HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC Form 8-K May 20, 2011

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 of 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: May 18, 2011 (Date of earliest event reported)

Heartland Financial USA, Inc. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-24724 (Commission File Number)

1398 Central Avenue, Dubuque, Iowa (Address of principal executive offices)

(563) 589-2100 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable (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):

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42-1405748 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

52001 (Zip Code)

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Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

Heartland Financial USA, Inc. held its annual meeting of stockholders in Dubuque, Iowa, on May 18, 2011. At the meeting, James F. Conlan and Thomas L. Flynn were elected to serve as Class III directors (term expires in 2014). Continuing as Class I directors (term expires in 2012) are John W. Cox, Jr. and Lynn B. Fuller. Continuing as Class II directors (term expires in 2013) are Mark C. Falb, James R. Hill and John K. Schmidt. Additionally, the stockholders ratified the appointment of KPMG LLP as Heartland's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2011, and approved a non-binding advisory proposal on compensation to Heartland's executive officers as described in the 2011 proxy statement.

There were 16,418,226.652 issued and outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote at the annual meeting, of which 14,103,883.309 shares were present in person or by proxy, representing approximately 85.9% of the total issued and outstanding shares entitled to vote. The voting results on the above described matters were as follows:

James F. Conlan Thomas L. Flynn	For 11,977,931.570 12,054,559.071		Withheld 258,772.739 182,145.238	Broker Non-Votes 4,181,522.343 4,181,522.343
Appointment of KPMG LLP	For 14,003,744.029	Against 45,123.346	Abstain 55,015.934	Broker Non-Votes 2,314,343.343
Approve compensation of executives	For 11,889,195.246	Against 232,787.559	Abstain 78,112.504	Broker Non-Votes 4,218,131.343

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: May 20, 2011

HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA, INC.

/s/ John K. Schmidt By: John K. Schmidt Executive Vice President, COO & CFO