

META FINANCIAL GROUP INC

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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): **April 18, 2005**

Meta Financial Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

0-22140
(Commission
File
Number)

42-1406262
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

Fifth at Erie, Storm Lake, IA 50588
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(712) 732-4117**

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Section 8 – Other Events

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 19, 2005, the Registrant issued the attached press release announcing the completion, by the plan's Trustee, of the ESOP stock purchase announced August 24, 2004.

Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The following Exhibits are being furnished herewith:

99.1 Registrant's Press Release dated April 19, 2005

SIGNATURE

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.

META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Ronald J. Walters
Ronald J. Walters
Senior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: April 19, 2005

Exhibit
Number

Description of Exhibit

99.1

Registrant's Press Release dated April 19, 2005.

Exhibit 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE
RELEASE
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META FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. REPORTS THE COMPLETION OF THE STOCK PURCHASE BY ESOP

Storm Lake, Iowa – (April 19, 2005) Meta Financial Group, Inc. (NASDAQNM:CASH) today reported that the Trustee of the Company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) had completed the purchase of 40,000 shares of the Company's common stock. This purchase, which was announced on August 24, 2004, was completed on April 18, 2005 at a total cost of \$896,600, or \$22.41 per share.

At March 31, 2005, assets of Meta Financial Group totaled \$795.8 million. Shareholders' equity totaled \$44.9 million, or \$17.98 per common share outstanding. Meta Financial Group is the holding company for MetaBank and MetaBank West Central.

Corporate Profile: Meta Financial Group, Inc. (doing business as Meta Financial Group) is the holding company for MetaBank and MetaBank West Central. MetaBank is a federally-chartered savings bank with four market areas: Northwest Iowa Market, Brookings Market, Central Iowa Market, Sioux Empire Market; and the Meta Payment Systems prepaid debit card division. MetaBank West Central is a state-chartered commercial bank in the West Central Iowa Market. Sixteen offices support customers throughout northwest and central Iowa, and in Brookings and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

This release contains forward-looking statements which reflect management's expectations regarding future events and speaks only as of the date of this release. These forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties. A list of factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in, or underlying, the Company's forward-looking statements is detailed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, such as its annual and quarterly reports.

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