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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 21, 2012

Bank of the Ozarks, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Arkansas (State of incorporation or other jurisdiction) 333-27641 (Commission File Number) 71-0556208 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

17901 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, Arkansas (Address of principal executive offices)

72223 (Zip Code)

(501) 978-2265 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 5.02 (b), (c) and (e) – Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Departure of a Director. On August 21, 2012, Mr. Kennith Smith, 81, notified the Company of his decision to (i) retire from service as a director of the Company and its bank subsidiary upon the completion of his current term and (ii) not stand for re-election to the Company's or its bank subsidiary's Boards of Directors at the Company's and Bank's 2013 annual shareholders' meetings. Mr. Smith has served as a director of the Company and/or its bank subsidiary since 1977. Mr. Smith will continue to serve as a director and as a member of the Personnel and Compensation Committee for both the Company and its bank subsidiary until the Company's 2013 annual shareholders' meeting.

Appointment of Chief Lending Officer. On August 21, 2012, the Board of Directors of the Company appointed Dan Thomas, 50, to the newly created position of Chief Lending Officer for both the Company and its bank subsidiary and designated such position as an executive officer position. Prior to his appointment as Chief Lending Officer, since 2003 Mr. Thomas has served as President of the Real Estate Specialties Group of the Company's subsidiary bank. Mr. Thomas will also continue to serve in that capacity. The Real Estate Specialties Group underwrites and services most of the larger, more complex real estate lending transactions of the Company's bank subsidiary.

Amendment to the 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan. On August 21, 2012, the Board of Directors of the Company approved the Fourth Amendment (the "Fourth Amendment") to the Company's 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan (the "401(k) Plan") whereby the 401(k) Plan was amended (i) to make it a Safe-Harbor Cost or Deferral Arrangement ("Safe-Harbor CODA") and (ii) to make certain technical corrections to the 401 (k) Plan document. As a result of these amendments, (i) certain key employees, including each of the Company's named executive officers, will be eligible to begin making salary deferrals into the 401(k) Plan beginning January 1, 2013, (ii) the 401(k) Plan will not be subject to any provisions of the Average Deferral Percentage test described in Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") section 401(k)(3) or the Average Contribution Percentage test described in Code section 401(m)(2), (iii) the basic matching contribution will equal (a) 100% of the amount of the employee's deferrals that do not exceed 3% of the employee's compensation for the year plus (b) 50% of the amount of the employee's elective deferrals that exceed 3% but do not exceed 5% of the employee's compensation for the year, and (iv) all employer matching contributions made under the provisions of the Safe-Harbor CODA will become non-forfeitable.

The foregoing summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Fourth Amendment, the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1(a) and incorporated herein by reference.

Amendment to the 2009 Restricted Stock Plan and the Form of Notice of Grant of Restricted Stock and Award Agreement. On August 21, 2012, the Board of Directors of the Company approved an amendment to the Company's 2009 Restricted Stock Plan (the "RS Plan") to make certain technical corrections to the RS Plan regarding the method of tax withholding available to recipients of restricted stock under the plan. Additionally, each outstanding Form of Notice of Grant of Restricted Stock and Award Agreement (the "Award Agreement") for each currently outstanding restricted stock grant, including restricted stock grants to each of the Company's named executive officers, was amended to conform the method of tax withholding options provided by the Award Agreements to the method of tax withholdings options provided by the RS Plan.

The foregoing summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the 2009 Restricted Stock Plan, as amended, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1(b)(i) and incorporated herein by reference, and the amended and revised Form of Notice of Grant of Restricted Stock and Award Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1(b)(ii) and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
10.1 (a)	Fourth Amendment to Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan, adopted on August 21, 2012.
10.1 (b)(i)	Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. 2009 Restricted Stock Plan, as amended on August 21, 2012.
10.1 (b)(ii)	Form of Notice of Grant of Restricted Stock and Award Agreement, as amended on August 21, 2012.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BANK OF THE OZARKS, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: August 23, 2012 /s/ Greg McKinney

Greg McKinney Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

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Section 2: EX-10.1(A) (FOURTH AMENDMENT TO BANK OF THE OZARKS, INC. 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN)

Exhibit 10.1(a)

FOURTH AMENDMENT TO BANK OF THE OZARKS, INC. 401(k) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

THIS AMENDMENT, made by Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. (the "Company") is to be effective as provided below.

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WHEREAS, the Company sponsors the Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Company amended and restated the Plan effective December 16, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Company wishes to amend the Plan pursuant to its power provided in Section 9.01 thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Plan is hereby amended as follows:

1. Effective December 16, 2008, the first paragraph of the preamble is amended in its entirety to provide as follows:

BANK OF THE OZARKS, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arkansas entered into the Ozark Bankshares, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan May 22, 1997 to establish the Plan, effective July 1, 1997. The Plan has been amended from time to time, and has changed its name to the Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan. The Plan is now amended and restated in its entirety effective December 16, 2008. The purpose of the Plan is to recognize the importance of the efforts of the employees of Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. and affiliates, to provide a benefit to them in the event of their retirement, disability, and certain other events and to primarily invest in Qualified Employer Securities upon the terms and conditions set out herein.

