



## **KS Bancorp, Inc. (KSBI) Reports 50% Increase in Net Income for First Quarter 2025 and Declares Quarterly Dividend**

Smithfield, NC—(ACCESSWIRE) April 17, 2025, KS Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) (OTCBB: KSBI), the parent company of KS Bank, Inc. (the “Bank”), announced unaudited results for the first quarter of 2025.

The Company reported net income of \$2.1 million or \$1.87 per diluted share for the three months ended March 31, 2025, compared to net income of \$1.4 million or \$1.25 per diluted share for the three months ended March 31, 2024.

Net interest income before the provision for credit losses for the three months ended March 31, 2025, was \$6.3 million, compared to \$5.1 million on March 31, 2024. Noninterest income for the three months ended March 31, 2025, was \$912,000, compared to \$829,000 for the comparable period ended March 31, 2024. Noninterest expense was \$4.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, compared to \$4.0 million in the comparable period in 2024.

The Company’s unaudited consolidated total assets increased by \$31.2 million to \$722.1 million as of March 31, 2025, compared to \$690.9 million on December 31, 2024. Net loan balances increased by \$7.1 million to \$561.6 million as of March 31, 2025, compared to \$554.5 million on December 31, 2024. The Company’s investment securities totaled \$96.5 million as of March 31, 2025, compared to \$96.0 million on December 31, 2024. Total deposits increased by \$39.4 million to \$657.6 million as of March 31, 2025, compared to \$618.2 million on December 31, 2024. The increase in deposits included a \$29.3 million increase or 5.2% in core deposits. Short-term borrowings decreased by \$11.0 million in the first quarter of 2025. Total stockholders’ equity increased \$2.2 million to \$47.5 million as of March 31, 2025, from \$45.3 million on December 31, 2024.

As of March 31, 2025, nonperforming assets consisted of nonaccrual loans of \$703,000, representing less than 0.10% of the Company’s total assets. No foreclosed real estate was owned as of March 31, 2025. The allowance for credit losses as of March 31, 2025, totaled \$4.4 million, or 0.79% of total loans.

Commenting on the first quarter results, Earl W. Worley, Jr., President and CEO of the Company, stated, “We are proud to report another strong quarter for KS Bancorp, highlighted by a 50% increase in net income compared to the same quarter last year. This performance reflects our team’s commitment to disciplined lending, strategic deposit growth, and operational excellence. Despite a challenging interest rate environment, we delivered solid financial results, including a \$39.4 million increase in deposits and a \$7.1 million rise in net loans. These outcomes underscore the strength of our balance sheet and position us well to continue supporting the communities of eastern North Carolina with confidence and stability. Looking ahead, we remain cautiously optimistic, recognizing that broader economic conditions and the ongoing actions of the Federal Reserve will influence future results.”

In addition, the Company announced today that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.27 per share for stockholders of record as of April 25, 2025, with payment to be made on May 5, 2025.

KS Bank continues to be well capitalized according to regulatory standards, with a Community Bank Leverage Ratio of 9.31% as of March 31, 2025, compared to 9.24% on December 31, 2024.

KS Bancorp, Inc. is a Smithfield, North Carolina-based single-bank holding company. KS Bank, Inc., a state-chartered savings bank, is KS Bancorp's sole subsidiary. The Bank is a full-service community bank that has served the citizens of eastern North Carolina since 1924. The Bank offers a broad range of personal and business banking products and services, mortgages, and trust services. There are ten full-service branches located in Kenly, Selma, Clayton, Garner, Goldsboro, Wilson, Wendell, Smithfield, Four Oaks, and Dunn, North Carolina. For more information, visit [www.ksbankinc.com](http://www.ksbankinc.com).

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**KS Bancorp, Inc. and Subsidiary**  
**Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition**

	March 31, 2025 (unaudited)	December 31, 2024*
(Dollars in thousands)		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and due from banks:		
Interest-earning	\$ 34,208	\$ 10,627
Noninterest-earning	4,627	4,897
Time Deposit	823	523
Investment securities available for sale, at f	96,500	95,946
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	498	469
Loans	566,036	558,779
Less allowance for loan losses	(4,449)	(4,259)
Net loans	561,587	554,520
Accrued interest receivable	2,929	2,655
Foreclosed assets, net	-	-
Property and equipment, net	12,126	12,231
Other assets	8,781	8,981
 Total assets	 \$ 722,079	 \$ 690,849
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities		
Deposits	\$ 657,577	\$ 618,156
Short-term borrowings	\$ -	\$ 11,144
Long-term borrowings	11,248	11,248
Accrued interest payable	329	323
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	5,424	4,675
 Total liabilities	 674,578	 645,546
Stockholder's Equity:		
Preferred stock, no par value, 500,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding		
Common stock, no par value, 3,500,000 shares authorized; 1,107,776 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024, respectively	1,359	1,359
Retained earnings, substantially restrictec	54,450	52,675
Accumulated other comprehensive Incon	(8,308)	(8,731)
 Total stockholders' equity	 47,501	 45,303
 Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	 \$ 722,079	 \$ 690,849

\* Derived from audited financial statements

***KS Bancorp, Inc and Subsidiary***  
***Consolidated Statement of Income***

	Three Months Ended	
	31-Mar	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	(In thousands, except per share data)	
<b>Interest and dividend income:</b>		
Loans	\$ 8,956	\$ 7,453
Investment securities		
Taxable	560	500
Tax-exempt	181	202
Dividends	6	6
Interest-bearing deposits	131	120
Total interest and dividend income	<u>9,834</u>	<u>8,281</u>
<b>Interest expense:</b>		
Deposits	3,314	2,806
Borrowings	188	373
Total interest expense	<u>3,502</u>	<u>3,179</u>
Net interest income	6,332	5,102
Provision for loan losses	<u>195</u>	<u>169</u>
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	<u>6,137</u>	<u>4,933</u>
<b>Noninterest income:</b>		
Service charges on deposit accounts	325	314
Fees from trust services	371	317
Other income	216	198
Total noninterest income	<u>912</u>	<u>829</u>
<b>Noninterest expenses:</b>		
Compensation and benefits	2,669	2,502
Occupancy and equipment	660	557
Data processing & outside service fees	264	235
Advertising	53	46
Other	731	642
Total noninterest expenses	<u>4,377</u>	<u>3,982</u>
Income before income taxes	2,672	1,780
Income tax	<u>597</u>	<u>394</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 2,075</u>	<u>\$ 1,386</u>
Basic and Diluted earnings per share	<u>\$ 1.87</u>	<u>\$ 1.25</u>