

FARMERS NATIONAL BANC CORP /OH/
Form 425
July 21, 2017

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 21, 2017

Farmers National Banc Corp.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-35296
(Commission

File Number)

34-1371693
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

20 South Broad Street, P.O. Box 555, Canfield, Ohio
(Address of principal executive offices)

44406-05555
(Zip Code)

(330) 533-3341

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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 (§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.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD

On July 21, 2017, Farmers National Banc Corp. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that it has received the regulatory approvals, including approval from The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, necessary to complete the proposed merger of Monitor Bancorp, Inc. (Monitor) with and into FMNB Merger Subsidiary II, LLC, a newly-formed wholly-owned subsidiary of Farmers (Merger Sub), pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of March 13, 2017 by and among the Company, Monitor, and Merger Sub, and the related merger of Monitor's wholly-owned subsidiary bank, The Monitor Bank, with and into The Farmers National Bank of Canfield, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary bank. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

The press release is furnished herein, as part of this Item 7.01, as Exhibit 99.1. Pursuant to General Instruction B.2 of Current Report on Form 8-K, the information in this Item 7.01 and Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. Furthermore, the information in this Item 7.01 and Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the filings of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), or the Exchange Act, except as may be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 8.01 Other Events

Also on July 21, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing the election deadline for Monitor common shareholders to elect the form of consideration they wish to receive for their Monitor common shares in connection with the proposed merger of Monitor with and into Merger Sub. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Forward Looking Statements.

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are not historical facts, but rather statements based on the Company's current expectations regarding its business strategies and its intended results and future performance. Forward-looking statements are preceded by terms such as expects, believes, anticipates, intends and similar expressions, as well as any statements related to future expectations of performance or conditional verbs, such as will, would, should, could or may.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. Numerous risks and uncertainties could cause or contribute to the Company's actual results, performance, and achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause Farmers' actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements can be found in Farmers' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, which has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is available on Farmers' website (www.farmersbankgroup.com) and on the SEC's website (www.sec.gov).

Factors that may cause or contribute to these differences may also include, without limitation, the Company's failure to integrate Monitor and Monitor Bank in accordance with expectations; deviations from performance expectations related to Monitor and Monitor Bank; general economic conditions, including changes in market interest rates and changes in monetary and fiscal policies of the federal government; legislative and regulatory changes; competitive conditions in the banking markets served by the Company's subsidiaries; the adequacy of the allowance for losses on loans and the level of future provisions for losses on loans; and other factors disclosed periodically in the Company's filings with the SEC.

Because of the risks and uncertainties inherent in forward-looking statements, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on them, whether included in this report or made elsewhere from time to time by the Company or on the Company's behalf. The Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release dated July 21, 2017.
99.2	Press Release dated July 21, 2017.

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.

Farmers National Banc Corp.

By: /s/ Kevin J. Helmick
Kevin J. Helmick
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: July 21, 2017