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Form 8-K

June 11, 2009

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 9, 2009  
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COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES, INC.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

NORTH CAROLINA

0-24626

56-1886527

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(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

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(Commission  
File Number)

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(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

201 MARKET STREET, WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28401

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(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (910) 343-0181  
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NOT APPLICABLE

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(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))

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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;  
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APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF  
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CERTAIN OFFICERS.  
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(b) On June 9, 2009, Frederick Willetts, III notified Cooperative Bankshares, Inc. (the "Company") that, effective June 9, 2009, he is resigning as Chairman and a member of the Board of Directors of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Cooperative Bank (the "Bank"). Mr. Willetts' resignation is not due to any disagreement with the Company or the Bank or any concerns relating to the operations, policies or practices of either the Company or the Bank. In connection with Mr. Willetts' resignation, Dr. James D. Hundley, M.D., an existing Company and Bank director, was appointed as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company and the Bank. In addition, on June 9, 2009, the Boards of Directors of the Company and the Bank each adopted a resolution reducing the size of the Company's and the Bank's Board to five members effective immediately upon Mr. Willetts' resignation.

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.

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES, INC.

/s/ Todd L. Sammons

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Todd L. Sammons  
Chief Financial Officer and Interim  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 11, 2009