

GREAT SOUTHERN BANCORP INC  
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UNITED STATES  
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COMMISSION  
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FORM 12b-25

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

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For Period  
Ended:            December 31, 2009  
 Transition Report on Form 10-K  
 Transition Report on Form 20-F  
 Transition Report on Form 11-K  
 Transition Report on Form 10-Q  
 Transition Report on Form N-SAR  
For the Transition Period Ended:

Read Instructions (on back page) Before Preparing Form. Please Print or Type.  
Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information  
contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:  
Not Applicable

PART I — REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Great Southern Bancorp, Inc.  
Full Name of Registrant

N/A  
Former Name if Applicable

1451 E. Battlefield

Address of Principal Executive Office (Street and Number)

Springfield, Missouri 65804  
City, State and Zip Code

PART II — RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q or subject distribution report on Form 10-D, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III — NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, 10-D, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

The Registrant is still in the process of finalizing year-end financial statement information relating to the FDIC-assisted transactions it completed during 2009.

PART IV — OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

Rex A. Copeland  
(Name)

417  
(Area Code)

895-4741  
(Telephone Number)

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s).

Yes  No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

Yes  No

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

The Registrant currently expects to report net income of approximately \$65.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, compared with a net loss of \$4.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. This change is primarily due to gains recognized on business acquisitions during 2009 of approximately \$89.8 million, as well as a \$17.7 million increase in net interest income and a \$16.4 million reduction in the provision for loan losses, offset by a \$22.5 million increase in non-interest expense.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Notification of Late Filing on Form 12b-25 includes certain statements regarding the Registrant's expected operating results which may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Although the Registrant believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that its expectations will be realized. Forward-looking information is subject to certain risks, and uncertainties described from time to time in the Registrant's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. The Registrant assumes no obligation to update or supplement any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Great Southern Bancorp, Inc.

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(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date March 17, 2010

/s/ Rex A. Copeland  
Name: Rex A. Copeland  
Title: Treasurer

INSTRUCTION: The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001).