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FORM 10-Q
(Mark One)
[X] QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR $15(\mathrm{~d})$ OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2002

OR
[ ] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from $\qquad$ to $\qquad$

Commission File Number: 0-24626

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES, INC.
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)


Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 of $15(\mathrm{~d})$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.
[X] Yes [ ] No
APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS: Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date. $2,835,447$ shares at April 30, 2002

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PART 1-FINANCIAL INFORMATION-ITEM 1-FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

MARCH 31, 2002

## ASSETS

Cash and due from banks, noninterest-bearing
Interest-bearing deposits in other banks
Total cash and cash equivalents
Securities:
Available for sale (amortized cost of $\$ 43,066,181$ in March 2002 and $\$ 42,661,527$ in December 2001) 42,354,305
Held to maturity (estimated market value of $\$ 5,219,600$ in March 2002 and $\$ 5,282,815$ in December 2001) 5,000,000
FHLB stock 4,154,900
Loans
Less allowance for loan losses

Net loans
Other real estate owned
Accrued interest receivable
Premises and equipment, net
Other assets

Total assets
(UNAUDITED)
\$ 11,109, 267
3,772,639
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$14,881,906$

377,715,012
$2,589,572$

375,125,440
$1,192,133$
2,403,661
6,602,898
$11,130,277$
$\$ 462,845,520$

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COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
    Deposits $352,082,543
    Short-term borrowings 31,199,036
    Escrow deposits
    476,972
    Accrued interest payable
    303,883
    Accrued expenses and other liabilities
    Long-term obligations
    Total liabilities
Stockholders' equity:
    Preferred stock, $1 par value, 3,000,000 shares authorized,
        no shares issued and outstanding
    Common stock, $1 par value, 7,000,000 shares authorized,
        2,835,447 shares issued and outstanding 2,835,447
    Additional paid-in capital
        2,435,720
    Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)
    Retained earnings
            Total stockholders' equity
            Total liabilities and stockholders' equity
Book value per common share $
$ 12.04
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* Derived from audited consolidated financial statements.
The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.
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COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

\section*{INTEREST INCOME:}
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Loans \$6,595,546
Securities 695,887
Other 12,293
Dividends on FHLB stock 58,909
Total interest income
$7,362,635$

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\section*{INTEREST EXPENSE:}
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Deposits 2,845,342
Borrowed funds
912, 653
Total interest expense
3,757,995

| Provision for loan losses | 280,000 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | $3,324,640$ |
| NONINTEREST INCOME: |  |
| Net gains on sale of loans | 18,279 |
| Net gains on sale of securities | 116,766 |
| Service charges and fees on loans | 201,382 |
| Deposit-related fees | 248, 235 |
| Gain on sale of premises and equipment | 464,977 |
| Bank-owned life insurance earnings | 99,837 |
| Other income, net | 60,116 |
| Total noninterest income | 1,209,592 |
| NONINTEREST EXPENSE: |  |
| Compensation and fringe benefits | 1,435,853 |
| Occupancy and equipment | 518,210 |
| Advertising | 70,503 |
| Real estate owned | 6,542 |
| Other | 518,962 |
| Total noninterest expenses | 2,550,070 |
| Income before income taxes | 1,984,162 |
| Income tax expense | 695,660 |
| NET INCOME | \$ 1,288,502 |
| NET INCOME PER SHARE: |  |
| Basic | \$ 0.45 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.45 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING: |  |
| Basic | $2,835,447$ |
| Diluted | 2,843,398 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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> COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

|  |  |  | ACCUMULATED OTHER |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | ADDITIONAL | COMPREHENSIVE |
|  | COMMON | PAID-IN | INCOME (LOSS), |
|  | Stock | CAPITAL | NET |
| Balance, December 31, 2001 | \$ 2,835,447 | \$ 2,435,720 | \$ 188,278 |

Other comprehensive
loss, net of taxes
Net income for period
Cash dividend ( $\$ .05$ per share)
Balance, March 31,2002

