



## Edgewater Bancorp Reports Third Quarter Earnings

SAINT JOSEPH, Mich., Oct. 25, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Edgewater Bancorp, Inc.** (EGDW) announced year-to-date September 30, 2019 net income of \$1,240,308, or \$1.93 per share, compared to net income of \$1,027,708 or \$1.59 per share, for the third quarter of 2018. The net income figures for both periods are impacted by reversals of the valuation allowance previously established for Edgewater's deferred tax asset. During the first nine months of 2018, \$1.4 million of the valuation allowance was reversed. During the first nine months of 2019, the remaining \$528,146 of the deferred tax asset valuation allowance was reversed. In both cases, the valuation reversal is recognized in the financial statements as an income tax benefit.

Net interest income increased \$437,345 or 10.7%, to \$4.5 million for the first nine months of 2019, compared to \$4.1 million for the first nine months of 2018. Total provision expense of \$90,000 for the first nine months of 2019 compared to \$80,000 for the same period of 2018. The level of provision expense is based on Bank management's assessment of current asset quality indicators along with analytical tools based on several historic, portfolio, and economic considerations.

Total non-interest income was down \$30,391 from \$650,546 during the first nine months of 2018 to \$620,155 during the first nine months of 2019. The decrease in non-interest income is primarily the result of a lower volume of secondary market residential mortgage loans on a year-to-date basis in 2019 compared to the same period in 2018. The decline is due to higher market interest rates and an increase in portfolio mortgages. Total non-interest expense at for the first nine months of 2019 of \$4.2 million compares favorably to total non-interest expense of \$5.1 million at for the first nine months of 2018. During 2018, a one-time \$1.2 million defined benefit plan expense was recognized, inflating 2018 non-interest expenses. Adjusting for the defined benefit plan expense, total non-interest expense increased \$100,000 during the first nine months of 2019 compared to the first nine months of 2018.

Return on average equity (annualized) improved from 8.45% at December 31, 2018 to 10.24% at September 30, 2019 while return on average assets (annualized) improved from .78% to .97% for the same period.

Total consolidated assets at September 30, 2019 were \$184.7 million, up from \$170.0 million at December 31, 2018. Total loans (gross) increased \$20.3 million, or 15.8% during the nine-month period. A portion of the loan growth is attributed to mortgage warehouse loans generated through a participation with another community bank. Bank securities and interest-bearing time deposits decreased from \$22.2 million at December 31, 2018 to \$17.8 million at September 30, 2019. The Bank's Fed Funds balance and other deposits decreased from \$20.2 million at December 31, 2018 to \$13.3 million at September 30, 2019 as funds were more effectively utilized for the Bank's loan portfolio.

Total deposits increased from \$143.8 million at December 31, 2018 to \$155.9 million at September 30, 2019. The level of deposits was impacted by the seasonality of the Bank's public fund deposit clients particularly school district deposit account balances. During the same nine-month period, Federal Home Loan Bank advances increased by \$1.0 million.

Total equity increased by 8.7% from \$15.2 million at December 31, 2018 to \$16.9 million at September 30, 2019. The ratio of Tier 1 Capital to Average Assets increased from 9.23% to 9.60% during the first nine months of 2019.

Based in Saint Joseph, Michigan, Edgewater Bancorp is the bank holding company for Edgewater Bank. Edgewater provides commercial, mortgage, and consumer loan and deposit banking services from 5 banking offices in St. Joseph, Bridgman, Buchanan, Coloma, and Royalton Township. Edgewater Bancorp's common stock is listed under the symbol "EGDW."

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