COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC
Form 8-K
February 23, 2006

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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): February 23, 2006

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

NORTH CAROLINA	0-24626	56-1886527
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer 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 February 23, 2006, Cooperative Bankshares, Inc. (the "Company")

issued a press release announcing that on February 22, 2006, the Board of Directors declared the 2006 first quarter dividend of $0.05 per share. The dividend is payable on April 17, 2006, to stockholders of record as of April 3, 2006.

The full text of the Company's press release dated February 23, 2006, issued in connection with the announcement, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(a) Exhibits

Number	Description
99.1	Press Release dated February 23, 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.

/s/ Todd L. Sammons

Todd L. Sammons
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 23, 2006