

Ag New Mexico, FCS, ACA Official Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders Annual Meeting Information Statement

# April 19, 2016 K-Bob's Steakhouse 1600 Mabry Dr. Clovis, NM 88101 Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. Meeting begins at 11:00 a.m. Lunch Immediately following Meeting

The business to be conducted at the annual meeting will include the following:

- The Election Process to fill two (2) positions on the Board of Directors, for three year terms
- The Election Process to fill six (6) member positions and two (2) alternate member positions for the 2016/2017 Nominating Committee.
- Financial and Operations report of the Association.

The election of Directors will be conducted solely by Mail in Ballot following the conclusion of the annual meeting in accordance with the Association's Bylaws. No one will be allowed to vote at the meeting. All voting and non-voting members are eligible to attend the meeting. Only holders of Class B Stock are eligible to vote in the Director and Nominating Committee election. As of the record date of March 21, 2016, there are 284 holders of Class B Stock entitled to vote upon any matter properly brought before the membership. In accordance with Association Bylaws, Directors and Nominating Committee members are elected by the majority of votes cast. Each voting stockholder shall be entitled to only one vote regardless of the number of single or joint loans the stockholder may have with the Association. The vote of a stockholder that is a legal entity shall be cast by an individual stockholder of the entity, duly authorized in writing filed with the Association. If the voting stockholder controls the business affairs of another voting stockholder, the controlling stockholder and the controlled stockholder shall be considered as one person and shall be entitled to a total of only one vote. For the purpose of this section of the bylaws, a voting stockholder shall be deemed to control another voting stockholder if the stockholder has, directly or indirectly, more than 50 percent ownership interest in (1) the other stockholder, or (2) the primary collateral securing the other stockholder's loan. In no event shall an individual cast more than one vote.

Transactions with Senior Officers and Directors and involvement in certain legal proceedings, required to be disclosed, are incorporated in the 2015 Annual Report to Stockholders.

## The Board of Directors at Ag New Mexico, FCS, ACA are as follows:

Mark McCollum, (Chairman) age 57, has served on the Board of Directors from 1998 to present. Mr. McCollum is serving a 3 - year term which expires in 2018. Mr. McCollum resides in Fort Sumner, NM and operates a cow/calf, yearling and feedlot operation along with his brother. He is the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Association's governance committee. He also serves on the Association's audit, risk management and compliance committees. Mr. McCollum has been a stockholder since 1979.

**Ronnie Harral**, (Vice-Chairman) age 66, has served on the Board of Directors from 2005 to present. Mr. Harral is serving a 3 - year term which expires in 2018. Mr. Harral resides in Corona, NM. He runs a livestock business with his sonin-law and daughter, Jeff and Alena Brandenberger, and his son and daughter-in-law, Jerrod and Brittani Harral. Mr. Harral is Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Chairman of the Association's compliance committee. He also serves on the risk management, audit and governance committees. Mr. Harral has been a stockholder since 1973.

**Dwayne Vidlar**, age 64, has served on the Board of Directors from 2010 to present. Mr. Vidlar is serving a 3 - year term which expires in 2016. Mr. Vidlar resides in Floyd, NM, where he farms corn, alfalfa, haygrazer and wheat, plus has land in the Conservation Reserve Program. He is Chairman of the Association's compensation committee and serves as a member on the risk management, audit, governance and compliance committees. Mr. Vidlar has been a stockholder since 1977.

Larry Hammit, (Appointed), age 64, has served on the Board of Directors from 2012 to present. Mr. Hammit is serving a 3 - year term which expires in 2018. Mr. Hammit resides in Canyon, Texas. He was employed by the Farm Credit System for 34 years. His most recent past employment was with Great Plains Ag Credit as CFO, where he was employed for 11 years. Mr. Hammit serves as the Chairman of the Association's audit committee and also serves on the compliance, risk management and governance committees.

**Linda Miller Brown**, age 55, has served on the Board of Directors from 2013 to present. Mrs. Brown is serving a 3 - year term which expires in 2016. Mrs. Brown resides in Floyd, NM and is a lifelong farmer and rancher. The Browns farm and ranch in Roosevelt and Guadalupe counties, where they grow haygrazer, wheat and milo. She and her husband also have a cow/calf and stocker calf operation. Mrs. Brown currently serves on the Association's risk management, compensation and compliance committees. Mrs. Brown has been a stockholder since 1984.

