## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

## 2025 Annual Meeting Angelina Federal Employees Credit Union

Welcome to the 2025 edition of the annual meeting of the Angelina Federal Employees Credit Union. This is the 72<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting and we're still counting. I hope you've taken advantage of this opportunity to do some visiting and catching up while you've been enjoying David Calhoun's great cooking. Let's give David and his crew a nice round of applause for the fine meal.

I want to thank you, the members of the Credit Union, for your loyalty and commitment to the Credit Union in honoring your obligations. We consistently have delinquencies well below our peer group and you are saving at a rate above the national average. and you are to be congratulated for that.

I also want to thank all the volunteers who serve you in key positions that make it possible to keep your Credit Union the top-notch financial institution that it is. Carla will introduce all of them shortly. These directors and committee members give thousands of dollars' worth of time each year to make sure that your Credit Union remains the outstanding institution that you expect and deserve. Thanks to each of these volunteers. I can't stop there, though, because no matter how much time the volunteers put in, nothing would happen without the dedicated staff at the office at 900 Pershing. Thank you, Carla and all the staff.

Of course, the examiners came again this year, as they do every year, and after a week of thorough examination of our operations, they once again gave your Credit Union the highest rating. That means that you can have complete confidence in doing all your financial business here. Our Credit Union is extremely sound and offers a full line of services.

## Big changes coming in 2025

For the last several years we have experienced a decline in the population of our field of membership as Federal and Postal Service jobs have been eliminated. When I went to work for the Forest Service in 1963, I walked into an office that had 23 engineering employees. When I retired in 2019, there were 3 of us and my job had been eliminated. You will remember that some time ago we expanded the field of membership to include the family members of any member, not just family members of Federal and

Postal workers. We hoped that the change would result in the growth needed to ensure a long-range future for the Credit Union. Well, that helped, but not enough, so additional steps had to be taken.

WHAT?

1. Revised field of membership

No longer tied to Federal and Postal workers, will be a community credit union

Anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in our 9-county area

2. New name

Can no longer use the word "federal" in our name

3. We are working with a marketing consultant who specializes in Credit Unions to help make this

transition as orderly and efficient as possible

WHY?

Again, I want to stress that these changes are in the best interest of all the members and the Credit Union as a whole. Most of you will not see any difference. Still at 900 Pershing, still the same smiling faces to help you, still the same personal service every time you need anything, and the phone will still be answered by a person. The real difference is that you can now tell all your friends how great our Credit Union is and invite them to join and share in the benefits that you already enjoy.

We believe that with these changes in place your credit union will be here for many generations to come and maybe one of your grandchildren will be making this Report of the Directors

Thank you again for coming out tonight. I hope you enjoyed your meal, and good luck at Bingo!

Billy Lumpkin

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Chairman, Board of Directors