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PlainsCapital Wealth Management Promotes Two Key Executives, Makes Board Appointment

*Bill Leavell named executive vice president and appointed to board of directors,
Tonda Whitt named senior vice president*

LUBBOCK, TEXAS (Oct. 21, 2005) – PlainsCapital Wealth Management, a subsidiary of PlainsCapital Bank, announces the appointments of William W. Leavell, Jr., as executive vice president and member of the company’s board of directors, and Tonda Whitt as senior vice president. Leavell will oversee the company’s operations in West Texas. The state-chartered trust company, a part of leading Texas financial services company PlainsCapital Corporation, has offices in Austin, Dallas, and Lubbock.

“Together, Bill and Tonda have 50 years of combined experience, most of it right here in Lubbock,” said Cynthia F. Easley, president of PlainsCapital Wealth Management. “They know the businesses and people in the community, and they are committed to ensuring their financial success. I’m confident in their ability to lead the company’s activities in West Texas.”

William W. Leavell, Jr.

As executive vice president, Leavell will oversee PlainsCapital Wealth Management’s activities across the West Texas region. He has over 28 years of business and financial services experience, and he has been with PlainsCapital since 1993 when he joined PlainsCapital Bank (then Plains National Bank) as senior vice president and director of marketing. In 2000, he moved to PlainsCapital Wealth Management where he has served as senior vice president and trust officer. He currently serves on the boards of All Saints Episcopal School Foundation, Covenant Health System Foundation, and the Texas Tech University Museum Association. Other community involvement includes Lubbock Area Foundation and Texas Tech University’s Chancellor’s Council, Ex-Student’s Association, and Red Raider Club. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University, the Texas Bankers’ Association Texas School of Trust Banking, and Leadership Lubbock. Leavell and his wife, Nan, have two children and attend Lakeridge United Methodist Church.

Tonda Whitt

As senior vice president, Whitt joined the company in 2003 and is responsible for Compliance and Risk Management for PlainsCapital Wealth Management. She also serves as secretary for Wealth Management’s Board of Directors. She has over 20 years of banking and financial services experience serving the Lubbock market. Whitt is a Lubbock native and she and her husband, Robert, have two children. She is an active volunteer at Link Ministries, One-9 Youth Recreation & Skate Park, and Fresh Fire Church where she also serves as a council

member. She previously served on the boards of Future Generations Childcare and United Way's Success by Six. She has been involved with the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, March of Dimes and United Way. Whitt attended South Plains College and has completed numerous specialized courses with the Texas Bankers' Association and Cannon Financial Institute's Fiduciary and Investment Risk Management School.

Leavell and Whitt remain focused on PlainsCapital Wealth Management's team approach to client services, enabling clients to benefit from the varied expertise of their wealth management team members as well as guaranteed individualized attention and quick response times as they build, preserve and transfer their wealth. PlainsCapital Wealth Management provides investment management, trust and estate services, as well as retirement services to individuals, non-profit organizations, and corporations.

About PlainsCapital Corporation

PlainsCapital Corporation is among the largest privately-held financial services companies in Texas, serving business centers and communities across the state. An integral part of this family of 10 companies, PlainsCapital Bank is the second-largest independent bank in Texas with over \$2.5 billion in assets. Offering a broad array of financial services including commercial and private banking, wealth management, trust, treasury management, capital equipment leasing, residential mortgage, title insurance and 1031 exchange services, PlainsCapital's 1,600 employees are empowered to deliver individualized solutions to ensure their clients' financial success. Find more information at www.PlainsCapital.com.

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