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): February 18, 2019 (February 14, 2019)

Bank OZK

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Arkansas

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

71-0130170 110

(FDIC Certificate Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

17901 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, Arkansas

72223

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

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Emerging growth company
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. □

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

(b) <u>Departure of Directors or Certain Officers</u>

On February 14, 2019, directors Richard Cisne, age 68, and Linda Gleason, age 64, each informed the Chairman of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Bank OZK (the "Company") of their intention to retire as directors of the Company at the end of each of their respective current terms and not stand for re-election at the Company's 2019 annual shareholders meeting ("2019 Meeting"). Mr. Cisne and Ms. Gleason will continue to serve as directors and as members of the various committees on which they sit until the 2019 Meeting. Mr. Cisne's and Ms. Gleason's decisions not to stand for re-election to the Board are not the result of any disagreement with the Company or any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

Ms. Gleason has served as a member of the Board since 1987 and Mr. Cisne has served as a member of the Board since 2004. The Company sincerely thanks Mr. Cisne and Ms. Gleason for their substantial contributions and faithful service to the Company and the Board during their respective tenures.

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: February 18, 2019 By: /s/ Greg McKinney

Name: Greg McKinney

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer