PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP INC Form 10-Q May 15, 2007

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

#### **FORM 10-Q**

ÞQUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2007

or

oTRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from	to
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Commission file number 0-20908

#### PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kentucky

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation organization)

61-1206757

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2883 Fifth Avenue Huntington, West Virginia

(Address of principal executive offices)

25702

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number (304) 525-1600

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes b No o.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one)

Large accelerated filer o.

Non-accelerated filer b

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act). Yeso No b.

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practical date.

Common stock, no par value, - 5,236,899 shares outstanding at April 30, 2007

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### PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. MARCH 31, 2007

#### PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Financial Statements

The accompanying information has not been audited by independent public accountants; however, in the opinion of management such information reflects all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim period. All such adjustments are of a normal and recurring nature. Premier Financial Bancorp, Inc.'s ("Premier's") accounting and reporting policies are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Certain accounting principles used by Premier involve a significant amount of judgment about future events and require the use of estimates in their application. The following policies are particularly sensitive in terms of judgments and the extent to which estimates are used: allowance for loan losses, the identification and evaluation of impaired loans, the impairment of goodwill, the realization of deferred tax assets and stock based compensation disclosures. These estimates are based on assumptions that may involve significant uncertainty at the time of their use. However, the policies, the estimates and the estimation process as well as the resulting disclosures are periodically reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors and material estimates are subject to review as part of the external audit by the independent public accountants.

The accompanying financial statements are presented in accordance with the requirements of Form 10-Q and consequently do not include all of the disclosures normally required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America or those normally made in the registrant's annual report on <u>Form 10-K</u>. Accordingly, the reader of the Form 10-Q may wish to refer to the registrant's Form <u>10-K</u> for the year ended <u>December 31, 2006</u> for further information in this regard.

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#### PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS MARCH 31, 2007AND DECEMBER 31, 2006 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

	(UNAUDITED)	
	2007	2006
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 15,742 \$	16,974
Federal funds sold	47,070	27,583
Securities available for sale	120,328	121,367
Loans held for sale	2,004	1,978
Loans	341,306	343,797
Allowance for loan losses	(6,576)	(6,661)
Net loans	334,730	337,136
Federal Home Loan Bank and Federal Reserve Bank stock	3,286	3,265
Premises and equipment, net	6,449	6,533
Real estate and other property acquired through foreclosure	619	495
Interest receivable	2,810	2,821
Goodwill	15,816	15,816
Other assets	949	1,484
Total assets	\$ 549,803 \$	535,452
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Deposits		
Non-interest bearing	\$ 74,575 \$	72,784
Time deposits, \$100,000 and over	52,559	53,477
Other interest bearing	328,023	312,689
Total deposits	455,157	438,950
Federal funds purchased	-	976
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	13,672	12,555
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	5,059	7,285
Other borrowed funds	11,435	12,275
Interest payable	1,056	1,061
Other liabilities	750	1,348
Total liabilities	487,129	474,450
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock, no par value; 1,000,000 shares authorized;		
none issued or outstanding	-	-
Common stock, no par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized;		
5,236,899 shares issued and outstanding	1,108	1,108
Additional paid in capital	43,660	43,624
Retained earnings	18,680	17,420
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(774)	(1,150)
Total stockholders' equity	62,674	61,002
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 549,803 \$	535,452

See Accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

# PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF NET INCOME THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2007AND 2006 (UNAUDITED, DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2007	,	2006
Interest income			
Loans, including fees	\$ 6,764	\$	6,089
Securities available for sale			
Taxable	1,296		1,267
Tax-exempt	39		23
Federal funds sold and other	513		297
Total interest income	8,612		7,676
Interest expense			
Deposits	2,670		1,949
Repurchase agreements and other	79		57
FHLB advances and other borrowings	352		204
Debentures	-		262
Total interest expense	3,101		2,472
Net interest income	5,511		5,204
Provision for loan losses	36		(194)
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	5,475		5,398
Non-interest income			
Service charges on deposit accounts	633		600
Electronic banking income	137		111
Secondary market mortgage income	135		51
Life insurance benefit	212		-
Other	129		136
	1,246		898
Non-interest expenses			
Salaries and employee benefits	2,334		2,262
Occupancy and equipment expenses	505		483
Outside data processing	526		470
Professional fees	78		134
Taxes, other than payroll, property and income	153		137
Write-downs, expenses, sales of			
other real estate owned, net	1		(25)
Supplies	75		85
Other expenses	476		700
	4,148		4,246
Income before income taxes	2,573		2,050
Provision for income taxes	787		683
Net income	\$ 1,786	\$	1,367

Weighted average shares outstanding:			
Basic		5,237	5,235
Diluted		5,264	5,267
Net income per share:			
Basic		\$ 0.34	\$ 0.26
Diluted		0.34	0.26
	(continued)		
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# PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2007 AND 2006 (UNAUDITED, DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

Three Months Ended March 31, 2007 2006 Net income \$ 1,786 \$ 1,367 Other comprehensive income (loss): Unrealized gains and (losses) arising during the period 570 (642)Reclassification of realized amount Net change in unrealized gain (loss) on securities 570 (642)Less tax impact 194 (218)Other comprehensive income (loss): 376 (424)**Comprehensive income** \$ \$ 943 2,162

See Accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

# PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2007 AND 2006 (UNAUDITED, DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

