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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 15, 2018

GREAT WESTERN BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-36688

(Commission File Number)

47-1308512

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

225 South Main Avenue

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

57104

(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:

- 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 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by checkmark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended 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 Arrangements of Certain Officers

On March 15, 2018, Steve Ulenberg notified Great Western Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) of his intent to retire from his position as Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer of the Company and the Company’s banking subsidiary, Great Western Bank, effective as of the close of business on June 15, 2018. Mr. Ulenberg has served in these capacities since joining the Company in 2010. Mr. Ulenberg has 34 years experience in the financial services industry, including a 25 year career with our prior owner, National Australia Bank, Ltd, and Bank of New Zealand. Mr. Ulenberg has played a significant role in developing the Company’s risk capabilities, risk management, risk governance and culture, as well as being a valued member of the Bank’s executive leadership team. Mr. Ulenberg plans to return to New Zealand to be closer to family and relatives.

The Company will conduct an internal and external search for a new Chief Risk Officer.

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

GREAT WESTERN BANCORP, INC.

Date: March 15, 2018

By: /s/ Donald J. Straka

Name: Donald J. Straka

Title: Corporate Secretary and General Counsel

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