

FRIEDMAN INDUSTRIES INC  
Form 8-K  
April 04, 2017

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**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): **March 30, 2017**

**Friedman Industries, Incorporated**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Texas**

(State or other jurisdiction)

**1-07521**

(Commission File Number)

**74-1504405**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

of incorporation)

**1121 Judson Road, Suite 124**

**Longview, Texas**

(Address of principal executive offices) **903-758-3431**

**75601**

(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code)

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. below):

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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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

Effective April 1, 2017, William E. Crow retired as Chief Executive Officer of Friedman Industries, Incorporated (the “Company”). He continues to serve the Company as a director and as a consultant.

On March 30, 2017, Robert Sparkman, age 61, was elected by the Board of Directors of the Company to serve as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, effective April 1, 2017. Mr. Sparkman has served as the Company’s President and Chief Operating Officer since April 1, 2016. Mr. Sparkman previously served as Senior Vice President of Operations from April 2015 to March 2016, Vice President of Sales for the Company’s coil division between 2002 and March 2015 and has been employed by the Company since 1979, providing him with over 37 years of experience with both the Company’s coil and tubular divisions.

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**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.

Date: April 4, 2017

FRIEDMAN INDUSTRIES,  
INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Alex LaRue  
Alex LaRue

Vice President - Secretary and Treasurer