	2007	2006
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	\$ 1,786 \$	1,367
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from		
operating activities		
Depreciation	198	272
Provision for loan losses	36	(194)
Amortization, net	(10)	20
Stock compensation expense	36	29
FHLB stock dividends	-	(34)
OREO writedowns (gains on sales), net	(3)	(21)
Changes in:		
Interest receivable	11	(31)
Loans held for sale	(26)	632
Other assets	364	678
Interest payable	(5)	10
Other liabilities	(598)	(1,901)
Net cash from operating activities	1,789	827
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchases of securities available for sale	(13,127)	(6,459)
Proceeds from maturities and calls of securities available for sale	14,721	7,069
Redemption of FHLB stock, (net of purchases)	(21)	32
Net change in federal funds sold	(19,487)	(14,153)
Net change in loans	2,183	969
Purchases of premises and equipment, net	(114)	(389)
Proceeds from sale of other real estate acquired through foreclosure	66	200
Net cash from investing activities	(15,779)	(12,731)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net change in deposits	16,207	12,164
Cash dividends paid	(524)	-
Repayment of Federal Home Loan Bank advances	(2,226)	(166)
Proceeds from other borrowings	-	7,000
Repayment of other borrowed funds	(840)	(100)
Early redemption of Trust Preferred Securities	-	(7,000)
Proceeds from stock option exercises	-	27
Net change in federal funds purchased	(976)	
Net change in agreements to repurchase securities	1,117	34
Net cash from financing activities	12,758	11,959
		<b>-</b> -
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(1,232)	55
	460	16000
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	16,974	16,080

Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	15,742	\$ 16,13	35
See Accompanying Notes to Consolida	ated Financial Statem	<u>nents</u>		

# PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (continued) THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2007AND 2006 (UNAUDITED, DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

	2007	2006
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during period for interest	\$ 3,106 \$	2,462
Loans transferred to real estate acquired through foreclosure	187	103

See Accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

# PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED, DOLLARS IN TABLES IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

#### **NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Premier Financial Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) and its wholly owned subsidiaries:

		Year	Total	March 31, 2007 Net Income
Subsidiary	Location	Acquired	Assets	Qtr
Citizens Deposit Bank & Trust	Vanceburg, Kentucky	1991	\$123,425	\$444
Farmers Deposit Bank	Eminence, Kentucky	1996	74,439	237
Ohio River Bank	Ironton, Ohio	1998	85,639	246
First Central Bank, Inc.	Philippi, West Virginia	1998	108,791	351
Boone County Bank, Inc.	Madison, West Virginia	t 1998	156,750	606
Mt. Vernon Financial Holdings Inc.	Huntington, Wes Virginia	t 1999	1,745	200
Parent and Intercompany Eliminations	y		(986)	(298)
Consolidated Total			549,803	1,786

All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

The Company adopted FASB Interpretation 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes ("FIN 48"), as of January 1, 2007. The Company and its subsidiaries are subject to U.S. federal income tax as well as income tax of the state of West Virginia. The Company recognizes interest related to income tax matters as interest expense and penalties related to income tax matters as other expense. The Company did not have any amounts accrued for interest and penalties at January 1, 2007. Under FIN 48, a tax position is recognized as a benefit only if it is "more likely than not" that the tax position would be sustained in a tax examination, with a tax examination being presumed to occur. The amount recognized is the largest amount of tax benefit that is greater than 50% likely of being realized on examination. For tax positions not meeting the "more likely than not" test, no tax benefit is recorded. The Company is no longer subject to examination by taxing authorities for years before 2002. The Company does not expect the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits to significantly increase in the next twelve months. The adoption had no effect on the Company's financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement No. 157, Fair Value Measurements. This Statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This Statement establishes a fair value hierarchy about the assumptions used to measure fair value and clarifies assumptions about risk and the effect of a restriction on the sale or use of an asset. The standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The Company has not completed its evaluation of the impact of the adoption of this standard.

New accounting standards have also been issued that the Company does not expect will have a material effect on the financial statements when adopted in future years or for which the Company has not yet completed its evaluation of the potential effect upon adoption. In general, these standards revise the accounting for derivatives embedded in other

financial instruments for 2007, revise the recognition and accounting for servicing of financial assets for 2007, revise the accrual of post-retirement benefits associated with providing life insurance for 2008, and revise the accounting for cash surrender value for 2007.

# PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED, DOLLARS IN TABLES IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

#### **NOTE 2 -SECURITIES**

Amortized cost and fair value of investment securities, by category, at March 31, 2007 are summarized as follows:

	Amo	ortized Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Available for sale					
U. S. Treasury securities	\$	6,460	\$ 5	\$ (34) \$	6,431
U. S. agency securities		71,507	52	(717)	70,842
Obligations of states and political					
subdivisions		4,319	20	(9)	4,330
Mortgage-backed securities		39,215	125	(615)	38,725
Total available for sale	\$	121,501	\$ 202	\$ (1,375) \$	120,328

Amortized cost and fair value of investment securities, by category, at December 31, 2006 are summarized as follows:

		, ,	Unrealized	Unrealized	
	Amo	rtized Cost	Gains	Losses	Fair Value
Available for sale					
U. S. Treasury securities	\$	6,454	\$ -	\$ (53	6,401
U. S. agency securities		77,885	43	(1,017	76,911
Obligations of states and political					
subdivisions		3,413	15	(15	3,413
Mortgage-backed securities		35,332	40	(755	34,617
Corporate securities		25	-	-	. 25
Total available for sale	\$	123,109	\$ 98	\$ (1,840	) \$ 121,367

