

Release Date: August 12, 2015

van Vuuren appointed to THDA Board

Warren County banking executive Pieter van Vuuren has been named to serve on the THDA Board of Directors, Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey announced.

Van Vuuren is president and CEO of First National Bank of Middle Tennessee, the county's oldest and largest local bank. Under his leadership, the bank has grown to include a wealth management division as well as enhancing its mortgage, title, and trust divisions.

"Pieter has exactly the right kind of experience and expertise to help guide our state's housing finance agency and maintain its financial health as a self-sustaining arm of State government," said Lt. Gov. Ramsey. "Just as importantly, he has demonstrated a life-long commitment to serving his community and improving the lives of the people around him."

The Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) was created by the State Legislature in 1973 to provide loans, grants, tax credits, and other financing opportunities to encourage the construction, repair, and preservation of affordable housing and to help ensure the housing market meets the needs of every Tennessean, regardless of income, disability, or age.

"I am honored to be appointed to this Board. This agency helps so many with one of the most essential things we need, which is housing, and I hope that I can contribute from experiences I have had in my professional career," van Vuuren said.

In 2010 van Vuuren was named chief financial officer of First National Bank. In September of 2012 he was named president of the bank. Earlier this year he added the title of chief executive officer.

He is past-president of the McMinnville Breakfast Rotary Club, an advisory board member of the United Way of Warren County, and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Tennessee State Board of Certified Public Accountants.

First National Bank of Middle Tennessee has served Warren County for more than 140 years. In recent years the bank has expanded operations to surrounding counties, notably with a full-service branch, mortgage unit and title company in Murfreesboro.

A member of FDIC, the bank has assets in excess of \$450 million.