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, 2022

South Plains Financial, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Texas (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 001-38895 (Commission File Number) | 75-2453320 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| 5219 City Bank Parkway | , | , |
| Lubbock, Texas | | 79407 |
| (Address of principal executive office | s) | (Zip Code) |
| (Reg | (806) 792-7101 istrant's telephone number, including area | code) |
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On July 21, 2022, South Plains Financial, Inc. issued a press release announcing the declaration of a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.12 per share on its outstanding common stock. The dividend will be paid on August 15, 2022 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on August 1, 2022. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press release, dated July 21, 2022, announcing South Plains Financial, Inc. quarterly cash dividend.
- 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL).

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.

SOUTH PLAINS FINANCIAL, INC.

Dated: July 21, 2022 By: /s/ Steven B. Crockett

Steven B. Crockett

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer



South Plains Financial, Inc. Announces 9% Increase to Quarterly Cash Dividend

LUBBOCK, Texas, July 21, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – South Plains Financial, Inc. (NASDAQ:SPFI) ("South Plains"), the parent company of City Bank, today announced that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.12 per share of common stock, a 9% increase from the most recent quarterly cash dividend declared in April 2022. The dividend is payable on August 15, 2022 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on August 1, 2022.

About South Plains Financial, Inc.

South Plains is the bank holding company for City Bank, a Texas state-chartered bank headquartered in Lubbock, Texas. City Bank is one of the largest independent banks in West Texas and has additional banking operations in the Dallas, El Paso, Greater Houston, the Permian Basin, and College Station, Texas markets, and the Ruidoso, New Mexico market. South Plains provides a wide range of commercial and consumer financial services to small and medium-sized businesses and individuals in its market areas. Its principal business activities include commercial and retail banking, along with insurance, investment, trust and mortgage services. Please visit https://www.spfi.bank for more information.

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