Securities with unrealized losses at March 31, 2007 aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position are as follows:

	L	ess than 1	Ionths nrealized	12 M	onth	 More inrealized	T	otal T	Inrealized
Description of Securities	Fai	r Value	Loss	Fair Val	ue	Loss	Fair Value		Loss
U.S. treasury securities	\$	-	\$ - 1	\$ 4,9	944	\$ (34)	\$ 4,944	\$	(34)
U.S. agency securities		6,245	(8)	53,0	)44	(709)	59,289		(717)
Obligations of states and									
political subdivisions		1,139	(6)		348	(3)	1,487		(9)
Gov't guaranteed									
mortgage-backed securities		-	-	12,	546	(314)	12,646		(314)
Mortgage-backed securities		-	-	14,	279	(301)	14,279		(301)
Total temporarily impaired	\$	7,384	\$ (14)	85,	261	\$ (1,361)	\$ 92,645	\$	(1,375)

### PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED, DOLLARS IN TABLES IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

#### **NOTE 2 - SECURITIES - continued**

Securities with unrealized losses at December 31, 2006 aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position are as follows:

	I	Less than 1	2 M	Ionths	12 Month	is or	More	To	tal	
			Uı	nrealized		J	Inrealized		U	nrealized
Description of Securities	Fai	ir Value		Loss	Fair Value		Loss	Fair Value		Loss
U.S. treasury securities	\$	5,435	\$	(32) <sup>3</sup>	\$ 966	\$	(21)\$	6,401	\$	(53)
U.S. agency securities		3,735		(12)	63,145		(1,005)	66,880		(1,017)
Obligations of states and										
political subdivisions		1,581		(12)	322		(3)	1,903		(15)
Gov't guaranteed										
mortgage-backed securities		-		-	13,121		(381)	13,121		(381)
Mortgage-backed securities		943		(3)	14,720		(371)	15,663		(374)
Total temporarily impaired	\$	11,694	\$	(59)	\$ 92,274	\$	(1,781)\$	103,968	\$	(1,840)

The investment portfolio is predominately high quality interest-bearing bonds with defined maturity dates backed by the U.S. Government or Government sponsored agencies. The unrealized losses at March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006 are price changes resulting from changes in the interest rate environment and are not considered to be other than temporary declines in the value of the securities. Their fair value is expected to recover as the bonds approach their maturity date and/or market conditions improve.

#### **NOTE 3 - LOANS**

Major classifications of loans at March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006 are summarized as follows:

	2007	2006
Commercial, secured by real estate	\$ 101,274	\$ 101,786
Commercial, other	42,315	43,981
Real estate construction	12,636	11,303
Residential real estate	139,153	138,795
Agricultural	1,853	1,930
Consumer and home equity	40,668	42,188
Other	3,407	3,814
	\$ 341,306	\$ 343,797

# PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED, DOLLARS IN TABLES IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

#### **NOTE 3 - LOANS - continued**

The following table sets forth information with respect to the Company's impaired loans at March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006.

	2007		2006
Impaired loans at period end with an allowance	\$	5,780 \$	7,766
Impaired loan at period end with no allowance		-	-
Amount of allowance for loan losses allocated		1,673	1,774

The following table sets forth information with respect to the Company's nonperforming loans at March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006.

	2007	2006
Non-accrual loans	\$ 3,558	\$ 4,698
Accruing loans which are contractually past due 90 days or more	864	992
Restructured loans	1,373	1,268
Total	\$ 5,795	\$ 6,958

#### **NOTE 4 - ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES**

Changes in the allowance for loan losses for the three months ended March 31, 2007 and 2006 are as follows:

		Three Months Ended March 31,				
	2007		2006			
Balance, beginning of period	\$	6,661	\$	7,892		
Gross charge-offs		(260)		(427)		
Recoveries		139		308		
Provision for loan losses		36		(194)		
Balance, end of period	\$	6,576	\$	7,579		

# PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED, DOLLARS IN TABLES IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

#### NOTE 5 - FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK ADVANCES

The Banks own stock of the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) of Cincinnati, Ohio. This stock allows the Banks to borrow advances from the FHLB.

In the first quarter of 2007, the Company prepaid \$2,070,000 of advances with interest rates ranging from 5.30% to 5.60%. All remaining advances are paid either on a monthly basis or at maturity, over remaining terms of four to six years, with fixed interest rates ranging from 4.10% to 6.64%, averaging 5.99%. Advances are secured by the FHLB stock, certain pledged investment securities and substantially all single family first mortgage loans of the participating Banks. Scheduled principal payments due on advances during the five calendar years subsequent to March 31, 2007 are as follows:

2007 (remaining nine months)	\$ 144
2008	200
2009	209
2010	4,218
2011	218
Thereafter	70
	\$ 5,059

# PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED, DOLLARS IN TABLES IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

#### **NOTE 6 - OTHER BORROWED FUNDS**

On January 31, 2006, the Company executed and delivered to First Guaranty Bank of Hammond, Louisiana a Promissory Note and Business Loan Agreement dated January 31, 2006 for the principal amount of \$7,000,000, bearing interest floating daily at the "Wall Street Journal" prime rate (currently 8.25%) and requiring monthly principal payments of \$50,000 until maturity on September 28, 2017. The note is secured by a pledge of Premier's 100% interest in Boone County Bank (a wholly owned subsidiary) under Commercial Pledge Agreement dated January 31, 2006. The proceeds of this note were used to redeem \$7,000,000 (280,000 shares) of Premier's 9.75% Trust Preferred Securities as of January 31, 2006. Premier's chairman owns approximately 27.6% of the voting stock of First Guaranty Bank. Premier's board of directors reviewed the loan and authorized the Company to enter into the loan transaction. The balance of this loan was approximately \$5,183,000 at March 31, 2007.