- 2. Effective December 16, 2008, Section 1.11 is amended in its entirety to provide as follows:
- 1.11 Employer. "Employer" means Bank of the Ozarks, Inc., or any corporation into which it may be merged or consolidated, or any corporation (that is aggregated with Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. under §414(b),(c), (m), or (o) of the Code) that may hereafter accept and adopt the terms of this Indenture with approval of the Board of Directors of Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. For determining an Employee's length of service for purposes of determining eligibility, vesting and contributions, Employer also includes any corporation which is a member of a controlled group of corporations (as defined in §414(b) of the Code) and all trades or businesses (whether or not incorporated) which are under common control (as

defined in §414(c) of the Code). Provided, however, that service with an incorporated or unincorporated employer which has not expressly adopted this Plan shall not give employees of such employers the right to share in any contributions made by employers which have expressly adopted this Plan.

- 3. Effective December 16, 2008, new section 1.25 is added and existing section 1.25 and succeeding sections in Article I are renumbered accordingly:
 - 1.25 Qualified Employer Securities. "Qualified Employer Securities" means common stock issued by the Employer that is readily tradable on an established securities market; provided, however, if the Employer's common stock is not readily tradable on an established securities market, the term "Qualified Employer Securities" shall mean common stock issued by the Employer having a combination of voting power and dividend rates equal to or in excess of: (a) that class of common stock of the Employer having the greatest voting power and (b) that class of common stock of the Employer having the greatest dividend rights. Non-callable preferred stock shall be treated as Employer Qualified Securities for purposes of the Plan if such stock is convertible at any time into stock that is readily tradable on an established securities market (or, if applicable, that meets the requirements of (a) and (b) next above) and if such conversion is at a conversion price that, as of the date of the acquisition by the Plan, is reasonable. For purposes of the immediately preceding sentence, preferred stock shall be treated as non-callable if, after the call, there will be a reasonable opportunity for a conversion that meets the requirements of the immediately preceding sentence.
 - 4. Effective January 1, 2013, Section 2.01 is amended in its entirety to provide as follows:
 - 2.01 <u>Requirements for Participation</u>. Each Employee shall become a Member on the first Entry Date following his Employment Commencement Date, provided that he is employed by the Employer on such date.

If a Member's employment terminates and he is subsequently re-employed, he will become a Member of the Plan on the date of his first Hour of Service during such re-employment.

If an Employee was previously ineligible to become a Member under the terms of the Plan and subsequently becomes eligible, he shall become a Member on the first Entry Date following the date he becomes eligible.

5. Effective immediately, new Section 3.11 is added to provide as follows:

3.11 Safe-Harbor CODA

- (a) In General. For the Plan Year beginning January 1, 2013 and for each Plan Year thereafter, the Employer elects that the Plan be a Safe-Harbor CODA, and the Employer will contribute the Basic Matching Contribution to the Plan for the Plan Year. For any Plan Year that the Plan is a Safe-Harbor CODA, any provisions relating to the ADP test described in Code § 401(k)(3) or the ACP test described in Code § 401(m)(2) do not apply. To the extent that any other provision of the Plan is inconsistent with the provisions of this section, the provisions of this section govern.
 - (b) <u>Definitions</u>. For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:
 - (i) "Basic Matching Contribution" means a Safe Harbor Matching Contribution to the Plan on behalf of each Eligible Employee equal to (i) 100 percent of the amount of the employee's Elective Deferrals that do not exceed 3 percent of the employee's Compensation for the Plan Year, plus (ii) 50 percent of the amount of the employee's Elective Deferrals that exceed 3 percent of the employee's Compensation but that do not exceed 5 percent of the employee's Compensation.
 - (ii) "Compensation" is defined as Basic Compensation, except, for purposes of this Article, no dollar limit, other than the limit imposed by Code § 401(a)(17), applies to the compensation of a Non-Highly Compensated Employee.
 - (iii) "Eligible Employee" means an employee eligible to make Elective Deferrals under the Plan for any part of the Plan Year or who would be eligible to make Elective Deferrals but for a suspension due to a distribution described in 7.04 of the Plan or to statutory limitations, such as Code §§ 402(g) and 415.
 - (iv) "Matching Contributions" are contributions made by the Employer on account of an Eligible Employee's Elective Deferrals.
- (c) <u>Nonforfeitable</u>. The Member's account balance derived from the Basic Matching Contributions is nonforfeitable and is subject to the same distribution restrictions as apply to Elective Deferrals, except that no distribution can be made on account of hardship. In addition, such contributions must satisfy the Safe-harbor CODA without regard to permitted disparity under § 401(1).
- (d) <u>Notice Requirement</u>. At least 30 days, but not more than 90 days, before the beginning of the Plan Year, the Employer will provide each Eligible Employee a comprehensive notice of the employee's rights and obligations under the Plan, written in a manner calculated to be understood by the average Eligible Employee. If an employee becomes eligible after the 90th day before the beginning of the Plan Year and does not receive the notice for that reason, the notice must be provided no more than 90 days before the employee becomes eligible but not later than the date the employee becomes eligible.

- (e) <u>Election Periods</u>. In addition to any other election periods provided under the Plan, each Eligible Employee may make or modify a deferral election during the 30-day period immediately following receipt of the notice described in subsection (d).
- (f) <u>Forfeitures</u>. For each Plan Year that the Plan is a Safe-Harbor CODA, forfeitures under the Plan shall not be allocated as Employer Matching Contribution (under section 5.05), Profit Sharing Contributions (under section 5.06), or ESOP Contributions (under section 5.08) and shall instead be used to pay Plan expenses under section 8.06. For each Plan Year that the Plan is not a Safe-Harbor CODA, sections 8.06, 5.05, 5.06 and 5.08 shall be applied without regard to this section.
- 6. Effective December 16, 2008, Section 5.15 is amended in its entirety to provide as follows:

For purposes of this Article, "exempt loan" shall mean the issuance of notes, a series of notes or other installment obligations incurred by the Trustee, in accordance with the Trust, in connection with the purchase of Employer stock. The term "Financed Shares" means shares of Employer stock acquired by the Trustee with the proceeds of an exempt loan. The terms of each exempt loan shall meet the applicable requirements of Treasury Regulations Section 54.4975-7(b), including the requirements: (a) that the loan bear a reasonable rate of interest, be for a definite period (rather than payable on demand), and be without recourse against the Plan, and (b) that the only assets of the Plan that may be given as collateral are Financed Shares purchased with the proceeds of that loan or with the proceeds of a prior exempt loan. The interest rate of an exempt loan and the price of the securities to be acquired with the proceeds of an exempt loan may not be such that plan assets are drained off. An exempt loan must be primarily for the benefit of the Members and Beneficiaries of the Plan. Proceeds of an exempt loan must be used within a reasonable time to acquire Employer stock, to repay the exempt loan, or to repay a prior exempt loan. No person entitled to payment under an exempt loan shall have any right to assets of the ESOP other than collateral given for the exempt loan, contributions (other than contributions of Employer stock) made to repay such exempt loan, and earnings attributable to such collateral and the investment of such contributions. Payments made with respect to an exempt loan during a Plan Year must not exceed an amount equal to the sum of such contributions and earnings during such Plan Year less such payments in prior years. Such contributions and earnings must be accounted for separately in the books of account of the ESOP until the exempt loan is repaid. In the event of a default on an exempt loan, the assets transferred from the Plan may not exceed the amount of the default. If the lender is a disqualified person, the assets transferred may not exceed the amount then due under the payment schedule of the exempt loan.

8.06 <u>Trustee Fees and Expenses</u> . All Trustee's fees and any administrati the Employer be paid by the Employer in lieu of being paid from the Trupaid from forfeitures or from Members' accounts as directed by the Com	ust Fund. Addit		•
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this amendment has been executed on the	day of	, 2012.	
	BANK OF THE OZARKS, INC.		

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Section 3: EX-10.1(B)(I) (BANK OF THE OZARKS, INC. 2009 RESTRICTED STOCK PLAN)

7. Effective immediately, Section 8.06 is amended in its entirety to provide as follows:

Exhibit 10.1(b)(i)

BANK OF THE OZARKS, INC. 2009 RESTRICTED STOCK PLAN

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BANK OF THE OZARKS, INC. 2009 RESTRICTED STOCK PLAN

ARTICLE I

ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE

Section 1.1. *Establishment*. Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. (the "Company") hereby establishes the Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. 2009 Restricted Stock Plan (the "Plan") effective April 21, 2009, subject to approval by the shareholders of the Company on that date.

Section 1.2. *Purpose*. The Plan is intended to provide incentive to key employees and officers of the Company to foster and promote the long-term financial success of the Company and materially increase shareholder value. The Plan is also intended to encourage proprietary interest in the Company, to encourage such individuals to remain in the employ of the Company and to attract new employees with outstanding qualifications. In furtherance thereof, the Plan permits incentives to key employees and officers of the Company.

ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS

- Section 2.1. Definitions. The following terms have the following meanings when used herein, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.
- (a) "Agreement" means a written agreement entered into between the Company and the recipient of a Grant which sets forth the terms and conditions of the Grant.
 - (b) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (c) "Cause" means, unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Agreement, (i) engaging in (A) willful or gross misconduct or (B) willful or gross neglect, (ii) repeatedly failing to adhere to the directions of superiors or the Board or the written policies and practices of the Company or a Subsidiary, (iii) the commission of a felony, a crime of moral turpitude or any crime involving the Company or a Subsidiary, (iv) fraud, misappropriation, dishonesty or embezzlement, (v) incompetence or a material breach of the Participant's employment agreement (if any) with the Company or a Subsidiary, (other than a termination of employment by the Participant), or (vi) any unlawful act detrimental to the Company or a Subsidiary, all as determined in the sole discretion of the Committee.
- (d) "Change in Control" means the earlier to occur of any of the following: (i) if during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constitute the Board cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority thereof, unless the election or nomination for the election by the Company's shareholders of each new director was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then still in office who were directors at the beginning of the period; (ii) any person or entity (other

than any employee benefit plan or plans of the Company or its subsidiaries or any trustee of or fiduciary with respect to such plan or plans when acting in such capacity) or any group acting in concert, shall acquire or control twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the outstanding voting shares of the Company; provided however, that with respect to any person or entity owning or controlling 10% or more of the outstanding voting shares of the Company as of the effective date of the Plan, either acting alone or in concert with one or more of its wholly-owned subsidiaries, the amount of such voting shares so owned or controlled shall be deducted for purposes of this determination; (iii) if, upon a merger, combination, consolidation or reorganization of the Company, the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior thereto do not continue to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving entity) at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the combined voting power of voting securities of the Company or such surviving entity outstanding immediately thereafter; (iv) all or substantially all of the assets of the Company are sold or otherwise disposed of; or (v) the Committee or the Board determines, in its sole discretion, that any other business combination or other event (existing or anticipated) shall be deemed a change in control.

