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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): May 9, 2011

SHORE BANCSHARES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 0-22345
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission

0-22345 52-1974638 (Commission file number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

18 East Dover Street, Easton, Maryland 21601 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (410) 763-7800

N/A

(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 obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On May 9, 2011, Shore Bancshares, Inc. issued a press release to announce that its Board of Directors has determined to reduce the quarterly cash dividend on the common stock to \$.01 per share starting with the dividend payable on May 31, 2011 to stockholders of record as of May 19, 2011. A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated May 9, 2011 (filed herewith).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SHORE BANCSHARES, INC.

Dated: May 10, 2011 By: /s/ W. Moorhead Vermilye

W. Moorhead Vermilye Chief Executive Officer

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99.1 Press release dated May 9, 2011 (filed herewith).

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