On November 10, 2006, Premier Financial Bancorp, Inc. ("Premier") executed and delivered to The Bankers' Bank of Kentucky, Inc. of Frankfort, Kentucky ("Bankers' Bank") a Term Note and Business Loan Agreement dated November 10, 2006 in the principal amount of \$6,500,000, bearing interest floating daily at the "Wall Street Journal" prime rate minus 1.00% (initially 7.25%) and requiring 83 monthly principal and interest payments of \$100,000 and a final payment of any balance due at maturity on November 9, 2013. The note is secured by a pledge of Premier's 100% interest in Citizens Deposit Bank and Trust, Inc. (a wholly owned subsidiary) and Premier's 100% interest in Farmers-Deposit Bank, Eminence, Kentucky (a wholly owned subsidiary) under a Stock Pledge and Security Agreement dated November 10, 2006. The proceeds of this note were used in conjunction with \$1,750,000 of the Company's own cash to redeem the final \$8,250,000 (330,000 shares) of Premier's 9.75% Trust Preferred Securities on November 10, 2006. The balance of this loan was approximately \$6,252,000 at March 31, 2007.

In addition to the \$6,500,000 Term Note, Premier executed and delivered to the Bankers' Bank a Promissory Note whereby Premier may request and receive monies from Bankers' Bank from time to time, but the aggregate outstanding principal balance under the Promissory Note at any time shall not exceed \$3,500,000, and the right to request and receive monies from Bankers' Bank hereunder shall cease and terminate on November 9, 2007. The outstanding principal balance under this Promissory Note shall bear annual interest floating daily at the "Wall Street Journal" prime rate minus 1.00% (initially 7.25%). Interest on this Promissory Note shall be due and payable on the 5th day of each, January, April, July and October during the term of this Promissory Note, and at the maturity date hereof. Any outstanding principal amount loaned to Premier under this Promissory Note, and not previously repaid, shall be due on November 9, 2007. The Promissory Note is secured by the same collateral as the \$6,500,000 Term Note. At March 31, 2007, there was no outstanding principal balance on the Promissory Note.

### PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED, DOLLARS IN TABLES IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

#### NOTE 7 - STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND REGULATORY MATTERS

The Company's principal source of funds for dividend payments to shareholders is dividends received from the subsidiary Banks. Banking regulations limit the amount of dividends that may be paid without prior approval of regulatory agencies. Under these regulations, the amount of dividends that may be paid in any calendar year is limited to the current year's net profits, as defined, combined with the retained net profits of the preceding two years, subject to the capital requirements and additional restrictions as discussed below. During 2007, the Banks could, without prior approval, declare dividends of approximately \$3.2 million plus any 2007 net profits retained to the date of the dividend declaration.

The Company and the subsidiary Banks are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Company's financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Company and the Banks must meet specific guidelines that involve quantitative measures of their assets, liabilities, and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices.

These quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require the Company and Banks to maintain minimum amounts and ratios (set forth in the following table) of Total and Tier I capital (as defined in the regulations) to risk-weighted assets (as defined), and of Tier I capital (as defined) to average assets (as defined). Management believes, as of March 31, 2007, that the Company and the Banks meet all quantitative capital adequacy requirements to which they are subject.

Shown below is a summary of regulatory capital ratios for the Company:

			То Ве
		Regulatory	Considered
Mar 31,	December 31,	Minimum	Well
2007	2006	Requirements	Capitalized
15.1%	14.7%	4.0%	6.0%
16.3%	16.0%	8.0%	10.0%
9.0%	8.9%	4.0%	5.0%
	2007 15.1% 16.3%	2007       2006         15.1%       14.7%         16.3%       16.0%	Mar 31,       December 31,       Minimum         2007       2006       Requirements         15.1%       14.7%       4.0%         16.3%       16.0%       8.0%

As of March 31, 2007, the most recent notification from the FRB categorized the Company and its subsidiary Banks as well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action. To be categorized as well capitalized, the Company must maintain minimum Total risk-based, Tier I risk-based and Tier I leverage ratios as set forth in the preceding table. There are no conditions or events since that notification that management believes have changed the Company's category.

## PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED, DOLLARS IN TABLES IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

#### **NOTE 8 - STOCK COMPENSATION EXPENSE**

From time to time the Company grants stock options to its employees. The Company accounts for these option grants using SFAS No. 123R, "Share-Based Payments," which establishes accounting requirements for share-based compensation to employees. Under SFAS 123R, the Company estimates the fair value of the options at the time they are granted to employees and expenses that fair value over the vesting period of the option grant.