<u>Marty Franzoy</u>, age 59, has served on the Board of Directors from 2015 to present. Mr. Franzoy is serving a 2 - year term which expires in 2017. Mr. Franzoy resides in Hatch, NM. He is a farmer and Managing Partner in Skyline Produce, LLC. Mr. Franzoy farms onions, chile, alfalfa, wheat, cotton and pecans on 730 acres. He serves on the Association's compliance committee. Mr. Franzoy has been a stockholder since 2006.

**Randy Autrey.** age 47, has served on the Board of Directors from 2011 to present. Mr. Autrey is serving a 3 - year term which expires in 2017. Mr. Autrey resides in Estancia, NM. He is a rancher and has a small farm in Torrance County where he operates a cow/calf and stocker cattle operation. He is Chairman of the Association's risk management committee and serves on the Association's audit, compliance and governance committees. Mr. Autrey has been a stockholder since 1983.

### Nominating Committee Report for 2015/2016

The Nominating Committee was composed of: Jeff Essary, Floyd, NM; Jerry Franzoy, Salem, NM; Diane Lieb, Portales, NM; Leon Nall, Portales, NM; Jimmy Snipes, McAlister, NM; Bruce Peterson, Estancia, NM; Don Sanders, Portales, NM; Jimmie Snipes, McAlister, NM; Ernest Thompson, Mountainair, NM.

October 19, 2015—The Nominating Committee members and the Nominating Committee Consultant met in Clovis, NM for the first (1st) of three (3) meetings, to review the required Association Bylaws and FCA Regulations involving the consideration of potential candidates for the Director Positions and the 2016 Nominating Committee members.

October 21, 2015 - Letters were sent to all stockholders requesting interest in being a potential nominee for a Director position or to serve on the 2016/2017 Nominating Committee. The letter instructed interested stockholders to complete the requested information (name and phone number) and return the letter in the envelope provided, and they would be contacted.

November 16, 2015 - The Nominating Committee and the Nominating Committee Consultant met for the second (2nd) of three (3) meetings at the Administrative Office of AgNM in Clovis, NM to evaluate the list of all stockholders who expressed an interest in an Association Director position or to serve on the 2016/2017 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee reviewed the list provided by the Association of qualified Class "B" stockholder voters.

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## The Nominating Committee made their formal Nominations of Nominating Committee Candidates for the 2016/2017 Nominating Committee.

## Candidates for the 2016/2017 Nominating Committee to be placed on the ballot are as follows:

Larry Cone Jr.	Leslie Creighton	Jerry Franzoy	Don Harden	Diane Lieb
Jim Mattox	Leon Nall	Bruce Peterson	Don Sanders	Ernest Thompson

#### During the Annual Stockholder Meeting Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

The Nominating Committee made their formal Nominations for Director Positions.

Candidates for the Board of Director Position to be placed on the ballot are as follows:

#### Position #1—Three Year Term

Linda Miller Brown, age 55, resides in the Floyd, NM community with her husband Wesley Brown and their three children. Mrs. Brown has lived in the area all her life. Mrs. Brown and her husband farm and ranch approximately 21,000 acres in Roosevelt and Guadalupe Counties. They grow wheat, milo and haygrazer, and run commercial cows and stocker cattle. She currently serves on the Roosevelt County FSA Advisory committee. Mrs. Brown is a past member of the National Peanut Grower's Group Steering Committee, past member of Ag New Mexico's and the Roosevelt County FSA's Nominating Committees. Mrs. Brown previously served as treasurer and Chairman of the NM Peanut Growers Association and Chairman of the NM Peanut Commission and is currently the treasurer of Floyd Alumni Reunion and is secretary of Floyd United Methodist Church. Mrs. Brown is also a Director and Secretary of Brown Farms Inc. and Traveling Water Inc. and a partner in W.L. Brown JV, which are farming and ranching operations. Mrs. Browns daughter Maeve Brown and son Keane Brown are also Stockholders of the Association. Mrs. Browns brother Len Miller and his wife Amy Miller were also stockholders of the Association. Mrs. Brown has a BS in Computer Science and an MA in Mathematics from Eastern New Mexico University.

Allen Deen, age 54, Mr. Deen resides in Portales, NM with his wife Karen Deen. Mr. Deen has lived in the area all of his life. Mr. Deen farms 2,260 acres growing milo, corn, wheat, cotton and hay. Mr. Deen also operates a cow/calf operation. He has served on the board for CCC Fire Academy, former Chief and member of the Floyd Fire and EMS Department and has served on the Ag New Mexico, FCS, ACA's Nominating Committee. Mr. Deen and his wife Karen have two children. Mr. Deen has been with the Farm Credit System for 34 years. His son Seth Deen is also a member of Ag New Mexico.

