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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): October 27, 2015

GREAT WESTERN BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-36688 47-1308512

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 North Phillips Avenue

Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57104 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(605) 334-2548

(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:

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- o 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 Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On October 27, 2015, James P. Brannen was appointed to serve as a member of the board of directors. Mr. Brannen accepted the appointment to the board of directors and will continue to serve until the election at the 2018 Annual Stockholder Meeting and thereafter until his successor is duly elected and qualified or until his earlier death, resignation or removal. Mr. Brannen has also been appointed to serve on the Audit Committee, allowing Skip Hove to resign therefrom and focus his energies as chairman of the board.

A Press Release announcing the appointment of Mr. Brannen is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit No. Description

Press release of the registrant dated October 27, 2015, announcing the Board appointment of James P. Brannen.

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be filed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

GREAT WESTERN BANCORP, INC.

Date: October 27, 2015 By: /s/ Peter Chapman

Name: Peter Chapman

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President

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Press release of the registrant dated October 27, 2015, announcing the Board appointment of James 99.1

P. Brannen.