On January 17, 2007, 37,000 incentive stock options were granted out of the 2002 Plan at an exercise price of \$14.22. These options vest in three equal annual installments ending on January 17, 2010. On February 15, 2006, 35,250 incentive stock options were granted out of the 2002 Plan at an exercise price of \$16.00. These options vest in three equal annual installments ending on February 15, 2009. On January 19, 2005, 35,000 incentive stock options were granted out of the 2002 Plan at an exercise price of \$11.62. These options vest in three equal annual installments ending on January 19, 2008. On February 18, 2004, 28,200 incentive stock options were granted out of the 2002 Plan at an exercise price of \$9.30. These options vested in three equal annual installments and were fully vested on February 18, 2007. On January 15, 2003, 28,650 incentive stock options were granted out of the 2002 Plan at an exercise price of \$7.96. These options vested in three equal annual installments and were fully vested on January 15, 2006.

The fair value of the Company's employee stock options granted is estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. This model requires the input of highly subjective assumptions, changes to which can materially affect the fair value estimate. Additionally, there may be other factors that would otherwise have a significant effect on the value of employee stock options granted but are not considered by the model. The assumptions used in the Black-Scholes option-pricing model are as follows

	2007	2006	2005
Risk-free interest rate	4.78%	4.62%	3.70%
Expected option life (yrs)	5.00	5.00	5.00
Expected stock price volatility	0.25	0.26	0.25
Dividend yield	1.41%	0.00%	0.00%
Weighted average fair value of options granted during			
the year	\$ 3.81 \$	5.21 \$	3.48

The risk-free interest rate for the expected term of the option is based on the U.S. Treasury yield in effect at the time of the grant. The expected option life was estimated at half the total option term since there has been little option exercise history. The expected stock price volatility is based on historical volatilities of the Company's common stock. The estimated dividend yield is the dividend yield at the time of the option grant.

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#### NOTE 8 - STOCK COMPENSATION EXPENSE - continued

Compensation expense of \$37,000 was recorded for the first three months of 2007 while \$30,000 was recorded for the first three months of 2006. Stock-based compensation expense is recognized ratably over the requisite service period for all awards. Unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to stock options totaled \$189,000 at March 31, 2007. This unrecognized expense is expected to be recognized over the next 33 months based on the vesting periods of the options.

A summary of the Company's stock option activity and related information is presented below for the three months ended March 31:

	2007			20	06		
			,	Weighted			Weighted
				Average			Average
				Exercise			Exercise
	Oı	otions		Price	Options		Price
Outstanding at beginning of year		120,248	\$	12.25	111,750	\$	11.05
Grants		37,000		14.22	35,250		16.00
Exercises		-		-	(3,002)		9.02
Forfeitures or expired		-		-	-		-
Outstanding at March 31,		157,248	\$	12.72	143,998	\$	12.30
Exercisable at March 31,		85,764			77,432		
Weighted average remaining life of							
options outstanding		7.7			4.9		
Weighted average fair value of options							
granted during the year	\$	3.81			\$ 5.21		

Additional information regarding stock options outstanding and exercisable at March 31, 2007, is provided in the following table:

	(	outs	tanding				- Currently E	xercisable		
							Weighted			
		W	eighted				Average	Weighted	l	
		A	verage	Agg	gregate		Remaining	Average	Αg	gregate
		E	xercise	Int	trinsic		Contractual	Exercise	Ir	ntrinsic
Range of Exercise Prices	Number		Price	V	'alue	Number	Life	Price	,	Value
\$7.50 to \$10.00	42,749	\$	8.70	\$	261	42,749	6.4	\$ 8.70	\$	261
\$10.01 to \$12.50	32,999		11.62		105	21,172	7.8	11.62		67
\$12.51 to \$15.00	37,000		14.22		21	0	0.0	14.22		0
\$15.01 to \$17.50	44,500		16.12		0	21,843	5.3	16.25		0
Outstanding - Mar 31, 2007	157,248		12.71	\$	387	85,764	6.5	11.34	\$	328

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<u>Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis</u> of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Management's discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements that are provided to assist in the understanding of anticipated future financial performance. However, such performance involves risks and uncertainties, and there are certain important factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. These important factors include, but are not limited to, economic conditions (both generally and more specifically in the markets in which Premier operates), competition for Premier's customers from other providers of financial services, government legislation and regulation (which changes from time to time), changes in interest rates, Premier's ability to originate quality loans, collect delinquent loans and attract and retain deposits, the impact of Premier's growth, Premier's ability to control costs, and new accounting pronouncements, all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond the control of Premier. The words "may," "could," "should," "would," "will," "beli "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "plan," "project," "predict," "continue" and similar expressions are intended to forward-looking statements.

#### A. Results of Operations

A financial institution's primary sources of revenue are generated by interest income on loans, investments and other earning assets, while its major expenses are produced by the funding of these assets with interest bearing liabilities. Effective management of these sources and uses of funds is essential in attaining a financial institution's optimal profitability while maintaining a minimum amount of interest rate risk and credit risk.

Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2007 was \$1,786,000, or 34 cents per share, compared to net income of \$1,367,000, or \$0.26 per share for the three months ended March 31, 2006. The increase in income reported for 2007 was primarily the result of higher interest income (primarily on loans), higher non-interest income, life insurance benefits on the death of a former officer of a subsidiary, and expenses in 2006 related to the accelerated amortization of issuance costs related to the early redemption of \$7.0 million of Premier's Trust Preferred securities on January 31, 2006. These increases in profitability were only partially offset by higher interest expense, higher staff and outside data processing costs and the income effect of negative loan loss provisions recorded in the first quarter of 2006. The annualized returns on shareholders' equity and average assets were approximately 11.57% and 1.31% for the three months ended March 31, 2007 compared to 9.93% and 1.03% for the same period in 2006.

Net interest income for the three months ending March 31, 2007 totaled \$5.51 million, up \$307,000 or 5.9% from the \$5.20 million of net interest income earned in the first three months of 2006. Interest income in 2007 increased by \$936,000 or 12.2%, \$675,000 due to higher interest rates and a larger average volume of loans outstanding. Interest earned on federal funds sold increased by \$214,000, due to higher yields earned and a higher volume outstanding. Interest earned on investments increased \$45,000 due to overall higher yields although the volume of investments has decreased. Interest expense increased in total by \$629,000 in 2007 compared to 2006 partially offsetting the increase in interest income. Savings of \$262,000 were realized due to the retirement of Premier's Trust Preferred Securities in 2006. A portion of the savings was offset by the increase in interest expense related to FHLB advances and other borrowings as Premier borrowed \$13.5 million to complete the 2006 redemptions. (See Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements). The net interest saving realized was more than offset by a \$721,000, or 37.0% increase in interest expense on deposits and a \$22,000 or 38.6% increase in interest expense on customer repurchase agreements.

Due to the rising interest rate environment and actions taken by the Federal Reserve to increase national federal funds rates in 2006, Premier has increased the rates paid to its depositors to remain competitive in its markets. Furthermore, deposit balances and repurchase agreements outstanding have increased in the first quarter of 2007 compared to the same quarter of 2006. As a result of the \$307,000 increase in net interest income, the net interest margin for the three months ending March 31, 2007 increased to 4.48% compared to 4.27% for the same period in 2006.

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Non-interest income increased to \$1,246,000 for the first three months of 2007. This total includes \$212,000 of life insurance benefits on the death of a former officer of a subsidiary. Excluding this benefit, non-interest income increased \$136,000 in the first three months of 2007 when compared to the \$898,000 of non-interest income for the first three months of 2006. Service charges on deposit accounts increased by \$33,000 or 5.5% to \$633,000 in 2007 due to increases in the volume of deposit customers and changes in service charge calculations. Electronic banking income (income from debit/credit cards, ATM fees and internet banking charges) increased \$26,000 or 23.4% to \$137,000 in 2007 due to increases in Premier's deposit customer base and their greater propensity to use electronic means to conduct their banking business. Premier's conversion to a more modern banking software system in 2005 has allowed Premier to offer more electronic banking services and made it easier for customers to conduct their banking electronically. Secondary market mortgage income increased \$84,000, or 165%, to \$135,000 in 2007 as Premier has expanded its efforts to originate mortgage loans for brokers for a commission.

Non-interest expenses for the first quarter of 2007 totaled \$4,148,000 or 3.05% of average assets on an annualized basis compared to \$4,246,000 or 3.19% of average assets for the same period of 2006. Staff costs increased by \$72,000 or 3.2% to \$2,334,000 in 2007 due to normal salary and benefit increases. Occupancy and equipment expenses increased by \$22,000 or 4.6% to \$505,000 in 2007 largely due to higher occupancy costs related to net rent expense, snow removal and building repairs. Outside data processing costs increased by \$56,000 or 11.9% to \$526,000 in 2007 largely due to fee increases for core processing and ATM processing, an increase in the number of items processed and additional charges for new internet banking products offered by Premier. Taxes other than payroll, property and income increased by \$16,000 or 11.7% to \$153,000 in 2007 largely due to an increase in shareholders' equity subject to taxes. Write-downs, expenses and sales of other real estate owned (OREO) increased by \$26,000 from a \$25,000 net gain in 2006 to \$1,000 of expense in 2007 due to gains on the disposition of OREO recorded during the first quarter of 2006. Offsetting these expense increases in 2007 were the following expense reductions. Professional fees declined by \$56,000 or 41.8% to \$78,000 in 2007 largely due to lower legal fees, lower external and internal audit expense and lower consultant charges. Supplies expense declined by \$10,000 or 11.8% to \$75,000 in 2007. Other expenses declined by \$224,000 to \$476,000 in 2007 largely due to \$256,000 of accelerated issuance costs in 2006 related to the redemption of \$7.0 million of Premier's trust preferred securities on January 31, 2006.

Income tax expense was \$787,000 for the first three months of 2007 compared to \$683,000 for the first three months of 2006. The increase in income tax expense can be primarily attributed to the increase in pre-tax income detailed above. The effective tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2007 was 30.6%, compared to the 33.3% effective tax rate for the same period in 2006. The decrease in the effective tax rate is largely due to the life insurance benefits realized in 2007 which are exempt from income tax.

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#### B. Financial Position

Total assets at March 31, 2007 increased \$14.3 million to \$549.8 million from the \$535.5 million at December 31, 2006. Earning assets increased to \$513.2 million at March 31, 2007 from the \$496.7 million at December 31, 2006, an increase of \$16.6 million, or 3.3%. The increase was due to an increase federal funds sold with partially offsetting decreases in total loans, cash and due from banks and the securities portfolio (see below).

