

**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): May 4, 2021

MIDLAND STATES BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Illinois
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-35272
(Commission File Number)

37-1233196
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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:

- 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))

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

| Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value | MSBI | Nasdaq Global Select Market |

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

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 May 4, 2021, the Company announced that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.28 per share of its common stock. The dividend is payable on or about May 21, 2021, to shareholders of record on May 14, 2021.

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**

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| 99.1 | Press Release of Midland States Bancorp, Inc., dated May 4, 2021 |
| 104 | Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document) |

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: May 4, 2021

By: /s/ Douglas J. Tucker

Douglas J. Tucker

Senior Vice President and Corporate Counsel

Midland States Bancorp, Inc. Declares Quarterly Cash Dividend of \$0.28 Per Share

EFFINGHAM, Ill., May 04, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Midland States Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ: MSBI) announced today that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.28 per share. The dividend is payable on or about May 21, 2021 to all shareholders of record as of the close of business on May 14, 2021.

About Midland States 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. As of March 31, 2021, the Company had total assets of approximately \$6.88 billion, and its Wealth Management Group had assets under administration of approximately \$3.56 billion. Midland provides a full range of commercial and consumer banking products and services and business equipment financing, merchant credit card services, trust and investment management, insurance and financial planning services. For additional information, visit <https://www.midlandsb.com/> or <https://www.linkedin.com/company/midland-states-bank>.

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