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OPERATING ACTIVITIES:
    Net income 1,288,502
    Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash
        provided by operating activities:
            Net accretion, amortization, and depreciation 198,350
            Net gain on sale securities (116,766
            Net gain on sale of loans
            Provision (benefit) from deferred income taxes
            Loss (gain) on sale of premises and equipment
            Provision for loan losses
            Originations of loans held for sale
            Proceeds from sales of loans held for sale
            Changes in assets and liabilities:
                Accrued interest receivable
            Prepaid expenses and other assets
            Accrued interest payable
            Accrued expenses and other liabilities
                    Net cash provided by operating activities
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:
    Purchases of securities available for sale
    Proceeds from sale of securities available for sale
    Proceeds from maturity of securities available for sale
    12,115,938
        1,016,35
    Proceeds from maturity of securities held to maturity
    Loan originations, net of principal repayments
    Proceeds from disposals of foreclosed real estate
    Purchases of premises and equipment
    Proceeds from sale of premises and equipment
            Net cash used in investing activities
        2,519,99
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:
Net increase in deposits
\(12,252,491\)
Net change in short-term borrowings
Proceeds from issuance of common stock
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies: The significant accounting policies followed by Cooperative Bankshares, Inc. (the "Company") for interim financial reporting are consistent with the accounting policies followed for annual financial reporting. These unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Rule $10-01$ of Regulation $S-X$, and, in management's opinion, all adjustments of a normal recurring nature necessary for a fair presentation have been included. The accompanying financial statements do not purport to contain all the necessary financial disclosures that might otherwise be necessary in the circumstances and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto in the Company's annual report for the year ended December 31, 2001. The results of operations for the three-month period ended March 31, 2002 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.
2. Basis of Presentation: The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial
statements include the accounts of Cooperative Bankshares, Inc., Cooperative Bank For Savings, Inc., SSB and its wholly owned subsidiary, CS\&L Services, Inc. All significant intercompany items have been eliminated. Certain items for prior periods have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation. These reclassifications have no effect on the net income or stockholders' equity as previously reported.
3. Earnings Per Share: Earnings per share are calculated by dividing net
income by the sum of the weighted average number of common shares outstanding and potential common stock. Potential common stock consists of stock options issued and outstanding. In determining the number of potential common stock, the treasury stock method was applied. This method assumes that the number of shares issuable upon exercise of the stock options is reduced by the number of common shares assumed purchased at market prices with the proceeds from the assumed exercise of the common stock options plus any tax benefits received as a result of the assumed exercise. The following table provides a reconciliation of income available to common stockholders and the average number of shares outstanding for the periods below:

Net income (numerator)
Shares for basic EPS (denominator) Dilutive effect of stock options

Shares for diluted EPS (denominator)

THREE MONTHS ENDED
MARCH 31,
2002
2001
$\qquad$ -----------

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\begin{array}{r}
\$ 1,288,502 \\
2,835,447 \\
7,951 \\
2,843,398
\end{array}
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\$ 574,352 2,747,512 68,556
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2,816,068
4. Comprehensive Income: Comprehensive income includes net income and all other changes to the Company's equity, with the exception of transactions with shareholders ("other comprehensive income"). The Company's only components of other comprehensive income relate to unrealized gains and losses on available for sale securities. The following table sets forth the components of other comprehensive income and total comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31:

|  | THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2002 |  |  | 2001 |
| Net income | \$ | 1,288,502 | \$ | 574,3 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): |  |  |  |  |
| Reclassification to realized gains |  | 116,766 |  |  |
| Unrealized gain (loss) arising during the period |  | $(1,137,295)$ |  | 201,4 |
| Income tax (expense) benefit |  | 398,007 |  | $(78,5$ |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) |  | $(622,522)$ |  | 122,8 |
| Comprehensive income | \$ | 665,980 | \$ | 697,2 |

5. Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133: On January 1, 2001, the Company adopted SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities". The statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000, with earlier adoption permitted, as amended by SFAS No. 137. SFAS No. 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments and for hedging activities. The statement requires an entity to recognize all derivatives as either assets or liabilities in the statement of financial position and measure those instruments at fair value. On January 1, 2001, the Company transferred held-to-maturity investment securities with an amortized cost of approximately $\$ 5,978,000$ to the available-for-sale category at fair value as allowed by SFAS No. 133. The unrealized loss at the time of transfer of approximately $\$ 32,000$ before tax has been included in other comprehensive income, net of tax. Such transfers from the held-to-maturity category at the date of initial adoption shall not call into question the Company's intent to hold other debt securities to maturity in the future. The Company does not engage in any hedging activities, and, other than the aforementioned transfer of securities, the adoption of the statement had no impact on the Company.
6. Real Estate Sale: During February 2002, the Bank sold a parking lot for ----------------$\$ 500,000$. A gain of $\$ 464,977$ was realized on the sale.
7. Subsequent Event: During April 2002, the Bank signed a definitive agreement to acquire Wilmington-based Lumina Mortgage Company. Lumina Mortgage has offices in Wilmington, North Carolina, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Virginia Beach, Virginia. Their 2001 loan originations totaled \$118 million. This transaction is anticipated to be completed in the second quarter of 2002 .