Cash and due from banks at March 31, 2007 was \$15.7 million, a \$1.3 million decrease from the \$17.0 million at December 31, 2006. Federal funds sold increased \$19.5 million from the \$27.6 million reported at December 31, 2006. Changes in these two highly liquid assets are generally in response to increases in deposits, the demand for deposit withdrawals or the funding of loans and are part of Premier's management of its liquidity and interest rate risks. The increase in federal funds sold during the first three months of 2007 is in response to proceeds from increases in total deposits that were not invested in high quality securities. These funds were held in federal funds sold due to the inverted yield curve. During a period of an inverted yield curve, shorter-term investments, such as federal funds sold, yield higher interest income than longer-term investments such as investment grade bonds. (A normal yield curve rewards longer-term investing with higher interest yields.) As a result, Premier has been keeping its funds from the growth in deposits in higher yielding federal funds sold.

Securities available for sale totaled \$120.3 million at March 31, 2007, a \$1.0 million decrease from the \$121.4 million at December 31, 2006. The decline was largely due to a lower volume of purchases versus the volume of calls and maturities that occurred during the first three months of 2007, partially offset by a \$570,000 increase in the market value of the total portfolio. To provide funding for new loans in the short-term future as well as to take advantage of the inverted yield curve, not all of the funds from maturing investments were renewed. The investment portfolio is predominately high quality interest-bearing bonds with defined maturity dates backed by the U.S. Government or Government sponsored agencies. The unrealized losses at March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006 are price changes resulting from changes in the interest rate environment and are not considered to be other than temporary declines in the value of the securities. Their fair value is expected to recover as the bonds approach their maturity date and/or market conditions improve. Additional details on investment activities can be found in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

Total loans at March 31, 2007 were \$341.3 million compared to \$343.8 million at December 31, 2006, a decrease of nearly \$2.5 million. This decrease is largely due to continued loan collections at Farmers Deposit Bank, \$1.0 million of pay-offs on impaired loans and net payments on other loans, plus the charge-off of \$260,000 of uncollectible loans across the Company.

Deposits totaled \$455.2 million as of March 31, 2007, a \$16.2 million increase from the \$439.0 million in deposits at December 31, 2006. The increase is largely due to a \$15.3 million increase in other interest bearing deposits with growth in those deposits at each of the Company's affiliate banks. Non-interest bearing deposits increased by an additional \$1.8 million, but this increase was substantially offset by a \$0.9 million decrease in time deposits \$100,000 and over. Repurchase agreements with corporate and public entity customers increased by \$1.1 million to \$13.7 million as of March 31, 2007.

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Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) advances declined by \$2.2 million in the first three months of 2007 due to regularly scheduled principal payments and \$2.1 million of debt prepayments. Other borrowed funds decreased by \$840,000 since December 31, 2006, due to regularly scheduled principal payments and \$500,000 of debt prepayments. See <a href="Notes 5 and 6">Notes 5 and 6</a> to the consolidated financial statements for additional information on the Company's outstanding bank debt and FHLB advances.

Other liabilities declined by \$598,000 since December 31, 2006 largely as a result of the payments on accrued expenses during the first quarter of 2007.

The following table sets forth information with respect to the Company's nonperforming assets at March 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006.

	(In Thousands)			
		2007		2006
Non-accrual loans	\$	3,558	\$	4,698
Accruing loans which are contractually past due 90 days or more		864		992
Restructured		1,373		1,268
Total non-performing loans		5,795		6,958
Other real estate acquired through foreclosure		619		495
Total non-performing assets	\$	6,414	\$	7,453
Non-performing loans as a percentage of total loans		1.70%		2.02%
Non-performing assets as a percentage of total assets		1.17%		1.39%

Total non-performing loans and non-performing assets have decreased since year-end largely due to loan pay-offs received on non-accrual loans during the first quarter of 2007. Accruing loans past due 90 days or more also declined in the first three months of 2007 due to collection efforts by the Company. Premier continues to make a significant effort to reduce its past due and non-performing loans by reviewing loan files, using the courts to bring borrowers current with the terms of their loan agreements and/or the foreclosure and sale of OREO properties. As in the past, when these plans are executed, Premier may experience increases in non-performing loans and non-performing assets. Furthermore, any resulting increases in loans placed on non-accrual status will have a negative impact on future loan interest income. Also, as these plans are executed, other loans may be identified that would necessitate additional charge-offs and potentially additional provisions for loan losses.

During the first quarter of 2007, the Company recorded \$36,000 of provisions for loan losses. This compares to the first quarter of 2006 when Premier reversed \$194,000 of previously recorded provisions for loan losses (negative provisions). The increase in the provision was made in accordance with Premier's policies regarding management's estimation of probable incurred losses in the loan portfolio and the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses, which are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The negative provisions in the first quarter of 2006 were the result of continued improvement in the estimated credit risk at banks formerly subject to regulatory agreements and payments on loans previously identified as having significant credit risk at Farmers Deposit Bank. In the first quarter of 2007, those improvements in credit quality were not as significant and \$36,000 of additional provisions were recorded to provide for the increased credit

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risk in the loan portfolio. In the coming months, Premier will continue to monitor the impact that national housing market price declines may have on its local markets and collateral valuations as management evaluates the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses. While some price deterioration is expected, it is not currently anticipated that Premier's markets will be impacted as severely as other areas of the country due to the historically modest increases in real estate values in the Company's markets. Future provisions to the allowance for loan losses, positive or negative, will depend on future improvement or deterioration in estimated credit risk in the loan portfolio as well as whether additional payments are received on loans having significant credit risk.