- (e) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any related rules, regulations and interpretations.
- (f) "Committee" means the Personnel and Compensation Committee of the Board or such other committee designated by the Board to administer the Plan.
- (g) "Common Stock" means the Company's Common Stock, par value \$0.01, either currently existing or authorized hereafter and any other stock or security resulting from adjustment thereof as described herein, or the Common Stock of any successor to the Company which is designated for the purpose of the Plan.
- (h) "Company" means Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. and any successor or assignee corporation(s) into which the Company may be merged, changed or consolidated; any corporation for whose securities the securities of the Company shall be exchanged; and any assignee of or successor to substantially all of the assets of the Company.
- (i) "Disability" means a Participant's inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of a medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than six (6) months.
- (j) "Effective Date" means April 21, 2009; provided, however, no Common Stock may be issued unless the Plan is approved by a vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock at a meeting of the shareholders of the Company held on or within 12 months after the Effective Date.
- (k) "Eligible Persons" means Employees and officers of the Company or a Subsidiary. The Committee will determine the eligibility of Employees and officers based on, among other factors, the position and responsibilities of such individuals and the nature and value to the Company or a Subsidiary of such individual's accomplishments and potential contribution to the success of the Company or a Subsidiary.

- (l) "Employee" means an individual, including an officer of the Company, who is employed as a common-law employee of the Company or a Subsidiary. An "Employee" shall not include any person classified by the Company or a Subsidiary as an independent contractor even if the individual is subsequently reclassified as a common-law employee by a court, administrative agency or other adjudicatory body.
- (m) "Fair Market Value" for any given date means the reasonable value of the Common Stock as determined by the Board, in its sole discretion. If the Common Stock is listed on a securities exchange or traded over a national market system, Fair Market Value means the average of the highest reported asked price and the lowest reported bid price reported on that exchange or market on the relevant date, or if there is no sale for the relevant date, then on the last previous date on which a sale was reported.
 - (n) "Grant" means an award of Restricted Stock or a Restricted Stock Unit, to an Eligible Person.
 - (o) "Participant" means any Eligible Person to whom a Grant is made, or the Successors of the Participant, as the context so requires.
 - (p) "Plan" means the Company's 2009 Restricted Stock Plan, as set forth herein, and as the same may from time to time be amended.
- (q) "Restricted Stock" means Common Stock granted to a Participant subject to the terms and conditions established by the Committee pursuant to Article VII.
 - (r) "Restricted Stock Unit" means a right granted to a Participant under Article VIII.
 - (s) "Restriction Period" means the period of time during which restrictions established by the Committee shall apply to a Grant.
 - (t) "Subsidiary" means a subsidiary corporation, whether now or hereafter existing, as defined in Code Section 424(f).
- (u) "Termination of Service" means the time when the employee-employer relationship or directorship or other service relationship (sufficient to constitute service as an Eligible Person) between the Participant and the Company or a Subsidiary is terminated for any reason, with or without Cause, including, but not limited to, any termination by resignation, discharge, Disability, death or retirement; provided, however, Termination of Service shall not include: (i) a termination where there is a simultaneous reemployment of the Participant by the Company or a Subsidiary or other continuation of service (sufficient to constitute service as an Eligible Person), or (ii) an employee who is on military leave, sick leave or other bona fide leave of absence (to be determined in the discretion of the Committee). The Committee, in its absolute discretion, shall determine the effects of all matters and questions relating to Termination of Service, including but not limited to the question of whether any Termination of Service was for Cause and all questions of whether particular leaves of absence constitute Terminations of Service.

ARTICLE III

ADMINISTRATION

- **Section 3.1.** *General.* The Plan shall be administered by the Committee, subject to Board approval in instances where the Board by resolution determines to require such approval.
- **Section 3.2.** *Committee Meetings*. The Committee shall meet from time to time as determined by its chairman or by resolution adopted in writing by a majority of the members of the Committee or by a majority of the members of the Committee present at any meeting at which a quorum is present. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum and the acts of a majority of the members present at any meeting of the Committee at which a quorum is present, or acts approved in writing by a majority of the entire Committee, shall be the acts of the Committee for purposes of the Plan. To the extent applicable, no member of the Committee may act as to matters under the Plan specifically relating to such member.
- **Section 3.3.** *Powers of the Committee.* Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and consistent with the Company's intention for the Committee to exercise the greatest permissible flexibility in awarding Grants, the Committee shall have the power:
 - (a) to determine from time to time the Eligible Persons who are to be awarded Grants and the nature and amount of Grants, and to generally determine the terms, provisions and conditions (which need not be identical) of Grants awarded under the Plan, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan;
 - (b) to construe and interpret the Plan and Grants thereunder and to establish, amend and revoke rules and regulations for administration of the Plan. In this connection, the Committee may correct any defect, supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan, in any Agreement or in any related agreements in the manner and to the extent it shall deem necessary or expedient to make the Plan fully effective;
 - (c) to amend any outstanding Grant and to accelerate or extend the vesting or exercisability of any Grant, all subject to Section 9.3, and to waive conditions or restrictions on any Grants, all to the extent it shall deem appropriate; provided that any acceleration of the vesting or exercisability of any Grant, other than in connection with a Change in Control, Disability or death of a Participant, shall occur only upon the approval of such acceleration of vesting or exercisability by the holders of the Common Stock of the Company;
 - (d) to cancel, with the consent of a Participant or as otherwise permitted by the Plan, outstanding Grants;
 - (e) to determine whether, and to what extent and under what circumstances, Grants may be settled in cash, Common Stock, other property or a combination of the foregoing;