ITEM 2 - MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

GENERAL
Cooperative Bankshares, Inc. (the "Company") is a registered bank holding company incorporated in North Carolina in 1994. The Company was formed for the purpose of serving as the holding company for Cooperative Bank for Savings, Inc., SSB ("Cooperative Bank" or the "Bank"), a North Carolina chartered savings bank. The company's primary activities consist of holding the stock of Cooperative Bank and operating the business of the Bank. Accordingly, the information set forth in this report, including financial statements and related data, relates primarily to Cooperative Bank.

Cooperative Bank was chartered in 1898. The Bank's headquarters are located in Wilmington, North Carolina. Cooperative operates 17 financial centers throughout the coastal and inland communities of eastern North Carolina. These centers extend from Corolla, located on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, to Tabor City, located on the South Carolina border. The Bank's deposit accounts are insured up to applicable limits by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC").

Through its financial centers, the Bank provides a wide range of banking

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products, including interest bearing and non-interest bearing checking accounts, certificates of deposit and individual retirement accounts. It offers an array of loan products: overdraft protection, commercial, consumer, agricultural, real estate, residential mortgage and home equity loans. Also offered are safe deposit boxes and automated banking services through ATMs and Access24 Phone Banking. In addition, the Bank offers discount brokerage services, annuity sales and mutual funds through a third party arrangement with UVEST Investment Services.

## MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Company to provide the maximum in safety and security for our depositors, an equitable rate of return for our stockholders, excellent service for our customers, and to do so while operating in a fiscally sound and conservative manner, with fair pricing of our products and services, good working conditions, outstanding training and opportunities for our staff, along with a high level of corporate citizenship.

## MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Cooperative Bank's lending activities have traditionally concentrated on the origination of loans for the purpose of constructing, financing or refinancing residential properties. In recent years however, the Bank has emphasized origination of nonresidential real estate loans and secured and unsecured consumer and business loans. As of March 31, 2002, approximately $\$ 269$ million, or $71 \%$, of the Bank's loan portfolio consisted of loans secured by residential properties. This was down from approximately $\$ 273$ million, or $73 \%$ at December 31, 2001. The Bank originates adjustable rate and fixed rate loans. As of March 31, 2002, adjustable rate and fixed rate loans totaled approximately $64.2 \%$ and $35.8 \%$, respectively, of the Bank's total loan portfolio.

The Bank has chosen to sell a larger percentage of its fixed rate mortgage loan originations through broker dealer arrangements. This enables the Bank to reinvest these funds in commercial loans, while increasing fee income. This is part of the continuing effort to restructure the balance sheet and operations to be more reflective of a commercial bank.

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## INTEREST RATE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

Interest rate sensitivity refers to the change in interest spread resulting from changes in interest rates. To the extent that interest income and interest expense do not respond equally to changes in interest rates, or that all rates do not change uniformly, earnings will be affected. Interest rate sensitivity, at a point in time, can be analyzed using a static gap analysis that measures the match in balances subject to repricing between interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. Gap is considered positive when the amount of interest rate sensitive assets exceed the amount of interest rate sensitive liabilities.

Gap is considered negative when the amount of interest rate sensitive liabilities exceed the amount of interest rate sensitive assets. At March 31 , 2002, Cooperative had a one-year negative gap position of 11.4\%. During a period

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of rising interest rates, a negative gap would tend to adversely affect net interest income, while a positive gap would tend to result in an increase in net interest income. During a period of falling interest rates, a negative gap would tend to result in an increase in net interest income while a positive gap would tend to adversely affect net interest income. It is important to note that certain shortcomings are inherent in static gap analysis. Although certain assets and liabilities may have similar maturities or periods of repricing, they may react in different degrees to changes in market interest rates. For example, a part of the Company's adjustable-rate mortgage loans are indexed to the National Monthly Median Cost of Funds to SAIF-insured institutions. This index is considered a lagging index that may lag behind changes in market rates. The one-year or less interest-bearing liabilities also include checking, savings, and money market deposit accounts. Experience has shown that the Company sees relatively modest repricing of these transaction accounts. Management takes this into consideration in determining acceptable levels of interest rate risk.

