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): May 2, 2017

Midland States Bancorp, Inc. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Illinois (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-35272 (Commission File Number) **37-1233196** (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1201 Network Centre Drive, Effingham, Illinois 62401 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(217) 342-7321

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2). Emerging growth company [X]

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. [X]

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On May 2, 2017, Midland States Bancorp, Inc. announced that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per share of its common stock. The dividend is payable on or about May 19, 2017 to shareholders of record on May 12, 2017. A copy of the press release announcing the dividend is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release of Midland States Bancorp, Inc., dated May 2, 2017

SIGNATURE

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.

Midland States Bancorp, Inc.

Date: May 2, 2017

By: <u>/s/ Douglas J. Tucker</u> Douglas J. Tucker Senior Vice President and Corporate Counsel

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release of Midland States Bancorp, Inc., dated May 2, 2017

Midland States Bancorp, Inc. Declares Quarterly Cash Dividend of \$0.20 Per Share

EFFINGHAM, Ill., May 02, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Midland States Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ:MSBI) announced today that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per share. The dividend is payable on or about May 19, 2017 to all shareholders of record as of the close of business on May 12, 2017.

About Midland States Bancorp, Inc.

Midland States Bancorp, Inc. is a community-based financial holding company headquartered in Effingham, Illinois, and is the sole shareholder of Midland States Bank. Midland had assets of approximately \$3.4 billion, and its Midland Wealth Management Group had assets under administration of approximately \$1.9 billion as of March 31, 2017. Midland provides a full range of commercial and consumer banking products and services, merchant credit card services, trust and investment management, and insurance and financial planning services. In addition, commercial equipment leasing services are provided through Heartland Business Credit, and multi-family and healthcare facility FHA financing is provided through Love Funding, Midland's non-bank subsidiaries. Midland has more than 70 locations across the United States. For additional information, visit www.midlandsb.com or follow Midland on LinkedIn at https://www.linkedin.com/company/midland-states-bank.

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