- (f) to appoint agents as the Committee deems necessary or desirable to administer the Plan;
- (g) to provide for the forms of Agreements to be utilized in connection with the Plan, which need not be identical for each Participant;
- (h) to authorize, by written resolution, one or more officers of the Company to make Grants to nonofficer Employees and to determine the terms and conditions of such Grants, provided, however, (i) the Committee shall not delegate such responsibility to any officer for Grants made to an Employee who is considered an insider, (ii) the Committee's resolution providing for such authorization sets forth the total number of Grants such officer may award and any other conditions on the officer's authority to make Grants, and (iii) the officer shall report to the Committee, as the Committee may request, information regarding the nature and scope of the Grants made pursuant to the delegated authority; and
- (i) generally to exercise such powers and to perform such acts as are deemed necessary or expedient to carry out the terms of the Plan and to promote the best interests of the Company with respect to the Plan.
- **Section 3.4.** *Grants to Committee Members*. Notwithstanding Section 3.3, any Grant awarded under the Plan to an Eligible Person who is a member of the Committee shall be made by a majority of the directors of the Company who are not on the Committee.
- Section 3.5. Committee Decisions and Determinations. Any determination made by the Committee or Board pursuant to the provisions of the Plan or an Agreement shall be made in its sole discretion in the best interest of the Company, not as a fiduciary. All decisions made by the Committee or Board pursuant to the provisions of the Plan or an Agreement shall be final and binding on all persons, including the Company, a Subsidiary, Participants and Successors of the Participants. Any determination by the Committee or Board shall not be subject to de novo review if challenged in any court or legal forum.

ARTICLE IV

ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

Section 4.1. Eligibility. Any Eligible Person may receive Grants under the Plan.

Section 4.2. *Participation*. Whether an Eligible Person receives a Grant under the Plan will be determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, as provided in Section 3.3. To receive a Grant an Eligible Person must enter into an Agreement evidencing the Grant.

ARTICLE V

SHARES SUBJECT TO PLAN

- **Section 5.1.** *Available Shares*. Shares hereunder may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued shares or treasury shares, including shares purchased by the Company for purposes of the Plan. The certificates for Common Stock issued hereunder may include any legend which the Committee deems appropriate to reflect any restrictions on transfer hereunder or under the Agreement or as the Committee may otherwise deem appropriate. Subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 5.3, the maximum number of shares of Common Stock that may be issued under the Plan as a result of all Grants is Four Hundred Thousand (400,000) shares.
- **Section 5.2.** *Previously Granted Shares*. Subject to Sections 5.1 and 5.3, the Committee has full authority to determine the number of shares of Common Stock available for Grants. In its discretion, the Committee may include as available for distribution all of the following:
 - (a) Common Stock subject to a Grant that has been forfeited;
 - (b) Common Stock under a Grant that otherwise terminates, fails to vest, expires or lapses in whole or in part without issuance of Common Stock being made to a Participant; and
 - (c) Common Stock subject to any Grant that settles in cash or a form other than Common Stock.
- **Section 5.3.** *Adjustments*. In the event that the outstanding shares of Common Stock hereafter are changed into or exchanged for a different number or kind of shares or other securities of the Company or of another corporation by reason of merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, reclassification, combination of shares, stock split-up, or stock dividend, or in the event that there should be any other stock splits, stock dividends or other relevant changes in capitalization occurring after the effective date of this Plan:
 - (a) The aggregate number and kind of shares that may be issued under this Plan may be adjusted appropriately; and
 - (b) Rights under outstanding Grants made to Eligible Persons hereunder, both as to the number of subject shares and the Exercise Price, may be adjusted appropriately.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, without affecting the number of shares of Common Stock reserved or available hereunder, the Committee may authorize the issuance or assumption of benefits under this Plan in connection with any merger, consolidation, acquisition of property or stock, or reorganization upon such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate, subject to compliance with applicable rules of the Code and Section 9.12.

The foregoing adjustments and the manner of application of the foregoing provisions to Grants shall be determined solely by the Committee on a case-by-case basis, applied to similarly situated groups or in any other manner as it deems in its sole discretion. Any adjustment hereunder may provide for the elimination of fractional share interests.

Section 5.4. *Code Section 409A Limitation*. Any adjustment made pursuant to Section 5.3 to any Grant that is considered "deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code shall be made in compliance with the requirements of Code Section 409A. Any adjustments made pursuant to Section 5.3 to any Grant that is not considered "deferred compensation" shall be made in a manner to ensure that after such adjustment, the Grant either continues not to be subject to Code Section 409A or complies with the requirements of Code Section 409A.

ARTICLE VI

GRANTS IN GENERAL

- **Section 6.1.** Agreement. Each Grant hereunder shall be evidenced by an Agreement as of the date of the Grant and executed by the Company and the Eligible Person. Each Agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions as may be determined by the Committee consistent with the Plan. The Agreement shall state the number of shares of Common Stock to which the Grant pertains and may provide for adjustment in accordance with Section 5.3. As applicable, each Agreement must state the Exercise Price or other consideration to be paid for any Grant.
- **Section 6.2.** *Time of Granting of an Award*. The award date of a Grant shall, for all purposes, be the date on which the Committee makes the determination awarding such Grant, or such other date as is determined by the Board. Notice of the determination of a Grant shall be given to each Eligible Person to whom a Grant is awarded within a reasonable period of time after the date of such Grant.
- Section 6.3. *Term and Nontransferability of Grants*. No Grant is assignable or transferable, except by will or the laws of descent and distribution of the state wherein the Participant was domiciled at the time of his or her death; provided, however, that the Committee may permit other transfers where the Committee concludes that such transferability (i) does not result in accelerated taxation, (ii) is in no event a transfer for value, and (iii) is otherwise appropriate and desirable.
- **Section 6.4.** *Termination of Services*. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Agreement or as determined by the Committee, Grants shall be governed by the following provisions:
 - (a) *Termination of Service, Except by Death or Disability*. In the event of a Participant's Termination of Service for any reason other than the Participant's death or Disability, the Participant's Grant shall be forfeited upon the Participant's Termination of Service.
 - (b) *Death or Disability of Participant*. Grants shall fully vest on a Participant's Termination of Service by reason of the Participant's death or Disability, subject to Section 9.12 and the limitations imposed under applicable laws.
- **Section 6.5.** *Participation*. There is no guarantee that any Eligible Person will receive a Grant under the Plan or, having received a Grant, that the Participant will receive a future Grant on similar terms or at all. There is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Eligible Persons with respect to who receives a Grant or the terms and conditions of Participants' Grants.