Thomas Runyon, age 41, Mr. Runyon resides in Las Cruces, NM with his wife Shawna Runyon. Mr. Runyon has lived in the Las Cruces area for the past 21 years and has been involved in some type of agriculture all of his life. Mr. Runyon has serve on the National Onion Associations Executive Committee, National Watermelon Associations Executive Committee, National Watermelon Promotional Board, Executive Committee and is their current President. Mr. Runyon is a partner with many different farmers and entities that market over 3,500 loads of produce on an annual basis. His business is to move product from New Mexico, Texas and Mexico. Some of those products include onions, Hatch green chile, watermelons, pumpkins and pinto beans. He ships products throughout the United States. Mr. Runyon is also a partner in Organ Mountain Produces, which is a pinto bean growing and packing operation located in Mesquite, NM.

#### Position #2—Three Year Term

Tony Martinez II, age 66, Mr. Martinez resides in Gladstone, NM. with his wife Kathy Martinez. Mr. Martinez is a 3rd generation rancher and currently is the owner/operator of his family ranch and operates on 10,000 acres. Mr. Martinez runs an Angus cattle operation. Mr. Martinez worked for the Farm Services Agency, USDA where he was employed from 1985 before retiring in 2011 as County Executive Director in Las Vegas, NM after 29 years of service. Mr. Martinez graduated from New Mexico State University 1973.

**Dwayne "Butch" Vidlar,** age, 64, Mr. Vildar resides in Floyd, NM and farms 1,920 acres growing alfalfa, wheat , corn, grain sorghum, haygrazer and wheat cattle & breeding heifers. Mr. Vidlar is President and Secretary of Vidlar Inc. and has served on several commissions and association boards including the NM Peanut Commission, Eastern NM Natural Gas Association, and Ag New Mexico, FCS, ACA's Compensation, Risk, Audit, Compliance and Governance committees. Mr. Vidlar graduated from New Mexico State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and Before farming, Mr. Vidlar was employed by Ag Technology as an Agronomist in the Mesilla and Hatch Valleys. And owned and operated Service Gin in Portales, NM. Mr. Vidlar was also a grower for Pioneer Seed in Milo Hybrid seed production.

**Brad Wrye,** age 41, Mr. Wrye resides in Estancia, NM and has ranched all his life. He and his wife Kasi Wrye run a cow/calf operation on 77,000 acres in Bingham, NM and 62,000 acres in Estancia, NM. Mr. Wrye is also involved with his families Construction Company, Starco Inc., which sells construction equipment across the U.S. Mr. Wrye has an Associate's degree in Animal Science from Clarendon College. Mr. Wrye's brother Dusty and sister-in-law Katie Wrye, and parents Bill & Joy Wrye are also Stockholders of AgNM. The Wrye family have been Stockholders for approximately 20 years.

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Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Such nomination will require a second by a voting stockholder and acknowledgement by perspective nominee that he/or she accepts the nomination. Each person nominated from the floor must provide in writing all required disclosures within five days of their nomination. These requirements are name, age, address, city, state, business address and principal occupation, names of family members who are Ag New Mexico, FCS, ACA borrowers, the names, the position held, and the nature of the business of any business interests on which the director serves as a director or as a senior officer, and business experience during the last 5 years. Also to be disclosed are certain relationships and related transactions with the Association concerning the nominee's immediate family and the nominee's involvement in certain legal proceedings, any transactions with the Association, affiliated organizations, and other AgNM stockholders. It is the responsibility of the floor nominee to contact the Association to determine whether their loan requires disclosure. No person may be a nominee for Director who does not make the disclosures required by regulation, and the candidates for the Director position have complied with this regulation.

There has been no change in the Independent Public Accountant since last year. The Association engaged the accounting firm Price Waterhouse Cooper, LLP to perform the Association's Annual Audit. The Statement of Condition and Annual Report for 2015 containing all information required by FCA Regulations will be placed on our website, mailed to all stockholders and will be handed out at the Annual Meeting.

The undersigned certifies that this notice has been reviewed and prepared in accordance with all applicable statutory or regulatory requirements and that the information contained herein is true, correct, accurate and complete to the best of his or her knowledge and belief.

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Frank Shelton, President/CEO March 21, 2016

Ginger Garrett, CFO March 21, 2016

Mark McCollum, Board Chairman March 21, 2016