

WEST BANCORPORATION INC  
Form 8-K  
April 29, 2011

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): April 28, 2011

WEST BANCORPORATION, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Iowa	0-49677	42-1230603
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1601 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 515-222-2300

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.

West Bancorporation, Inc.'s (the "Company's") Annual Meeting of Shareholders was held on April 28, 2011. The record date for determination of shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting was February 28, 2011. There were 17,403,882 shares of common stock outstanding as of that date, each such share being entitled to one vote. At the shareholders' meeting the holders of 15,774,185 shares or approximately 90.6 percent of the outstanding shares, were represented in person or by proxy, which constituted a quorum for the meeting. The following proposals were voted on at the meeting:

Proposal 1 - Election of Directors

Eleven directors were elected to serve for a one year term or until their successors are elected and qualified. The following results were reported at the meeting.

	For	Withheld
Frank W. Berlin	12,515,408	1,022,151
Thomas A. Carlstrom	12,570,747	966,812
Joyce A. Chapman	10,200,324	3,337,235
Steven K. Gaer	12,628,621	908,938
Kaye R. Lozier	12,345,608	1,191,951
David R. Milligan	12,350,517	1,187,042
George D. Milligan	12,053,647	1,483,912
David D. Nelson	12,550,292	987,267
James W. Noyce	12,355,997	1,181,562
Robert G. Pulver	12,024,296	1,513,263
Lou Ann Sandburg	12,630,047	907,512

Proposal 2 - Approve, on a non-binding basis, the 2010 executive compensation disclosed in the Proxy Statement

The vote to approve the above proposal was as follows:

	For	Against	Abstain
Approval of 2010 executive compensation	11,673,871	829,629	1,034,059

Proposal 3 - Ratify the appointment of independent registered public accounting firm

The vote to ratify the above proposal was as follows:

	For	Against	Abstain
McGladrey & Pullen, LLP	15,114,019	573,362	86,804

Proposal 4 - Shareholder proposal regarding director compensation

The vote for the shareholder proposal was as follows:

	For	Against	Abstain
Shareholder proposal regarding director compensation	3,063,969	10,061,737	411,854

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Copies of the presentation materials and comments from the Company's annual shareholder meeting are hereby furnished and are filed as Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2 and are incorporated herein by reference.

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On April 28, 2011, the Company's Board of Directors held its annual organizational meeting. David R. Milligan was re-elected Chairman of the Board. Robert G. Pulver was re-elected Vice Chairman.

The following tables provide the makeup of the standing and ad hoc committees through the date of the next annual organizational meeting:

Audit Committee:

James W. Noyce, Chair  
Joyce A. Chapman  
George D. Milligan  
Lou Ann Sandburg

Compensation Committee:

Robert G. Pulver, Chair  
Frank W. Berlin  
Thomas A. Carlstrom  
Steven K. Gaer

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee:

Frank W. Berlin, Chair  
Steven K. Gaer  
Kaye R. Lozier  
Robert G. Pulver

Risk Management Committee:

George D. Milligan, Chair  
Joyce A. Chapman  
David D. Nelson  
James W. Noyce  
Lou Ann Sandburg  
Douglas R. Gulling  
Harlee N. Olafson

Executive Committee:

David R. Milligan, Chair  
Frank W. Berlin  
George D. Milligan  
David D. Nelson  
James W. Noyce  
Robert G. Pulver

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
Exhibit 99.1	West Bancorporation, Inc. Annual Meeting comments made on April 28, 2011
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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," "anticipates," or similar references, or references to estimates or predictions. Such forward-looking statements are based upon certain underlying assumptions, risks, and uncertainties. Because of the possibility that the underlying assumptions are incorrect or do not materialize in the future, 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, the United States Department of the Treasury, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, and/or the Iowa Division of Banking; 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.

April 29, 2011

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

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