ARTICLE VII

RESTRICTED STOCK

Section 7.1. *General.* The Committee has authority to grant Restricted Stock under the Plan at any time or from time to time. The Committee shall determine the number of shares of Restricted Stock to be awarded to any Eligible Person, the Restriction Period within which such Grants may be subject to forfeiture in accordance with applicable laws and any other terms and conditions of such Grants.

Section 7.2. *Delivery*. The Company shall issue the shares of Restricted Stock to each recipient who is awarded a Grant of Restricted Stock either in certificate form or in book entry form, registered in the name of the recipient, with legends or notations, as applicable, referring to the terms, conditions and restrictions applicable to any such Grant and record the transfer on the Company's official shareholder records; provided that the Company may require that any stock certificates evidencing Restricted Stock granted hereunder be held in the custody of the Company until the restrictions thereon shall have lapsed, and that as a condition of any Grant of Restricted Stock, the Participant shall have delivered a stock power, endorsed in blank, relating to the Common Stock covered by such Grant.

Section 7.3. Shareholder Rights. Unless the Committee specifies otherwise in the Restricted Stock Agreement, the Participant will have, with respect to the Restricted Stock, all of the rights of a shareholder of the Company holding the Common Stock that is the subject of the Restricted Stock, including, if applicable, the right to vote the shares and the right to receive any dividends, subject to Section 6.3. If any dividends are paid in Common Stock, the Common Stock will be subject to the same restrictions as applied to the Grant of Restricted Stock with respect to which they were paid.

Section 7.4. Price. The Committee may require a Participant to pay a stipulated purchase price for each share of Restricted Stock.

Section 7.5. Section 83(b) Election. The Committee or the Board may prohibit a Participant from making an election under Section 83(b) of the Code. If the Committee has not prohibited such election, and if the Participant elects to include in such Participant's gross income in the year of transfer the amounts specified in Section 83(b) of the Code, the Participant shall notify the Company of such election within 10 days of filing notice of the election with the Internal Revenue Service, and will provide the required withholding pursuant to Section 9.6, in addition to any filing and notification required pursuant to regulations issued under the authority of Section 83(b) of the Code.

ARTICLE VIII

RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS

Section 8.1. General. The Committee has authority to grant Restricted Stock Units under the Plan at any time or from time to time. A Restricted Stock Unit is a bookkeeping entry of a grant of Common Stock that will be settled by delivery of Common Stock, the payment of

cash based upon the Fair Market Value of a specified number of shares of Common Stock or a combination thereof. The Committee shall determine the number of Restricted Stock Units to be awarded to any Participant, the Restriction Period within which such Grants may be subject to forfeiture and any other terms and conditions of the Grants.

Section 8.2. *Rights.* The Committee is entitled to specify in a Restricted Stock Unit Agreement the extent to which and on what terms and conditions the applicable Participant shall be entitled to receive payments corresponding to the dividends payable on the Common Stock, if any.

ARTICLE IX

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 9.1. *Effect of a Change in Control.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary but within the restrictions of Section 9.12, all unvested, unexercisable or restricted Grants shall automatically vest, become exercisable and become unrestricted without further action by the Board or Committee upon a Change in Control, unless provisions are made in connection with the transaction resulting in the Change in Control for the assumption of Grants theretofore awarded, or the substitution for such Grants of new grants, by the successor entity or parent thereof, with appropriate adjustment as to the number and kind of shares and the per share exercise prices, as provided in Section 5.3.

Section 9.2. *Rights as a Shareholder*. Other than certain voting and dividend rights permitted by the Plan or an Agreement, no person shall have any rights of a shareholder as to Common Stock subject to a Grant until, after proper transfer of the Common Stock subject to a Grant or other required action, such shares have been recorded on the Company's official shareholder records as having been issued and transferred. No adjustment shall be made for cash dividends or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date such shares are recorded as issued and transferred in the Company's official shareholder records.

Section 9.3. Modification, Extension and Renewal of Grants.

- (a) *Ability*. Within the limitations of the Plan and applicable laws, the Committee may modify, extend or renew outstanding Grants, accept the cancellation of outstanding Grants (to the extent not previously exercised) to make new Grants in substitution therefor, accelerate vesting, subject to Section 3.3(c), and waive any restrictions, forfeiture provisions or other terms and conditions on Grants. The foregoing notwithstanding, no such action shall apply to a Grant without the consent of the Participant if it would alter or impair any rights or obligations under any Grant previously made.
- (b) *Code Section 409A Limitation*. Any action taken under subsection (a) hereunder to any Grant that is considered "deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code shall be made in compliance with the requirements of Code Section 409A. Any action taken under subsection (a) hereunder to any Grant that is not considered "deferred compensation" within the meaning of Code Section 409A shall be made in a manner to ensure that after such action, the Grant either continues not to be subject to Code Section 409A or complies with the requirements of Code Section 409A.

