

**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): **August 21, 2018**

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.)

**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)

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 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

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 8.01 Other Events

On August 21, 2018, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Bank OZK (the “Bank”) appointed the following persons to serve as executive officers of the Bank in the positions identified below (collectively, the “Executive Officers”):

Brannon Hamblen, age 52, President and Chief Operating Officer – Real Estate Specialties Group (“RESG”). Prior to assuming the roles of President – RESG in 2018 and Chief Operating Officer – RESG in 2017, Mr. Hamblen served as Director of Asset Management since 2012. Mr. Hamblen joined the Bank in 2008 as Senior Vice President, Originations and assumed leadership of RESG Asset Management in 2010. Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Hamblen worked in the real estate consulting practices of Ernst & Young/Kenneth Leventhal and KPMG, and in acquisitions, development, asset management, and capital markets with R.M. Crowe Company, a large Dallas-based, privately owned real estate owner/operator. Mr. Hamblen holds a B.S. in Agricultural Economics and a M.S. in Land Economics & Real Estate from Texas A&M University.

Alan Jessup, age 46, Chief Lending Officer, Director of Community Banking and Chairman of the Officers’ Loan Committee. Prior to assuming the roles of Chief Lending Officer, Director of Community Banking and Chairman of the Officers’ Loan Committee, Mr. Jessup served as Deputy Director of Community Banking since 2015 overseeing the Bank’s Agricultural Lending Division and offices across South Arkansas, Alabama, Florida and Georgia. Mr. Jessup joined the Bank in 2008 and served as Saline County Market President from 2008 to 2011, South Central Arkansas Market President from 2011 to 2014, and South Arkansas Division President from 2014 to 2015. Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Jessup held various lending and leaderships roles at competitor banks. Mr. Jessup holds a B.S. in Finance from Arkansas State University.

Cynthia “Cindy” Wolfe, age 62, Chief Banking Officer. Prior to assuming the role of Chief Banking Officer, Ms. Wolfe served as Deputy Director of Community Banking since 2015 overseeing the Bank’s Middle Market Commercial Real Estate business unit and offices across North Carolina and South Carolina. Ms. Wolfe joined the Bank in 1997, opened the Bank’s Charlotte loan production office in 2001, and served as Senior Vice President – Lending from 2001 to 2005, Executive Vice President – Lending from 2005 to 2012, Charlotte Market President from 2012 to 2014, and Carolinas Division President from 2014 to 2018. Prior to joining the Bank, Ms. Wolfe held various positions with national banks in commercial lending, operations, project management and internal audit.

Each Executive Officer has entered into a standard indemnification agreement with the Bank in the form previously approved by the Board and filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Bank’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, which was filed with the FDIC and is incorporated by reference herein. The Executive Officers will continue to participate in the Bank’s standard executive compensation programs. There are no arrangements or understandings between any of the Executive Officers and any other persons pursuant to which the Executive Officers were appointed to the positions identified above, and the Bank is not aware of any transaction with any Executive Officer that would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. None of the Executive Officers have a family relationship with any Bank director, executive officer or person nominated or chosen by the Bank to become a director or executive officer.

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: August 21, 2018

By: /s/ Greg McKinney
Name: Greg McKinney
Title: Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer