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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Waterstone Financial, Inc. Announces Results of Operations for the Quarter and Six Months Ended June 30, 2024

**Wauwatosa, WI** – 7/25/2024 – Waterstone Financial, Inc. (NASDAQ: WSBF), holding company for WaterStone Bank, reported net income of \$5.7 million, or \$0.31 per diluted share, for the quarter ended June 30, 2024 compared to net income of \$4.0 million, or \$0.20 per diluted share for the quarter ended June 30, 2023. Net income per diluted share was \$0.47 for the six months ended June 30, 2024, compared to net income per diluted share of \$0.30 for the six months ended June 30, 2023.

"The results this quarter reflect our continued efforts over the past year to improve efficiencies at the Mortgage Banking segment." said William Bruss, Chief Executive Officer of Waterstone Financial, Inc. "While our results have improved, we continue to face many challenges within the Mortgage Banking segment, as the mortgage banking industry continues to face unknown variables driven by consumer demand, affordable inventory, and interest rates. The Community Banking segment continues to deal with margin pressure, as short-term funding rates remain elevated due to the restrictive monetary policy of the Federal Reserve. Throughout this challenging period, we have maintained a robust share repurchase program that continues to return strong value to shareholders through repurchase activity that is accretive to book value."

Highlights of the Quarter Ended June 30, 2024

Waterstone Financial, Inc. (Consolidated)

- Consolidated net income of Waterstone Financial, Inc. totaled \$5.7 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, compared to net income of \$4.0 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2023.
- Consolidated return on average assets was 1.02% for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, compared to 0.74% for the quarter ended June 30, 2023.
- Consolidated return on average equity was 6.84% for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, and 4.41% for the quarter ended June 30, 2023.
- Dividends declared during the quarter ended June 30, 2024, totaled \$0.15 per common share.
- During the quarter ended June 30, 2024, we repurchased approximately 481,000 shares at a cost (including the federal excise tax) of \$5.8 million, or \$11.99 per share. This share repurchase activity was accretive to book value per share in the amount of \$0.13 during the quarter ended June 30, 2024.

- Nonperforming assets as a percentage of total assets was 0.25% at June 30, 2024, 0.23% at March 31, 2024, and 0.19% at June 30, 2023.
- Past due loans as a percentage of total loans was 0.76% at June 30, 2024, 0.64% at March 31, 2024, and 0.50% at June 30, 2023.
- Book value per share was \$17.20 at June 30, 2024 and \$16.94 at December 31, 2023.

### Community Banking Segment

- Pre-tax income totaled \$5.1 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, which represents a \$1.3 million, or 20.5%, decrease compared to \$6.4 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2023.
- Net interest income totaled \$11.2 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, which represents a \$2.0 million, or 15.1%, decrease compared to \$13.2 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2023.
- Average loans held for investment totaled \$1.67 billion during the quarter ended June 30, 2024, which represents an increase of \$81.6 million, or 5.1%, compared to \$1.59 billion for the quarter ended June 30, 2023. The increase was primarily due to increases in the construction and commercial real estate mortgages. Average loans held for investment increased \$4.1 million compared to \$1.66 billion for the quarter ended March 31, 2024. The increase was primarily due to increases in construction and commercial real estate mortgages.
- Net interest margin decreased 46 basis points to 2.01% for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, compared to 2.47% for the quarter ended June 30, 2023, which was a result of an increase in weighted average cost of deposits and borrowings as the federal funds rate increases resulted in increased funding rates. Net interest margin decreased 14 basis points compared to 2.15% for the quarter ended March 31, 2024, driven by an increase in weighted average cost of deposits and borrowings as the short-term borrowing rates increased resulted in increased funding rates.
- Past due loans at the community banking segment totaled \$9.3 million at June 30, 2024, \$8.1 million at March 31, 2024, and \$5.7 million at June 30, 2023.
- The segment had a negative provision for credit losses related to funded loans of \$197,000 for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, compared to a provision for credit losses related to funded loans of \$619,000 for the quarter ended June 30, 2023. The current quarter decrease was primarily due to decrease to historical loss rates and improvements in certain internal asset quality metrics offset by an adjustment in the qualitative factors primarily related to increases in economic risks related to commercial real estate loans during the quarter. The negative provision for credit losses related to unfunded loan commitments was \$82,000 for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, compared to a negative provision for credit losses related to unfunded loan commitments of \$462,000 for the quarter ended June 30, 2023. The negative provision for credit losses related to unfunded loan commitments for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, was due primarily to a decrease of loans that are currently waiting to be funded compared to the prior quarter end.
- The efficiency ratio, a non-GAAP ratio, was 62.37% for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, compared to 55.81% for the quarter ended June 30, 2023.
- Average deposits (excluding escrow accounts) totaled \$1.22 billion during the quarter ended June 30, 2024, an increase of \$35.7 million, or 3.0%, compared to \$1.18 billion during the quarter ended June 30, 2023. Average deposits increased \$28.8 million, or 9.7% annualized, compared to \$1.19 billion for the quarter ended March 31, 2024.

