

**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): **March 25, 2019**

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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangement of Certain Officers.

On March 25, 2019, Tyler Vance notified Bank OZK (the “Company”) of his decision to resign as Chief Operating Officer of the Bank effective May 3, 2019 to pursue Christian ministry. Mr. Vance has agreed to continue to serve as the Company’s Chief Operating Officer until his departure to ensure a smooth transition of his duties. Mr. Vance leads a very capable and experienced team of technology and operations professionals, each of whom will transition to being direct reports of various other officers of the Company following his departure. Mr. Vance has served as the Company’s Chief Operating Officer since 2013. The resignation was not a result of any disagreement with the Company or any matter relating to its operations, policies or procedures.

The Company appreciates Mr. Vance’s hard work and dedication throughout his 13 years of service to the Company and its customers and shareholders, thanks him for his leadership over that time and wishes him great success in his ministry work.

Caution About Forward-Looking Statements

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. 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 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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: March 25, 2019

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