COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES INC Form 8-K March 01, 2007

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): March 1, 2007

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

NORTH CAROLINA (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission 0-24626

56-1886527 (IRS Employer (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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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

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On March 1, 2007, Cooperative Bankshares, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that on February 28, 2007, the Board of Directors declared the 2007 first quarter dividend of \$0.05 per share. The dividend is payable on or about April 17, 2007, to stockholders of record as of April 1, 2007.

The full text of the Company's press release dated March 1, 2007, issued in connection with the announcement, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is furnished herewith.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits

Number	Description

99.1 Press Release dated March 1, 2007

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: March 1, 2007