

**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): **July 27, 2017**

**Bank of the Ozarks**

(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 July 27, 2017, Dan Thomas, Vice Chairman, Chief Lending Officer and President of Real Estate Specialties Group (“RESG”), notified Bank of the Ozarks (the “Company”) of his decision to resign from the Company, effective as of July 27, 2017. In connection with his employment resignation, Mr. Thomas also resigned as a member and Vice Chairman of the Company’s Board of Directors. A copy of Mr. Thomas’ resignation letter is included as Exhibit 17.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The Company appreciates Mr. Thomas’ hard work and dedication throughout his 14 years of service to the Company and its customers and shareholders, and thanks him for his leadership in the growth of RESG over that time.

Mr. Thomas’ duties have been reassigned by the Company in accordance with the management succession plan previously approved by the Board. Given the depth of the Company’s management team at RESG, the Company does not expect Mr. Thomas’ resignation to have a material impact on RESG’s long term prospects.

**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 Bank of the Ozarks, Inc.’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Company’s filings with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

17.1 Dan Thomas Resignation Letter dated July 27, 2017.

## **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 OF THE OZARKS**

Date: July 27, 2017

By: /s/ Greg McKinney

Name: Greg McKinney

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

July 27, 2017

George Gleason  
Chairman of the Board/CEO  
Bank of the Ozarks

Please accept this letter as my formal notice of resignation as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, President - RESG and CLO of the Bank.

I have enjoyed being a part of a commercial lending team that has closed over \$25B in financings since its inception. While the volume is nice, I am more proud of the fact that the portfolio has been built utilizing incredible discipline (including the utilization of very low leverage with best in class sponsorship). In addition, the team is very talented and experienced.

Thanks again,

/s/ Dan Thomas