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# Press Release

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**First Bankers Trustshares, Inc. recently released its earnings for 2011. The Company's earnings were slightly over \$6 million for the year. Due to the excellent earnings by the Company over the last several years, the Board of Directors approved a dividend increase of over 30% to \$0.15 per common share from the previous \$0.115 per common share. Even though earnings were down slightly in 2011, the Company still posted its second best year for earnings in its history.**

A new corporate facility at 1201 Broadway in Quincy, Illinois was opened in May, 2011 replacing the old building that has been there since the Bank started in 1946. The Bank will also open its eleventh branch in Macomb, Illinois in early spring. This will make the second branch in Macomb for First Bankers Trust Company.

Art Greenbank, President/CEO of First Bankers Trust, announced that Scott A. Cisel, President/CEO of Ameren Illinois has joined the bank Board of Directors, effective January, 2012. Greenbank said "We are very fortunate to have a board member with Scott's background and credentials. We are looking forward to his expertise and guidance as our Bank continues to grow and expand." Cisel is a graduate of Culver- Stockton College in Canton, Missouri, and presently resides near Peoria, Illinois with his wife and family.

First Bankers Trustshares, Inc. is the parent company of First Bankers Trust Company, N. A. (the Bank) and First Bankers Trust Services, Inc. (the Trust Company.) They can be found on the web at [www.firstbankers.com](http://www.firstbankers.com).

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