## LIQUIDITY

The Company's goal is to maintain adequate liquidity to meet potential funding needs of loan and deposit customers, pay operating expenses, and meet regulatory liquidity requirements. Maturing securities, principal repayments of loans and securities, deposits, income from operations and borrowings are the main sources of liquidity. The Bank has been granted a line of credit by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta ("FHLB") in an amount of up to 25\% of the Bank's total assets. At March 31, 2002, the Bank's borrowed funds equaled $16.0 \%$ of its total assets. Scheduled loan repayments are a relatively predictable source of funds, unlike deposits and loan prepayments that are significantly influenced by general interest rates, economic conditions and competition.

At March 31, 2002, the estimated market value of liquid assets (cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities) was approximately $\$ 62.5$ million, which represents $14.6 \%$ of deposits and borrowed funds as compared to $\$ 60.5$ million or $14.3 \%$ of deposits and borrowed funds at December 31, 2001. The increase in liquid assets was primarily due to an increase in cash from an increase in deposits.

The Company's primary uses of liquidity are to fund loans and to make investments. At March 31, 2002, outstanding off-balance sheet commitments to extend credit totaled $\$ 28.5$ million, and the undisbursed portion of construction loans was $\$ 27.4$ million. Management considers current liquidity levels adequate to meet the Company's cash flow requirements.

## CAPITAL

Stockholders' equity at March 31, 2002, was $\$ 34.1$ million, up $1.6 \%$ from $\$ 33.6$ million at December 31, 2001. Stockholders' equity at March 31, 2002, includes an unrealized loss net of tax, of $\$ 434,000$ as compared to an unrealized gain net of tax at December 31, 2001, of $\$ 188,000$ on securities available for sale marked to estimated fair market value.

Under the capital regulations of the FDIC, the Bank must satisfy minimum leverage ratio requirements and risk-based capital requirements. Banks supervised by the FDIC must maintain a minimum leverage ratio of core (Tier I) capital to average adjusted assets ranging from 3\% to 5\%. At March 31, 2002, the Bank's ratio of Tier $I$ capital was $7.57 \%$. The FDIC's risk-based capital rules require banks supervised by the FDIC to maintain risk-based capital to risk-weighted assets of at least $8.00 \%$. Risk-based capital for the Bank is defined as Tier I capital plus the balance of allowance for loan losses. At March 31, 2002, the Bank had a ratio of qualifying total capital to risk-weighted assets of $11.26 \%$.

The Company, as a bank holding company, is also subject, on a consolidated

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basis, to the capital adequacy guidelines of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve (the "Federal Reserve Board"). The capital requirements of the Federal Reserve Board are similar to those of the FDIC governing the Bank.

The Company currently exceeds all of its capital requirements. Management expects the Company to continue to exceed these capital requirements without altering current operations or strategies.

On March 28, 2002, the Company's Board of Directors approved a quarterly cash dividend of $\$ .05$ per share. The dividend was paid on April 16 , 2002 to stockholders of record as of April 1, 2002. Any future payment of dividends is dependent on the financial condition, and capital needs of the company, requirements of regulatory agencies, and economic conditions in the marketplace.

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICY

The Bank's most significant critical accounting policy is the determination of its allowance for loan losses. A critical accounting policy is one that is both very important to the portrayal of the Bank's financial condition and results, and requires management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments. What makes these judgments inherently difficult, subjective and/or or complex are due to the need to make estimates about the effects of matters that are inherently uncertain. For further information on the allowance for loan losses, see the "Financial Condition" in Management's Discussion and Analysis and Note 3 of "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" included in the 2001 Annual Report.