Gross charge-offs totaled \$260,000 during the first three months of 2007. Any collections on these loans would be presented in future financial statements as recoveries of the amounts charged against the allowance. Recoveries recorded during the first three months of 2007 totaled \$139,000, resulting in net charge-offs for the first quarter of 2007 of \$121,000. This compares to \$119,000 of net charge-offs recorded in the first quarter of 2006. The allowance for loan losses at March 31, 2007 was 1.93% of total loans as compared to 1.94% at December 31, 2006. The slightly declining percentage of allowance for loan losses to total loans is largely due to the net charge-offs recorded in the first quarter of 2007 and to the sufficient loan loss reserves previously allocated to those loans.

#### C. Critical Accounting Policies

The Company follows financial accounting and reporting policies that are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America. These policies are presented in Note 1 to the consolidated audited financial statements in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006. Some of these accounting policies, as discussed below, are considered to be critical accounting policies. Critical accounting policies are those policies that require management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. The Company has identified two accounting policies that are critical accounting policies, and an understanding of these policies is necessary to understand the financial statements. These policies relate to determining the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses and the impairment of goodwill. A detailed description of these accounting policies is contained in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006. There have been no significant changes in the application of these accounting policies since December 31, 2006.

Management believes that the judgments, estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements are appropriate given the factual circumstances at the time.

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#### D. Liquidity

Liquidity objectives for the Company can be expressed in terms of maintaining sufficient cash flows to meet both existing and unplanned obligations in a cost effective manner. Adequate liquidity allows the Company to meet the demands of both the borrower and the depositor on a timely basis, as well as pursuing other business opportunities as they arise. Thus, liquidity management embodies both an asset and liability aspect while attempting to maximize profitability. In order to provide for funds on a current and long-term basis, the Company's subsidiary banks rely primarily on the following sources:

- 1. Core deposits consisting of both consumer and commercial deposits and certificates of deposit of \$100,000 or more. Management believes that the majority of its \$100,000 or more certificates of deposit are no more volatile than its other deposits. This is due to the nature of the markets in which the subsidiaries operate.
  - 2. Cash flow generated by repayment of loans and interest.
  - 3. Arrangements with correspondent banks for purchase of unsecured federal funds.
  - 4. The sale of securities under repurchase agreements and borrowing from the Federal Home Loan Bank.
- 5. Maintenance of an adequate available-for-sale security portfolio. The Company owns \$120.3 million of securities at market value as of March 31, 2007.

The cash flow statements for the periods presented in the financial statements provide an indication of the Company's sources and uses of cash as well as an indication of the ability of the Company to maintain an adequate level of liquidity.

#### E. Capital

At March 31, 2007, total shareholders' equity of \$62.7 million was 11.4% of total assets. This compares to total shareholders' equity of \$61.0 million or 11.4% of total assets on December 31, 2006.

Tier I capital totaled \$47.6 million at March 31, 2007, which represents a Tier I leverage ratio of 9.0%. This ratio is up from the 8.9% at December 31, 2006 due to Premier's continued profitability in relation to the its growth in total assets.

Book value per share was \$11.97 at March 31, 2007, and \$11.65 at December 31, 2006. The increase in book value per share was the result of the \$0.34 per share earned during the quarter less the \$0.10 per share common dividend. Also increasing the book value per share was \$376,000 of other comprehensive income for the first three months of 2007 related to the after tax increase in the market value of investment securities available for sale.

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#### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The Company currently does not engage in any derivative or hedging activity. Refer to the Company's 2006 10-K for analysis of the interest rate sensitivity. The Company believes there have been no significant changes in the interest rate sensitivity since previously reported on the Company's 2006 10-K.

#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures

#### A. Disclosure Controls & Procedures

Premier management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15c as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures are effective in ensuring that all material information required to be filed in this quarterly report has been made known to them in a timely fashion.

"Internal controls" are procedures, which are designed with the objective of providing reasonable assurance that (1) transactions are properly authorized; (2) assets are safeguarded against unauthorized or improper use; and (3) transactions are properly recorded and reported, all so as to permit the preparation of reports and financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Premier management uses the financial reports of its subsidiaries to make decisions about the allocation of the Company's resources, to implement strategies to improve the Company's performance, and to prepare the consolidated financial statements of the Company for its shareholders and regulatory authorities. However, a control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their cost. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within a company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. The design of any system of controls is also based, in part, upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Over time, a control may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Finally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the control.

#### B. Changes in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in internal controls over financial reporting during the third fiscal quarter that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect Premier's internal controls over financial reporting.

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#### PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings	None
Item 1A. Risk Factors	
Please refer to Premier's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 for disclosures with respect to Premier's risk factors at December 31, 2006. There have been no material changes since year-end 2006 in the specified risk factors disclosed in the Annual Report on Form 10-K.	
Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds	None
Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities	None
Item 4. Submission of Matters to a vote of Security Holders	None
Item 5. Other Information	None
Item 6. Exhibits	
(a) The following exhibits are furnished in accordance with the provisions of Item 601 of Regulation S-K.	
31.1 Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	
31.2 Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	
32 Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C §1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	
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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Corporation has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC.

Date: May 15, 2007 /s/ Robert W. Walker

Robert W. Walker

President & Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 15, 2007 /s/ Brien M. Chase

Brien M. Chase

Vice President & Chief Financial Officer