largely unchanged from YE20

- Cash balances remain elevated at 16% of total assets
- Loans (excluding PPP) of \$2.62 billion, up 2% annualized
- Deposits \$3.9 billion, down slightly from year-end
- Resilient loan quality
- Regulatory capital remains strong

#### April 12, 2021 – Announced Mackinac Financial merger

## **Recent Accolades**

- Ranked #9 on S&P Global's "Best Performing Community Banks of 2020" with \$3 to \$10 billion in assets (#3 in 2019)
- Named one of Piper Sandler & Co's 2020 "Bank & Thrift Sm-All Stars"
- Inaugural member of the *"Hovde High Performers"* list for 2020
- Named one of ICBA Independent Banker's "Most Innovative Banks" in August 2019
- Recipient of the "2020 Raymond James Bankers Cup" for financial performance (fourth consecutive year)



# Perspectives on 2020 & 2021 Outlook

Mike Daniels – President & CEO

## **Acquisition of Mackinac Financial**

- Establishes Nicolet as the largest community bank in the Upper Peninsula
- Complementary business models, with a focus on being "lead local" in the communities we both serve
- Positive long-term financial impact: Conservative cost savings assumptions, revenue opportunities, and accretive to earnings per share
- Nicolet becomes the second largest bank headquartered in Wisconsin, approaching a \$1.0 billion market capitalization<sup>(1)</sup>

Q&A

## **Bob Atwell – Executive Chairman**

## Mike Daniels – President & CEO

## **Ann Lawson – Chief Financial Officer**