FINANCIAL CONDITION AT MARCH 31, 2002, COMPARED TO DECEMBER 31, 2001

The Company's total assets increased $1.0 \%$ to $\$ 462.8$ million at March 31,2002 , as compared to $\$ 458.1$ million at December 31, 2001. The major change in the assets is an increase of $\$ 2.6$ million (21.0\%) in cash and cash equivalents, which was caused by an increase in deposits of $\$ 12.3$ million (3.6\%). The increase in deposits was mainly in the seven month certificates due to favorable pricing and the customers' desire to stay short in the current rate environment. The Bank also attracted an additional $\$ 3.3$ million in internet deposits because the rates were competitive with the Bank's local markets. Internet deposits are primarily obtained from other financial institutions in increments of $\$ 99,000$. The rise in deposits enabled the Bank to repay $\$ 9.0$ million of borrowed funds from the FHLB. Borrowed funds, collateralized through an agreement with the FHLB for advances, are secured by the Bank's investment in FHLB stock and qualifying first mortgage loans. At March 31, 2002, $\$ 31.2$ million in borrowed funds mature in 1 year and $\$ 20.0$ million of funds mature in 2 years. The remaining amount of borrowed funds matures in 2010 or 2011.

The Company's non-performing assets (loans 90 days or more delinquent and foreclosed real estate) were $\$ 2.3$ million, or $0.49 \%$ of assets, at March 31 , 2002, compared to $\$ 3.8$ million, or $0.84 \%$ of assets, at December 31, 2001. The majority of this reduction was due to over $\$ 1$ million of loans being paid off in the first quarter of 2002, that were classified as non-performing at December 31, 2001. In addition, over $\$ 200,000$ in loans were charged off during this period. Foreclosed real estate increased to $\$ 1.2$ million at March 31, 2002, from $\$ 800,000$ at December 31, 2001, but only two properties make up this balance. The Company assumes an aggressive position in collecting delinquent loans and disposing of foreclosed assets to minimize balances of non-performing assets and continues to evaluate the loan and real estate portfolios to provide loss reserves as considered necessary.

## OVERVIEW

The net income of the Company depends primarily upon net interest income. Net interest income is the difference between the interest earned on loans, the securities portfolios and interest earning deposits and the cost of funds, consisting principally of the interest paid on deposits and borrowings. The Company's operations are materially affected by general economic conditions, the monetary and fiscal policies of the Federal government, and the policies of regulatory authorities.

## NET INCOME

Net income for the three-month period ended March 31, 2002, of $\$ 1,288,502$ represents a $124.3 \%$ increase as compared to the same period last year. The increase in net income for the period ended March 31, 2002 can be attributed to increases in net interest income of $\$ 659$ thousand and noninterest income of $\$ 795$ thousand. These increases were partially offset by increases in the provision for loan losses of $\$ 190$ thousand, noninterest expense of $\$ 177$ thousand and income taxes of $\$ 373$ thousand during the same period.

INTEREST INCOME
For the three-month period ended March 31, 2002, interest income decreased 7.0\% as compared to the same period a year ago. The average balance of interest-earning assets increased 7.8\% but the average yield decreased 109 basis points as compared to the same period a year ago. The yield on average interest-earning assets decreased to $6.80 \%$ as compared to $7.89 \%$ for the same period a year ago. The increase in the average balance of interest-earning assets had a positive effect on interest income while the reduction in yield had a negative impact on interest income.

## INTEREST EXPENSE

Interest expense decreased $24.4 \%$ for the three-month period ended March 31, 2002, as compared to the same period a year ago. This decrease was due to the average cost of interest-bearing liabilities decreasing 167 basis points as compared to the same
period a year ago. The average balance of interest-bearing liabilities increased 9.7\% as compared to the same period a year ago. The cost of interest-bearing liabilities decreased to $3.71 \%$ as compared to $5.38 \%$ for the same period last year.

## NET INTEREST INCOME

Net interest income for the three-month period ended March 31, 2002, as compared to the same period a year ago, increased $22.4 \%$. The increase was due to a larger decrease in the cost of liabilities versus the yield on assets, which can be attributed to the fact that certificates of deposit continue to reprice at lower yields caused by the rate reductions in 2001.

## AVERAGE YIELD/COST ANALYSIS

The following table contains information relating to the Company's average balance sheet and reflects the average yield on assets and average cost of

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liabilities for the periods indicated. Such annualized yields and costs are derived by dividing income or expense by the average balances of assets or liabilities, respectively, for the periods presented. The average loan portfolio balances include nonaccrual loans.


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The table below provides information regarding changes in interest income and interest expense for the period indicated. For each category of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, information is provided on changes attributable to (i) changes in volume (changes in volume multiplied by old rate) and (ii) changes in rates (change in rate multiplied by old volume). The change attributable to changes in rate-volume has been allocated to the two categories based on their relative values.


