UNITED STATES FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION Washington, D.C. 20429

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): May 23, 2022

BANK OZK

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Arkansas (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **110** (FDIC Certificate Number)

71-0130170 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

18000 Cantrell Road, 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)

Check the appropriate box below if the form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2.):

- () Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- () Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- () Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- () Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	OZK	Nasdaq Global Select Market
4.625% Series A Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	OZKAP	Nasdaq Global Select Market

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Bank OZK (the "Company") announced that it has entered into a settlement agreement with respect to a previously disclosed securities class action lawsuit commenced in 2018, captioned Strathclyde Pension Fund v. Bank OZK, et al., case number 4:18-cv-793-DPM. The settlement is subject to court approval and does not include or constitute an admission, concession, or finding of any fault, liability, or wrongdoing by the Company or any defendant. If the court approves the settlement, the Company expects that the full amount of the settlement will be paid by the Company's insurance carriers under applicable insurance policies.

Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Information

This Current Report on Form 8-K and certain other communications by the Company contain statements that constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of, and subject to the protections of, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such statements are based on currently available information and are subject to various risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the Company's present expectations, including approval by the court, payment by the insurance companies, satisfaction of the terms and conditions in the settlement agreement by each of the parties and other risks and uncertainties. Undue reliance should not be placed on such forward-looking statements, as such statements speak only as of the date on which they are made and the Company undertakes no obligation to update such statements. Additional information regarding these and other risks is contained in the Company's filings with the FDIC.

SIGNATURES

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 OZK

Date: May 26, 2022

By: <u>/s/ Tim Hicks</u> Name: Tim Hicks Title: Chief Credit & Admin Officer