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**Pineland Bank Announces the Election of Thomas Bennett and Lorie Bennett Hyers to its Boards of Directors**

**(Alma, Georgia)** - Pineland Bank happy to announce that Thomas V. Bennett, and Lorie Bennett Hyers have been elected to the South Banking Company and Pineland Bank Board of Directors during the Annual Shareholders Meeting for South Banking Company on Monday, April 24, 2023.

Thomas Bennett started with the bank in 2011 and currently serves as the Chief Credit Officer and has served in this capacity for approximately four years. Before that, he served in various other roles within the Bank such as Loan Review, Operations, Accounting, and Auditing. Currently he also serves as Division Manager for Fernandina, Director of Marketing, and the SBA President of SBA Grows, a wholly owned subsidiary of Pineland Bank. Thomas is a graduate of Georgia Southern University and The LSU Graduate School of Banking.

Lorie Hyers started with the bank in 2001 and currently serves as the Information Security Officer and has been in the role for 17 years. Prior to her ISO role, she served as the Assistant Auditor. Lorie is a graduate of Georgia Southern University.

Al Ross, President and CEO stated, "We are proud and excited to add Thomas V. Bennett and Lorie Bennett Hyers to the Pineland Bank and South Banking Company Boards of Directors. They bring a lot of knowledge, insight, and experience to our board room. In addition to their banking knowledge and leadership skills, Thomas and Lorie also represent the 3rd generation of directors from our founder, Mr. Valene Bennett, to serve and lead our bank and Holding Company boards. Adding them to our boards of directors ensures that our heritage and core values will anchor us for the next generation of customers and employees."

**About Pineland Bank**

Pineland Bank is a \$400 million, family-owned community bank headquartered in Alma, GA with offices in Alma, Baxley, Douglas, Kingsland, Metter, St. Marys, Georgia and Fernandina Beach, FL. They have served their communities for over 83 years. **Time Tested. Time Proven**



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