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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): September 9, 2015

Farmers National Banc Corp.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio (State or other jurisdiction

001-35296 (Commission

34-1371693 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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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)

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

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On September 9, 2015, Tri-State 1^{st} Banc, Inc. (TSOH) first sent to certain of its common shareholders a letter regarding the election of merger consideration (the Shareholder Correspondence) in connection with the proposed merger of TSOH with and into a wholly-owned subsidiary of Farmers National Banc Corp. (the Company).

A copy of the form of the Shareholder Correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference. The Shareholder Correspondence is furnished herein, as part of this Item 8.01, as Exhibit 99.1. Pursuant to General Instruction B.2 of Current Report on Form 8-K, the information in this Item 8.01 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 8.01 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, 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.

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Shareholder Correspondence (filed herewith).

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: September 14, 2015