### Mortgage Banking Segment

- Pre-tax income totaled \$2.0 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, compared to \$1.4 million of pre-tax loss for the quarter ended June 30, 2023.
- Loan originations increased \$10.8 million, or 1.7%, to \$634.1 million during the quarter ended June 30, 2024, compared to \$623.3 million during the quarter ended June 30, 2023. Origination volume relative to purchase activity accounted for 92.7% of originations for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, compared to 96.4% of total originations for the quarter ended June 30, 2023.
- Mortgage banking non-interest income increased \$2.0 million, or 8.9%, to \$25.1 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, compared to \$23.0 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2023.
- Gross margin on loans sold totaled 3.93% for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, compared to 3.73% for the quarter ended June 30, 2023.
- During the quarter ended June 30, 2024, the Company sold mortgage servicing rights related to \$233.1 million in loans receivable and with a book value of \$2.0 million for \$2.1 million resulting in a gain on sale of \$152,000. There was no comparable sale during the quarter ended June 30, 2023.
- Total compensation, payroll taxes and other employee benefits decreased \$1.0 million, or 5.8%, to \$16.9 million during the quarter ended June 30, 2024, compared to \$17.9 million during the quarter ended June 30, 2023. The decrease primarily related to decreased salary expense and health insurance expense driven by reduced employee headcount and lower claims.

#### **About Waterstone Financial, Inc.**

Waterstone Financial, Inc. is the savings and loan holding company for WaterStone Bank. WaterStone Bank was established in 1921 and offers a full suite of personal and business banking products. The Bank has branches in Wauwatosa/State St, Brookfield, Fox Point/North Shore, Franklin/Hales Corners, Germantown/Menomonee Falls, Greenfield/Loomis Rd, Milwaukee/Oklahoma Ave, Oak Creek/27th St, Oak Creek/Howell Ave, Oconomowoc/Lake Country, Pewaukee, Waukesha, West Allis/Greenfield Ave, and West Allis/National Ave, Wisconsin. WaterStone Bank is the parent company to Waterstone Mortgage, which has the ability to lend in 48 states. For more information about WaterStone Bank, go to http://www.wsbonline.com.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains statements or information that may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements regarding expected financial and operating activities and results that are preceded by, followed by, or that include words such as "may," "expects," "anticipates," "estimates" or "believes." Any such statements are based upon current expectations that involve a number of risks and uncertainties and are subject to important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by the forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause such a difference include changes in interest rates; demand for products and services; the degree of competition by traditional and nontraditional competitors; changes in banking regulation or actions by bank regulators; changes in tax laws; the impact of technological advances; governmental and regulatory policy changes; the outcomes of contingencies; trends in customer behavior as well as their ability to repay loans; changes in local real estate values; changes in the national and local economies; and other factors, including risk factors referenced in Item 1A. Risk Factors in Waterstone's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and as may be described from time to time in Waterstone's subsequent SEC filings, which factors are incorporated herein by reference. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect only Waterstone's belief as of the date of this press release.

#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

Management uses non-GAAP financial information in its analysis of the Company's performance. Management believes that this non-GAAP measure provides a greater understanding of ongoing operations and enhance comparability of results of operations with prior periods. The Company's management believes that investors may use this non-GAAP measure to analyze the Company's financial performance without the impact of unusual items or events that may obscure trends in the Company's underlying performance. This non-GAAP data should be considered in addition to results prepared in accordance with GAAP, and is not a substitute for, or superior to, GAAP results. Limitations associated with non-GAAP financial measures include the risks that persons might disagree as to the appropriateness of items included in this measure and that different companies might calculate this measure differently.

## WATERSTONE FINANCIAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

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		(In Thous	sands	s, except p	er s	hare amo	unt	s)
Interest income:								
Loans	\$	25,601	\$	22,150	\$	50,085	\$	42,035
Mortgage-related securities		1,125		969		2,223		1,912
Debt securities, federal funds sold and short-term								
investments		1,294		1,128		2,617		2,190
Total interest income		28,020		24,247		54,925		46,137
Interest expense:								
Deposits		9,716		5,955		18,686		10,043
Borrowings		7,625		5,617		14,423		9,624
Total interest expense		17,341		11,572		33,109		19,667
Net interest income		10,679		12,675		21,816		26,470
Provision (credit) for credit losses		(225)		186		(158)		646
Net interest income after provision (credit) for loan								
losses		10,904		12,489		21,974		25,824
Noninterest income:								
Service charges on loans and deposits		465		611		889		1,041
Increase in cash surrender value of life insurance		804		714		1,152		1,039
Mortgage banking income		24,838		21,914		44,906		38,684
Other		390		286		798		1,315
Total noninterest income		26,497		23,525		47,745		42,079
Noninterest expenses:								
Compensation, payroll taxes, and other employee								
benefits		21,762		22,395		41,638		42,447
Occupancy, office furniture, and equipment		2,029		2,046		4,137		4,309
Advertising		987		944		1,901		1,833
Data processing		1,242		1,090		2,448		2,212
Communications		240		225		466		476
Professional fees		758		618		1,501		1,034
Real estate owned		1		1		14		2
Loan processing expense		861		932		1,907		1,950
Other		2,379		2,671		3,797	_	5,766
Total noninterest expenses		30,259		30,922		57,809		60,029
Income before income taxes		7,142		5,092		11,910		7,874
Income tax expense		1,430		1,085		3,160		1,712
Net income	\$	5,712	\$	4,007	\$	8,750	\$	6,162
Income per share:								
Basic	\$	0.31	\$	0.20	\$	0.47	\$	0.30
Diluted	\$	0.31	\$	0.20	\$	0.47	\$	0.30
Weighted average shares outstanding:								
Basic		18,524		20,384		18,772		20,635
Diluted		18,568		20,431		18,802		20,702

## WATERSTONE FINANCIAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

		June 30, 2024	De	cember 31, 2023
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		(In Thousand	ds, e	xcept per
Assets		share a	mou	nts)
Cash	\$	36,177	\$	30,667
Federal funds sold		4,873		5,493
Interest-earning deposits in other financial institutions and other short-term				
investments		266		261
Cash and cash equivalents		41,316		36,421
Securities available for sale (at fair value)		204,835		204,907
Loans held for sale (at fair value)		222,756		164,993
Loans receivable		1,678,767		1,664,215
Less: Allowance for credit losses ("ACL") - loans		18,414		18,549
Loans receivable, net		1,660,353		1,645,666
Office properties and equipment, net		19,663		19,995
Federal Home Loan Bank stock (at cost)		23,220		20,880
Cash surrender value of life insurance		69,191		67,859
Real estate owned, net		145		254
Prepaid expenses and other assets		48,135		52,414
Total assets	\$	2,289,614	\$	2,213,389
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity				
Liabilities:				
Demand deposits	\$	182,628	\$	187,107
Money market and savings deposits		274,685		273,233
Time deposits		766,610		730,284
Total deposits		1,223,923		1,190,624
Borrowings		660,824		611,054
Advance payments by borrowers for taxes		21,136		6,607
Other liabilities		48,785		61,048
Total liabilities		1,954,668		1,869,333
Shareholders' equity:				
Preferred stock		-		-
Common stock		195		203
Additional paid-in capital		92,964		103,908
Retained earnings		272,778		269,606
Unearned ESOP shares		(11,276)		(11,869)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of taxes	_	(19,715)	_	(17,792)
Total shareholders' equity		334,946		344,056
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	2,289,614	\$	2,213,389
Share Information				
Shares outstanding		19,479		20,315
Book value per share	\$	17.20	\$	16.94
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## WATERSTONE FINANCIAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES SUMMARY OF KEY QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA

	At or For the Three Months Ended									
				March	December		Se	ptember		
	June 30, 2024			31,		31,	•	30,	Jı	une 30,
				2024		2023		2023		2023
		(Dol	llars in Thousands, except pe					are amoun	ts)	
<b>Condensed Results of Operations:</b>										
Net interest income	\$	10,679	\$	11,137	\$	11,756	\$	11,989	\$	12,675
Provision (credit) for credit losses		(225)		67		(435)		445		186
Total noninterest income		26,497		21,248		16,876		22,230		23,525
Total noninterest expense		30,259		27,550		29,662		30,021		30,922
Income (loss) before income taxes										
(benefit)		7,142		4,768		(595)		3,753		5,092
Income tax expense (benefit)		1,430		1,730		(555)		500		1,085
Net income (loss)	\$	5,712	\$	3,038	\$	(40)	\$	3,253	\$	4,007
Income (loss) per share – basic	\$	0.31	\$	0.16	\$	(0.00)	\$	0.16	\$	0.20
Income (loss) per share – diluted	\$	0.31	\$	0.16	\$	(0.00)	\$	0.16	\$	0.20
Dividends declared per common share	\$	0.15	\$	0.15	\$	0.15	\$	0.15	\$	0.20
Performance Ratios (annualized):										
Return on average assets - QTD		1.02%	Ó	0.56%	ó	(0.01)%	ó	0.58%	)	0.74%
Return on average equity - QTD		6.84%	Ó	3.56%	ó	(0.05)%	ó	3.63%	)	4.41%
Net interest margin - QTD		2.01%	Ó	2.15%	ó	2.25%		2.26%	)	2.47%
Return on average assets - YTD		0.79%	ó	0.56%	ó	0.44%		0.59%	)	0.59%
Return on average equity - YTD		5.17%	ó	3.56%	ó	2.62%		3.46%	)	3.37%
Net interest margin - YTD		2.08%	Ó	2.15%	ó	2.46%		2.53%	)	2.67%
<b>Asset Quality Ratios:</b>										
Past due loans to total loans		0.76%	ó	0.64%	ó	0.68%		0.53%	)	0.50%
Nonaccrual loans to total loans		0.33%	ó	0.29%	ó	0.29%		0.25%	)	0.26%
Nonperforming assets to total assets		0.25%	ó	0.23%	ó	0.23%		0.20%	)	0.19%
Allowance for credit losses - loans to										
loans receivable		1.10%	Ó	1.11%	ó	1.11%		1.12%	)	1.14%

# WATERSTONE FINANCIAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY AVERAGE BALANCES AND YIELD/COSTS

	At or For the Three Months Ended										
			December	September							
	June 30, 2024	March 31, 2024	31, 2023	30, 2023	June 30, 2023						
Average balances	·	(Dol	lars in Thousar	nds)							
Interest-earning assets											
Loans receivable and held for sale	\$1,859,608	\$1,805,102	\$1,797,988	\$1,797,233	\$1,759,001						
Mortgage related securities	171,895	172,077	172,863	174,202	171,938						
Debt securities, federal funds sold											
and short-term investments	107,992	110,431	106,504	132,935	123,195						
Total interest-earning assets	2,139,495	2,087,610	2,077,355	2,104,370	2,054,134						
Noninterest-earning assets	104,019	103,815	105,073	105,714	108,320						
Total assets	\$2,243,514	\$2,191,425	\$2,182,428	\$2,210,084	\$2,162,454						
Interest-bearing liabilities											
Demand accounts	\$ 91,300	\$ 87,393	\$ 91,868	\$ 90,623	\$ 69,147						
Money market, savings, and escrow											
accounts	293,483	281,171	302,121	306,806	305,576						
Certificates of deposit	758,252	739,543	735,418	719,708	695,310						
Total interest-bearing deposits	1,143,035	1,108,107	1,129,407	1,117,137	1,070,033						
Borrowings	622,771	602,724	549,210	584,764	551,545						
Total interest-bearing liabilities	1,765,806	1,710,831	1,678,617	1,701,901	1,621,578						
Noninterest-bearing demand deposits	93,637	92,129	102,261	106,042	130,291						
Noninterest-bearing liabilities	48,315	45,484	56,859	46,805	46,446						
Total liabilities	1,907,758	1,848,444	1,837,737	1,854,748	1,798,315						
Equity	335,756	342,981	344,691	355,336	364,139						
Total liabilities and equity	\$2,243,514	\$2,191,425	\$2,182,428	\$2,210,084	\$2,162,454						
Average Yield/Costs (annualized)											
Loans receivable and held for sale	5.54%	5.46%	5.36%	5.26%	5.05%						
Mortgage related securities	2.63%	2.57%	2.48%	2.41%	2.26%						
Debt securities, federal funds sold											
and short-term investments	4.82%	4.82%	4.94%	4.45%	3.67%						
Total interest-earning assets	5.27%	5.18%	5.10%	4.97%	4.73%						
Demand accounts	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.09%						
Money market and savings accounts	1.89%		1.64%	1.54%	1.42%						
Certificates of deposit	4.41%	4.19%	3.76%	3.43%	2.80%						
Total interest-bearing deposits	3.42%	3.26%	2.90%	2.64%	2.23%						
Borrowings	4.92%	4.54%	4.83%	4.71%	4.08%						
Total interest-bearing liabilities	3.95%	3.71%	3.53%	3.35%	2.86%						

