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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, DC 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): **November 8, 2018**

**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**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(217) 342-7321**

**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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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 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.

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

On November 8, 2018, the Board of Directors of Midland States Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) elected Jennifer L. DiMotta as a director of the Company. Mrs. DiMotta will serve as a Class I director, with a term expiring at the Company’s 2020 annual meeting of shareholders. Mrs. DiMotta will be entitled to receive the compensation payable to non-employee directors of the Company, as disclosed in its proxy statement for its 2018 annual meeting of shareholders, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 23, 2018.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On November 8, 2018, the Company issued a press release regarding the election of Mrs. DiMotta as a director of the Company, which is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item and the related exhibit shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as may be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	<a href="#"><u>Press Release of Midland States Bancorp, Inc., dated November 8, 2018</u></a>

**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.

Date: November 8, 2018

MIDLAND STATES BANCORP, INC.

By: /s/ Douglas J. Tucker  
Name: Douglas J. Tucker  
Title: Senior Vice President and Corporate Counsel



**MIDLAND STATES BANCORP, INC. APPOINTS  
JENNIFER L. DIMOTTA TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Effingham, IL, November 8, 2018** — Midland States Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ: MSBI) (the “Company” or “Midland”) announced today that Jennifer L. DiMotta has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Company and Midland States Bank. With the addition of Mrs. DiMotta, the Company’s Board of Directors has increased to 11 members, with eight of the directors classified as independent.

“We are very pleased to add an executive of Jennifer’s caliber to our Board of Directors,” said John M. Schultz, Chairman of the Board of the Company. “We believe that Jennifer’s experience in leadership, business development and information technology will be a great asset to the Board. Jennifer’s entrepreneurial background will also be valuable as Midland continues to meet the evolving multi-channel banking needs of our customers.”

Mrs. DiMotta is the President of DiMotta Consulting LLC, a strategic eCommerce and digital marketing consulting firm, which she founded in 2017. Prior to launching her consulting business, Mrs. DiMotta served as Vice President Digital and Omnichannel of Bluemercury Inc., a cosmetics retailer, as Vice President eCommerce of Sports Authority, Inc., a sporting goods retailer, and as Senior Director of eCommerce of Office Depot. In each of these positions she was responsible for developing eCommerce and digital marketing efforts. Mrs. DiMotta holds a B.A. in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska, and a Master’s Degree in Leadership from Bellevue University.

**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. As of September 30, 2018, the Company had total assets of approximately \$5.7 billion and its Wealth Management Group had assets under administration of approximately \$3.2 billion. Midland provides a full range of commercial and consumer banking products and services, business equipment financing, merchant credit card services, trust and investment management, and insurance and financial planning services. In addition, multi-family and healthcare facility FHA financing is provided through Love Funding, Midland’s non-bank subsidiary. For additional information, visit [www.midlandsb.com](http://www.midlandsb.com) or follow Midland on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/midland-states-bank>.

**Special Note Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**

Readers should note that in addition to the historical information contained herein, this press release includes “forward-looking statements,” including but not limited to statements about the Company’s future performance. These statements are subject to many risks and uncertainties, including changes in interest rates and other general economic, business and political conditions, including changes in the financial markets; changes in business plans as circumstances warrant; and other risks detailed from time to time in filings made by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Readers should note that the forward-looking statements included in this press release are not a guarantee of future

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events, and that actual events may differ materially from those made in or suggested by the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as “will,” “propose,” “may,” “plan,” “seek,” “expect,” “intend,” “estimate,” “anticipate,” “believe” or “continue,” or similar terminology. Any forward-looking statements presented herein are made only as of the date of this press release, and we do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect changes in assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events, or otherwise.

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