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COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC

Form 8-K May 31, 2006

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): May 31, 2006

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

NORTH CAROLINA (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-24626

56-1886527 0-24626 56-1886527 (Commission (IRS Employer File Number) Identification No.)

201 MARKET STREET, WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28401 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (910) 343-0181

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:

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On May 31, 2006, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had approved a three-for-two stock split on the Company's common stock and increased the quarterly cash divided to \$0.05 per share from \$0.033 per share, when adjusted to reflect the increased shares outstanding as a result of the stock split. A copy of the press release announcing the stock split and dividend increase is furnished as exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated May 31, 2006

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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.

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES, INC.

President

Date: May 31, 2006