

Great Western Bancorp, Inc.
Form 8-K
February 08, 2016

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): February 8, 2016

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.)

100 North Phillips 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)

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

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

The Board of Directors of Great Western Bancorp, Inc., (the “Company”) held its 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders on February 8, 2016. At the meeting, the Company’s stockholders: (1) appointed Ken Karels and Jim Spies to serve as directors of the Company for three year terms; and (2) ratified the appointment by the Audit Committee of Ernst & Young LLP to serve as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2016. The results of the vote at the meeting were as follows:

Proposal No. 1—Election of Directors—Stockholders elected the two nominees named in the Proxy Statement.

| Name | Votes For | Withheld | Broker Non Votes | Total Votes |
|------------|------------|----------|------------------|-------------|
| Ken Karels | 49,113,007 | 710,809 | 1,770,835 | 51,594,651 |
| Jim Spies | 49,103,011 | 720,805 | 1,770,835 | 51,594,651 |

Proposal No. 2—Stockholders Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm—Stockholders Ratified the appointment of Ernst & Young, LLP as independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Total Votes |
|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| 51,508,240 | 14,520 | 71,891 | 51,594,651 |

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: February 8, 2016

By: /s/ Donald J. Straka
 Name: Donald J. Straka
 Title: Corporate Secretary and General Counsel