Section 9.4. *Term of Plan*. Grants may be made pursuant to the Plan until the expiration of ten (10) years from the Effective Date of the Plan, unless the Company sooner terminates the Plan under Section 9.5.

Section 9.5. Amendment or Termination of the Plan. The Board may from time to time, with respect to any Common Stock at the time not subject to Grants, suspend or discontinue the Plan or revise or amend it in any respect whatsoever. The Board may amend the Plan as it shall deem advisable, except that no amendment may adversely affect a Participant with respect to Grants previously made without the written consent of the Participant holding such Grant and unless such amendments are in connection with compliance with applicable laws (including but not limited to Code Section 409A), stock exchange rules or accounting rules; provided that the Board may not make any amendment in the Plan that would, if such amendment were not approved by the holders of the Common Stock, cause the Plan to fail to comply with any requirement or applicable law or regulation, unless and until the approval of the holders of such Common Stock is obtained.

Section 9.6. Tax Withholding. Each recipient of a Grant shall, no later than the date as of which the value of any Grant first becomes includable in the gross income of the recipient for federal income tax purposes, pay to the Company, or make arrangements satisfactory to the Company regarding payment of any federal, state or local taxes of any kind that are required by law to be withheld with respect to such income. A Participant may elect to have such tax withholding satisfied, in whole or in part, by (i) authorizing the Company to withhold a number of shares of vested restricted Common Stock, if any, owned by the Participant equal to the Fair Market Value as of the date withholding is effected that would satisfy the withholding amount due, (ii) transferring to the Company cash or other shares of Common Stock owned by the Participant with a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of the required withholding tax, or (iii) in the case of a Participant who is an Employee of the Company or a Subsidiary at the time such withholding is effected, by withholding from the Participant's cash compensation. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, the Participant's satisfaction of any tax-withholding requirements imposed by the Committee shall be a condition precedent to the Company's obligation as may otherwise be provided hereunder to provide shares of Common Stock to the Participant.

Section 9.7. *Notices*. All notices under the Plan shall be in writing and if to the Company, shall be delivered personally to the Secretary of the Company or mailed to its principal office, addressed to the attention of the Secretary, and if to a Participant or recipient of a Grant, shall be delivered personally or mailed to the Participant or recipient of a Grant at the address appearing in the records of the Company or a Subsidiary. Such addresses may be changed at any time by written notice to the other party given in accordance with this Section.

Section 9.8. *Rights to Employment or Other Service*. Nothing in the Plan or in any Grant made under the Plan shall confer on any individual any right to continue in the employ or other service of the Company or a Subsidiary or interfere in any way with the right of the Company or a Subsidiary to terminate the individual's employment or other service at any time.

Section 9.9. *Exculpation and Indemnification*. To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Company or a Subsidiary shall indemnify and hold harmless the members of the Board and the members of the Committee from and against any and all liabilities, costs and expenses incurred by such persons as a result of any act or omission to act in connection with the performance of such person's duties, responsibilities and obligations under the Plan, other than such liabilities, costs and expenses as may result from the gross negligence, bad faith, willful misconduct or criminal acts of such persons.

Section 9.10. No Fund Created. Any and all payments hereunder to recipients of Grants hereunder shall be made from the general funds of the Company and no special or separate fund shall be established or other segregation of assets made to assure such payments; provided that bookkeeping reserves may be established in connection with the satisfaction of payment obligations hereunder. The obligations of the Company under the Plan are unsecured and constitute a mere promise by the Company to make benefit payments in the future, and to the extent that any person acquires a right to receive payments under the Plan from the Company, such right shall be no greater than the right of a general unsecured creditor of the Company.

Section 9.11. *Additional Arrangements*. Nothing contained herein precludes the Company from adopting other or additional compensation or benefit arrangements.

Section 9.12. *TARP Laws*. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the Committee may not make any Grant that is prohibited by or inconsistent with the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act's Troubled Assets Relief Program, Capital Purchase Program or the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 or the rules, regulations or other guidance issued under such laws, as such may be amended from time to time (collectively, the "TARP laws"). Further, notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, a Grant will not be amended, automatically vested or otherwise adjusted in any manner prohibited by the TARP laws.

Section 9.13. *Captions*. The use of captions in the Plan is for convenience. The captions are not intended to provide substantive rights and shall not be used in construing the terms of the Plan.

Section 9.14. *Governing Law*. Except as governed by federal law, the laws of the state of Arkansas shall govern the plan, without reference to principles of conflict of laws.

Section 9.15. *Execution*. The Company has caused the Plan to be executed in the name and on behalf of the Company by an officer of the Company thereunto duly authorized as of this day of , 2009.

BAI	NK OF THE OZAKKS, INC.
By:	
	George Gleason, Chairman of the Board of
	Directors and CEO

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Section 4: EX-10.1(B)(II) (FORM OF NOTICE OF GRANT OF RESTRICTED STOCK AND AWARD AGREEMENT)

Exhibit 10.1(b)(ii)

Notice of Grant of Restricted Stock and Award Agreement (the "Agreement") Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. ID: 71-0556208 17901 Chenal Parkway Little Rock, Arkansas 72223

NAME

Grant of Restricted Stock. Effective / /20 (the "Grant Date"), you have been granted shares (the "Restricted Shares") of Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. (the "Company") common stock pursuant to the Bank of the Ozarks, Inc. 2009 Restricted Stock Plan (the "Plan"), subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. You are not obligated to make any payment in respect of the Restricted Shares at the time of this grant award, except if you make an election (a "Section 83(b) election") under Section 83(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

Value of Stock. Based on the average of the highest reported asked price and the lowest reported bid price of trades with respect to the common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market as of the close of business on the Grant Date, the fair market value of the Restricted Shares is \$ per share, or \$ in the aggregate.

