
**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 1, 2016

Midland States Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Illinois
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-35272
(Commission File Number)

37-1233196
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1201 Network Centre Drive, Effingham, Illinois 62401
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(217) 342-7321
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A
(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:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On August 1, 2016, Midland States Bancorp, Inc. announced that its Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.18 per share of its common stock. The dividend is payable on August 19, 2016 to shareholders of record on August 12, 2016. A copy of the press release announcing the dividend is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**(d) Exhibits.****Exhibit No. Description**

99.1 Press Release of Midland States Bancorp, Inc., dated August 1, 2016

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.

Midland States Bancorp, Inc.

Date: August 1, 2016

By: /s/ Douglas J. Tucker

Douglas J. Tucker

Senior Vice President and Corporate Counsel

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Midland States Bancorp, Inc. Declares Quarterly Cash Dividend of \$0.18 Per Share

EFFINGHAM, Ill., Aug. 01, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Midland States Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ:MSBI) announced today that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.18 per share. The dividend is payable on or about August 19, 2016 to all shareholders of record as of the close of business on August 12, 2016.

About Midland State Bancorp, Inc.

Midland States Bancorp, Inc. is a community-based financial holding company headquartered in Effingham, Illinois, and is the sole shareholder of Midland States Bank. Midland had assets of approximately \$3.0 billion, and its Midland Wealth Management Group had assets under administration of approximately \$1.2 billion as of June 30, 2016. Midland provides a full range of commercial and consumer banking products and services, merchant credit card services, trust and investment management, and insurance and financial planning services. In addition, commercial equipment leasing services are provided through Heartland Business Credit, and multi-family and healthcare facility FHA financing is provided through Love Funding, Midland's non-bank subsidiaries. Midland has more than 80 locations across the United States. For additional information, visit www.midlandsb.com or follow Midland on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/midland-states-bank>.

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