

WEST BANCORPORATION INC  
Form 8-K  
August 03, 2009

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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): July 29, 2009

West Bancorporation, Inc.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Iowa  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-49677  
(Commission  
File Number)

42-1230603  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1601 22nd Street, West Des Moines, Iowa  
(Address of principal executive offices)

50266  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

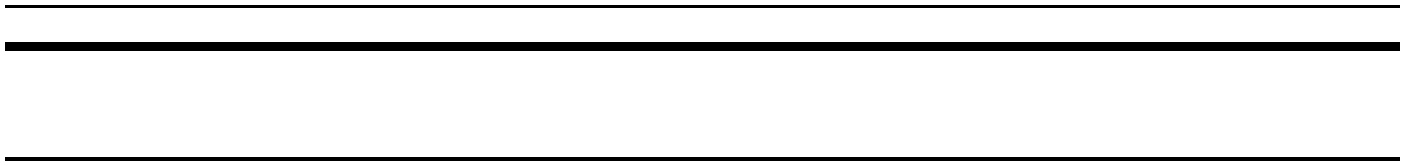
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Not Applicable

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Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On July 29, 2009, the Board of Directors of West Bancorporation, Inc. elected James W. Noyce, 53, to fill a vacancy on the Board. Mr. Noyce shall serve until the next annual shareholders meeting in April 2010. He was appointed to the Audit Committee. Mr. Noyce was also elected a director by the Board of Directors of West Bank. A copy of the Press Release concerning Mr. Noyce's elections and his background is attached as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99: Press Release of West Bancorporation, Inc. dated August 3, 2009.

The information contained in this report may contain forward-looking statements about the Company's growth and acquisition strategies, new products and services, and future financial performance, including earnings and dividends per share, return on average assets, return on average equity, efficiency ratio and capital ratios. Certain statements in this report constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements preceded by, followed by or that include the words "believes," "expects," "intends," "should," or "anticipates," or similar references or references to estimates or similar expressions. Such forward-looking statements are based upon certain underlying assumptions, risks and uncertainties. Because of the possibility of change in the underlying assumptions, actual results could differ materially from these forward-looking statements. Risks and uncertainties that may affect future results include: interest rate risk; competitive pressures; pricing pressures on loans and deposits; changes in credit and other risks posed by the Company's loan and investment portfolios, including declines in commercial or residential real estate values or changes in the allowance for loan losses dictated by new market conditions or regulatory requirements; actions of bank and non-bank competitors; changes in local and national economic conditions; changes in regulatory requirements, including actions of the Securities and Exchange Commission and/or the Federal Reserve Board; changes in the Treasury's Capital Purchase Program; and customers' acceptance of the Company's products and services. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise or update such forward-looking statements to reflect current events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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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.

West Bancorporation, Inc.

August 3, 2009

By: /s/ Douglas R. Gulling  
Name: Douglas R. Gulling  
Title: Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.	Description
99	Press Release of West Bancorporation, Inc. dated August 3, 2009.