## PROVISION AND RESERVE FOR LOAN LOSSES

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2002 the Bank had net charge-offs against the allowance for loan losses of $\$ 213,000$ compared to $\$ 45,000$ for the same period in 2001. This increase was due to one credit of $\$ 189,000$, which previously had been placed in the non-accrual status, being charged off. The Bank added $\$ 280,000$ to the allowance for loan losses for the current three-month period increasing the balance to $\$ 2.6$ million at March 31, 2002 . The increase in the provision was caused by continued restructuring of the loan portfolio to include a higher percentage of commercial loans. Management considers the current level of the provision to be appropriate based on loan composition, the current level of delinquencies and other non-performing assets, overall economic conditions and other factors. Future increases to the allowance may be necessary, however, due to changes in loan composition or loan volume, changes in economic or market area conditions and other factors. Additionally, various regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review the Company's allowance for loan losses. Such agencies may
require the recognition of additions to the allowance for loan losses based on their judgments of information available to them at the time of their examination.

NONINTEREST INCOME

Noninterest income increased by $191.5 \%$ for the three-month period ended March 31, 2002, as compared to the same period a year ago. The change in noninterest income can be attributed to a $\$ 465,000$ gain on the sale of real estate, a $\$ 117,000$ gain on the sale of securities and Bank-owned life insurance earnings of $\$ 100,000$, all of which occurred during the three-month period ended March 31 , 2002. No similar transactions occurred during the three months ended March 31, 2001. During February 2002, the Bank sold a parking lot for $\$ 500,000$ which caused the gain on the sale of real estate. The gain on securities was due to selling bonds and purchasing mortgage backed securities to give the Bank greater cash flow in the event of rising rates. The Bank-owned life insurance was purchased at the end of September 2001. In addition, for the three-month period ended March 31, 2002, as compared to the same period a year ago, service charges and fees on loans increased $26.9 \%$ and other income increased $\$ 43,000$ in the current period. The increase in loan fees was mainly due to an increase in loan settlement service fees for loans processed for others due to a favorable rate environment. The increase in other income was mainly due to an increase in commissions from annuity sales and mutual funds, through UVEST Investment Services.

## NONINTEREST EXPENSES

For the three-month period ended March 31, 2002, noninterest expense increased $7.4 \%$ as compared to the same period last year. Compensation and related costs increased 10.7\%. The increase was due to increases in incentive based pay, costs of benefits, staffing levels and normal increases in salaries. The increase in other noninterest expenses of $\$ 33,000$ was mainly due to an increase in professional fees. The increase of $\$ 24,000$ in advertising can be attributed to a more progressive advertising and business development strategy. Occupancy and equipment expense was reduced by $\$ 26,000$ due to a decrease in the cost of outside data processing services during the three-month period ended March 31 , 2002 as compared to the same period last year.

INCOME TAXES

The effective tax rate for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2002 and 2001, was $35.1 \%$ and $36.0 \%$ respectively. The decrease was mainly due to the fact that the earnings on Bank-owned life insurance are not taxable.

## NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

In addition to historical information contained herein, the discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Economic circumstances, the Company's operations, and the Company's actual results could differ significantly from those discussed in the forward-looking statements. Some of the factors that could cause or contribute to such differences are discussed herein, but also include changes in the economy and interest rates in the nation, changes in the Company's regulatory environment and the Company's market area.

ITEM 3 - MARKET RISK

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The Company's primary market risk is interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the result of differing maturities or repricing intervals of interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities and the fact that rates on these financial instruments do not change uniformly. These conditions may impact the earnings generated by the Company's interest earning assets or the cost of its interest bearing liabilities, thus directly impacting the Company's overall earnings. The Company's management actively monitors and manages interest rate risk. One way this is accomplished is through the development of and adherence to the Company's asset/liability policy. This policy sets forth management's strategy for matching the risk characteristics of the Company's interest earning assets and liabilities so as to mitigate the effect of changes in the rate environment.

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PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Not applicable

ITEM 2. CHANGES IN SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS
(a) Not applicable
(b) Not applicable

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES
(a) Not applicable
(b) Not applicable

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY-HOLDERS

None

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K
(a) Exhibits

None
(b) Reports on Form 8-K

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undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: May 13, 2002

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COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES, INC.
/s/ Frederick Willetts, III

President and Chief Executive Officer
/s/ Todd Sammons

Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

