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ST. LOUIS — The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, acting pursuant to delegated authority for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, today approved the notification by Midwest Bancorporation, Inc., Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to become a bank holding company through the acquisition of 100 percent of the outstanding voting shares of Midwest Bancshares, Inc., Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Also approved are related notifications by Midwest Bancshares, Inc. and Affiliates Employee Stock Ownership Plan, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to become a bank holding company through the acquisition of 36.48 percent of the outstanding voting shares of Midwest Bancorporation, Inc., and by the Norma McLane-Smith Family Limited Partnership, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to exchange stock representing 8.30 percent of the voting shares of Midwest Bancshares, Inc. for stock representing 14.46 percent of the voting shares of Midwest Bancorporation, Inc.

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