

GREAT SOUTHERN BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
May 22, 2012

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 16, 2012

GREAT SOUTHERN BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Maryland  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-18082  
(Commission File No.)

43-1524856  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

1451 East Battlefield, Springfield, Missouri  
(Address of principal executive offices)

65804  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (417) 887-4400

N/A

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

On May 16, 2012, Great Southern Bancorp, Inc. (“Bancorp”) held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Of the 13,495,319 shares entitled to vote at the meeting (without reduction for 10% voting limitation in Bancorp’s charter), 11,785,272 were present at the meeting in person or by proxy. The results of the meeting, which exclude 785,027 shares beneficially owned in excess of the 10% voting limitation by the persons believed by Bancorp to be subject to that limitation, are as follows:

1) Election of three directors, each for a term of three years:

| Nominee           | Votes For | Number of Shares |  | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------------|-----------|------------------|--|------------------|
|                   |           | Votes Withheld   |  |                  |
| Thomas J. Carlson | 7,650,811 | 682,262          |  | 2,667,172        |
| Grant Q. Haden    | 6,979,181 | 1,353,892        |  | 2,667,172        |
| Joseph W. Turner  | 7,671,351 | 661,722          |  | 2,667,172        |

2) Advisory (non-binding) vote on executive compensation:

| Votes For | Votes Against | Number of Shares |  | Broker Non-Votes |
|-----------|---------------|------------------|--|------------------|
|           |               | Abstentions      |  |                  |
| 7,932,055 | 318,416       | 82,601           |  | 2,667,173        |

The vote required to approve this proposal was the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal. Accordingly, this proposal was approved.

3) Advisory (non-binding) vote on frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation:

| One year  | Two Years | Three Years | Number of Shares |  | Broker Non-Votes |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--|------------------|
|           |           |             | Abstentions      |  |                  |
| 2,501,503 | 91,031    | 5,638,838   | 101,700          |  | 2,667,173        |

Bancorp’s board of directors has determined, in light of the results of the vote on this item, that Bancorp will hold an advisory vote on executive compensation every three years until the next required vote on the frequency of advisory votes on executive compensation.

4) Ratification of the appointment of BKD, LLP as Bancorp’s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012:

| Votes For  | Votes Against | Number of Shares |  | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|---------------|------------------|--|------------------|
|            |               | Abstentions      |  |                  |
| 10,831,503 | 160,447       | 8,295            |  | ---              |

The vote required to approve this proposal was the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal. Accordingly, this proposal was approved.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

GREAT SOUTHERN BANCORP, INC.

Date: May 22, 2012

/s/ Joseph W. Turner  
Joseph W. Turner  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

