Oconee Financial Corporation Reports First Quarter 2021 Results

WATKINSVILLE, Ga., May 05, 2021/PRNewswire/ -- Oconee Financial Corporation ("Oconee") (OTCQX: OSBK) is pleased to report results for the first quarter of 2021. Unaudited net income for the three months ending March 31, 2021, was \$824,221 or \$0.92 per common share. This compares to \$149,342 or \$0.17 per common share for the first quarter of the prior year. This represents a 452% increase in net earnings in the first quarter of 2021 as compared to the same period in 2020. The increase in earnings over the year ago quarter was primarily attributable to increases in net interest income from Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) fees recognized of \$591 thousand and increases in mortgage banking income of \$423 thousand.

Total assets as of March 31, 2021, were \$516.7 million, compared to total assets of \$494.5 million as of December 31, 2020. Total loans were \$326.4 million and deposits were \$467.3 million as of March 31, 2021. This compared to total loans of \$319.6 million and deposits of \$444.7 million at December 31, 2020. For the quarter ended March 31, 2021, total loans increased 2.1% and total deposits increased 5.1% versus December 31, 2020.

Neil Stevens, President and Chief Executive Officer of Oconee stated "we were pleased with our quarterly results, particularly the improvement in earnings over the year ago quarter, as well as the nice growth in loans and deposits during the quarter. We are also happy to report that through the end of April, we have made over \$17 million of loans under the second round of PPP. This is in addition to the \$56 million of PPP loans we made in the first round of PPP. This level of PPP lending demonstrates our commitment to our vision of being essential to the lives, businesses and communities we serve."

Stevens also noted "in March, our board of directors voted to increase our annual dividend from \$0.60 per share to \$0.65 per share, an increase of 8.3%. We're pleased to be able to share a larger portion of our financial success with our shareholders. Also during the first quarter, we converted our downtown Athens loan production office at One Press Place to a full service office. The Athens Financial Center can now offer our customers our full suite of products and services."

Oconee Financial Corporation is headquartered in Watkinsville, Georgia and operates four full-service branches and one limited-service branch. In February 2021, Oconee State bank celebrated 61 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

	3/31/2021		12/31/2020	
		(Unaudited)		
ASSETS				
Cash and due from banks	\$	63,471,003	\$	76,418,430
Securities available for sale (at fair value)		98,489,775		75,548,813
Other investment		247,400		359,700
Mortgage loans held for sale		9,668,013		6,408,720
Loans, net of unearned income		330,707,661		323,624,861
Allowance for loan loss		(4,304,195)		(4,057,091)
Loans, net		326,403,466		319,567,770
Premises and equipment		6,427,021		5,103,036
Other real estate owned				
Other assets		11,955,318		11,129,233
Total Assets	\$	516,661,995	\$	494,535,702
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Deposits	\$	467,283,879	\$	444,701,932
Subordinated debenture, net of capitalized expenses		9,776,484		9,770,497
Dividends payable		582,180		
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		1,553,078		1,928,168
Total Liabilities		479,195,622		456,400,597
Stockholder's Equity:				
Common Stock		1,795,076		1,794,250
Restricted Stock		(63,724)		(37,976)
Additional Paid in Capital		4,159,822		4,147,114
Retained earnings		31,093,020		30,850,978
Unrealized gain/loss on securities		482,180		1,380,739
Total Stockholder's Equity		37,466,373		38,135,105
Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity	\$	516,661,995	\$	494,535,702

OCONEE FINANCIAL CORPORATION STATEMENT OF INCOME-YTD

	3/31/2021		3/31/2020	
	J)	Unaudited)		
Interest Income:				
Loans	\$	3,853,102	\$	3,270,326
Securities available for sale				
State, County & Municipal		187,343		88,820
Treasuries & Agencies		104,647		291,825
Corporate		67,773		
Federal funds sold & other	20,573			140,810
		4,233,437		3,791,781
Interest Expense:				
Deposits		286,087		596,912
Other		155,987		
Total Interest Expense		442,074		596,912
Net interest income		3,791,363		3,194,869
Provision for loan losses		235,500		187,500
Net income after provision for loan losses		3,555,863		3,007,369
Noninterest income				
Service charges on deposit accounts		106,182		130,830
Gain on Sale of Assets				
Securities gains (losses), net		196,303		
Mortgage banking income		585,233		161,492
SBA loan related income		44,446		129,978
Commissions on investment sales		79,217		145,620
Other		402,079		321,406
Total noninterest income		1,413,461		889,325
Noninterest expense		2 200 052		0 421 459
Salaries and employee benefits		2,290,952		2,431,458
Occupancy Other exercting		307,016		285,128
Other operating		1,327,366		1,018,618
Total noninterest expense		3,925,334		3,735,204
Income before provision for income taxes		1,043,990		161,491
Provision for income taxes		219,769		12,149
Net Income	\$	824,221	\$	149,342
Period-Ending Outstanding Shares		895,662		895,478
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding		895,662		895,478
YTD Earnings Per Common Share	\$	0.92	\$	0.17
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