Vesting Restrictions. The Restricted Shares are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture, i.e., you may not be irrevocably assured of ownership of the Restricted Shares until the vesting date or dates, and such Restricted Shares will become vested according to the following schedule, provided you remain continuously employed by the Company through such date:

Vesting Date % of Restricted Shares Vested 100%

All Restricted Shares shall vest immediately upon a "Change in Control," as described in the Plan. If your employment is terminated prior to the vesting date of all of your Restricted Shares, your unvested Restricted Shares shall be forfeited in accordance with the Plan. Notwithstanding the above vesting provisions, no Restricted Shares shall vest (i) during the period that any preferred stock issued by the Company under the U.S. Treasury's Capital Purchase Program pursuant to the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, as amended by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, remains outstanding or (ii) in a manner prohibited by or inconsistent with the TARP laws (as that term is defined in Section 9.12 of the Plan).

Rights While Shares Are Restricted. While your shares remain restricted, you will be entitled to any dividends paid on the Restricted Shares, and to any voting rights with respect to such shares on the same basis as other holders of common stock who have no restrictions relating to their shares of common stock. Until the date your Restricted Shares become vested, you may not assign or otherwise transfer the Restricted Shares except as provided in the Plan. Once your Restricted Shares vest, you may not be able to immediately sell your shares depending on securities laws and any Company-imposed restrictions with respect to compliance with such laws. Any inability to sell or transfer the Restricted Shares will not relieve you of the obligation to pay any required withholding taxes at the time of vesting (see discussion below under "Taxation of Restricted Shares").

The Restricted Shares shall be held in escrow by the Secretary of the Company until such time as the Restricted Shares vest or are forfeited. Upon the vesting of such Restricted Shares and the satisfaction of the other terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Company will deliver the Restricted Shares to you, subject to payment of any taxes payable by you with respect to the Restricted Shares.

Taxation of Restricted Shares. Based on current tax laws, you will not be taxed on your Restricted Shares until they vest. At the time of vesting, the Company will treat the fair market value of the vested Restricted Shares as compensation taxable to you as ordinary income. If the common stock is then traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, the fair market value will be based on the average of the highest reported asked price and the lowest reported bid price of trades with respect to the common stock as reported on such exchange on the vesting date, or if there is no sale for the relevant date, then on the last previous date on which a sale was reported, or if the common stock is not then traded on such market, then such fair market value, determined as aforesaid, on such exchange or market on which the common stock may then be traded, and if the common stock is not then traded on any such exchange or market, then in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of the Company.

You may make a Section 83(b) election, to include in your gross income in the year of this Award the amount specified in Section 83(b) of the Code. If you make such an election, you must notify the Company in writing within 10 days after filing the notice of the election with the Internal Revenue Service, in addition to any filing and notification required pursuant to regulations issued under Section 83(b) of the Code.

YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT IS YOUR SOLE RESPONSIBILITY AND NOT THE COMPANY'S TO TIMELY FILE THE ELECTION UNDER SECTION 83(b) OF THE CODE, EVEN IF YOU REQUEST THE COMPANY OR ITS REPRESENTATIVES TO MAKE THIS FILING ON YOUR BEHALF.

Upon satisfaction of any vesting requirements, before any Restricted Shares may be delivered to you, or as set forth below, if you make a Section 83(b) election, at the time of making such election, you must satisfy your obligation for federal, state and local tax withholding on the Restricted Shares (the "Restricted Withholding").

You may elect to have the Restricted Withholding satisfied, in whole or part, by (i) authorizing the Company to withhold a number of vested Restricted Shares you own equal to the Fair Market Value as of the date withholding is effected that would satisfy the Restricted Withholding, (ii) transferring to the Company cash or other shares of Common Stock owned by you with a Fair Market Value equal to the amount of the Required Withholding, or (iii) if you are an Employee of the Company or a Subsidiary (as such terms are defined in the Plan) at the time such Restricted Withholding is effected, by withholding such amount from your cash compensation. Whether or not you make a Section 83(b) election, no fractional shares of Common Stock shall be issued, and the Company will deliver cash to you equal to the Fair Market Value of any fractional share resulting from such withholding.

If you make a Section 83(b) election, you must remit to the Company an amount sufficient to satisfy all Restricted Withholding at the time of your election. Such Restricted Withholding may be satisfied in any authorized manner set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph. Your failure to timely submit the Restricted Withholding may result in forfeiture of your Restricted Shares.

The Company is providing you this information for educational purposes only and you hereby acknowledge and agree that you are responsible for determining your tax obligations as a result of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

By your signature and the Company's signature below, you and the Company agree that the Restricted Shares are granted under and governed by this Agreement and the Company's 2009 Restricted Stock Plan, which is attached and incorporated herein by reference. In the event of any inconsistency or ambiguity between the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Plan or in the event that this Agreement is silent as to any other matters addressed in the Plan, the terms of the Plan shall control.

[Signature Page to Grant Award Agreement] BANK OF THE OZARKS, INC. By: ______ / 20 Date _____ / 20 Name of Recipient Date

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