## COMMUNITY BANKING SEGMENT SUMMARY OF KEY QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA

		At or For the Three Months Ended									
		March			December			September			<b>June</b>
	une 30,	31,		31,			30,				30,
	 2024		2024		2023			2023			2023
		(Dollars in Thousands)									
<b>Condensed Results of Operations:</b>											
Net interest income	\$ 11,234	\$	11,598	\$		12,056	\$		12,431	\$	13,238
Provision (credit) for credit losses	(279)		105			(550)			445		158
Total noninterest income	1,491		990			894			966		1,540
Noninterest expenses:											
Compensation, payroll taxes, and other											
employee benefits	5,116		5,360			5,397			4,618		4,683
Occupancy, office furniture and equipment	983		1,000			916			852		873
Advertising	229		174			363			200		230
Data processing	687		693			626			672		602
Communications	72		65			75			70		72
Professional fees	177		208			186			176		146
Real estate owned	1		13			1			1		1
Loan processing expense	-		-			-			-		-
Other	 672		691			628	_		703		1,641
Total noninterest expense	 7,937		8,204			8,192			7,292		8,248
Income before income taxes	5,067		4,279			5,308			5,660		6,372
Income tax expense	718		1,639			1,234			1,121		1,182
Net income	\$ 4,349	\$	2,640	\$		4,074	\$	,	4,539	\$	5,190
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Efficiency ratio - QTD (non-GAAP)	62.37%	)	65.17%	6		63.26%	)		54.43%		55.81%
Efficiency ratio - YTD (non-GAAP)	63.77%	)	65.179	6		56.86%	)		54.94%		55.17%

## MORTGAGE BANKING SEGMENT SUMMARY OF KEY QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA

	At or For the Three Months Ended									
			ľ	March	D	ecember	Se	ptember		
	J	une 30,		31,	31,			30,	Jι	ıne 30,
		2024	2024		2023			2023		2023
			(Dollars in Thousands)							
<b>Condensed Results of Operations:</b>										
Net interest loss	\$	(552)	\$	(541)	\$	(367)	\$	(550)	\$	(622)
Provision for credit losses		54		(38)		115		-		28
Total noninterest income		25,081		20,328		16,028		21,452		23,041
Noninterest expenses:										
Compensation, payroll taxes, and other										
employee benefits		16,886		14,756		14,881		17,186		17,929
Occupancy, office furniture and										
equipment		1,046		1,108		1,105		1,141		1,173
Advertising		758		740		667		716		714
Data processing		549		508		583		551		480
Communications		168		161		194		173		153
Professional fees		569		520		704		564		466
Real estate owned		-		-		-		-		-
Loan processing expense		861		1,046		756		722		932
Other		1,641		617		2,701		1,935		1,914
Total noninterest expense		22,478		19,456		21,591		22,988		23,761
Income (loss) before income taxes										
(benefit)		1,997		369		(6,045)		(2,086)		(1,370)
Income tax expense (benefit)		684		71		(1,827)		(657)		(126)
Net income (loss)	\$	1,313	\$	298	\$	(4,218)	\$	(1,429)	\$	(1,244)
Efficiency ratio - QTD (non-GAAP)		91.64%		98.33%		137.86%		109.98%		105.99%
Efficiency ratio - YTD (non-GAAP)		94.62%		98.33%		116.99%		111.63%		112.49%
Loan originations	\$	634,109	\$ 4	485,109	\$	458,363	\$	597,562	\$6	523,342
Purchase		92.7%		93.0%		95.7%		95.4%		96.4%
Refinance		7.3%		7.0%		4.3%		4.6%		3.6%
Gross margin on loans sold(1)		3.93%		4.10%		3.51%		3.62%		3.73%

<sup>(1)</sup> Gross margin on loans sold equals mortgage banking income (excluding the change in interest rate lock value) divided by total loan originations.