Oconee Financial Corporation Reports First Quarter 2023 Results

WATKINSVILLE, Ga., May 8, 2023/PRNewswire/ -- Oconee Financial Corporation ("Oconee") (OTCQX: OSBK) is pleased to report results for the first quarter of 2023. Unaudited net income for the three months ending March 31, 2023, was \$1,127,683 or \$1.26 per common share. This compares to \$590,376 or \$0.66 per common share for the first quarter of the prior year, an increase of 91%. The increase in net earnings for the first quarter 2023 was mainly attributable to an increase in net interest income of \$1,246,000 compared to the same period of 2022. This was mainly due to increases in interest income on loans of \$669,000, interest income on investments of \$696,000 and interest income on interest-bearing bank balances of \$268,000.

Total assets as of March 31, 2023, were \$526.1 million, compared to total assets of \$536.7 million as of December 31, 2022, a decrease of 2%. Total loans were \$298.8 million and total deposits were \$466.2 million as of March 31, 2023. This compared to total loans of \$295.6 million and total deposits of \$494.9 million at December 31, 2022. As of March 31, 2023, total loans increased 1.08% and total deposits decreased 5.8% versus December 31, 2022. The decrease in total deposits and total assets is primarily due to a seasonal decline in municipal deposits. Book value per share at March 31, 2023 was \$35.06 versus \$32.43 at December 31, 2022. The increase in book value per share during the year was due to improvement in the unrealized loss position in the Bank's investment portfolio.

Neil Stevens, President and Chief Executive Officer of Oconee, commenting on the first quarter's results noted "We were very pleased with the first quarter results for 2023. Our first quarter 2023 results, in comparison to first quarter results of 2022, show that we're successfully navigating a challenging interest rate environment. We continue to see good loan production and sound credit quality. We were pleased to announce and pay an annual dividend of \$0.85 per share in April. This 21% increase over the dividend paid in 2022 reflects our overall financial strength. We were also pleased to announce the recent opening of our Macon branch and expansion into the Central Georgia market."

Oconee Financial Corporation is headquartered in Watkinsville, Georgia and operates five full-service financial centers and one loan production office. In February 2023, Oconee State bank celebrated 63 years of service and continues to be the only locally owned and operated community bank headquartered in Oconee County. Oconee State Bank has proudly served the local community, providing an unparalleled commitment to personalized service, innovative products and solutions, and strives to bring exceptional value to our customers through local ownership, involvement, and decision-making. We continuously strive to create remarkable experiences that significantly mark the lives of others.

OCONEE FINANCIAL CORPORATION BALANCE SHEET

	3/31/2023		12/31/2022	
		(Unaudited)		
ASSETS				
Cash and due from banks	\$	32,200,859	\$	51,430,016
Securities available for sale (at fair value)		162,671,878		159,640,457
Other investment		905,800		285,500
Mortgage loans held for sale		1,789,420		140,409
Loans, net of unearned income		303,106,377		300,130,642
Allowance for loan loss		(4,333,414)		(4,549,357)
Loans, net		298,772,963		295,581,285
Premises and equipment		8,066,029		8,000,576
Other assets		21,674,245		21,669,411
Total Assets	\$	526,081,194	\$	536,747,654
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Liabilities:	¢	466 175 044	Φ	
Deposits	\$	466,175,844	\$	494,869,684
Subordinated debenture, net of capitalized expenses		9,824,380		9,818,393
Dividends payable		762,022		
Accrued expenses and other liabilities Total Liabilities		2,884,858		2,976,386
1 otal Liabilities		494,647,105		507,664,463
Stockholder's Equity:				
Common Stock		1,796,746		1,795,900
Restricted Stock		(72,695)		(43,528)
Additional Paid in Capital		4,192,523		4,176,342
Retained earnings		37,130,422		36,764,762
Unrealized gain/loss on securities		(11,612,906)		(13,610,285)
Total Stockholder's Equity		31,434,089		29,083,191
Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity	\$	526,081,194	\$	536,747,654
Book Value Per Share	\$	35.06	\$	32.43

OCONEE FINANCIAL CORPORATION STATEMENT OF INCOME-YTD

	3/31/2023		3/31/2022	
	J)	Unaudited)		
Interest Income:				
Loans	\$	3,958,727	\$	3,290,023
Securities available for sale				
State, County & Municipal		189,681		195,025
Treasuries & Agencies		1,003,901		302,064
Corporate		94,766		94,974
Federal funds sold & other	other 305	305,658		37,654
		5,552,733		3,919,740
Interest Expense:				
Deposits		518,556		170,881
Other		195,091		155,987
Total Interest Expense		713,647		326,868
Net interest income		4,839,086		3,592,872
Provision for loan losses				
Net income after provision for loan losses		4,839,086		3,592,872
Noninterest income				
Service charges on deposit accounts		161,787		162,946
Loss on Sale of Assets		3,900		
Securities gains (losses), net				
Mortgage banking income		137,985		378,500
SBA loan related income		448,940		102,525
Commissions on investment sales		25,081		23,745
Other		396,074		401,071
Total noninterest income		1,173,767		1,068,787
Noninterest expense				
Salaries and employee benefits		2,604,784		2,300,196
Occupancy		301,090		302,906
Other operating		1,594,033		1,296,419
Total noninterest expense		4,499,906		3,899,521
Income before provision for income taxes		1,512,947		762,138
Provision for income taxes		385,264		171,762
Net Income	\$	1,127,683	\$	590,376
Period-Ending Outstanding Shares		896,497		896,074
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding		897,245		896,822
YTD Earnings Per Common Share	\$	1.26	\$	0.66