

**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 19, 2026

HBT FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-39085

(Commission File Number)

37-1117216

(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

**401 North Hershey Rd
Bloomington, Illinois**

(Address of principal executive
offices)

61704

(Zip Code)

(309) 662-4444

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|--|-------------------|---|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | HBT | The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

On May 19, 2026, HBT Financial, Inc. (the "Company") held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Set forth below are the final voting results for each proposal submitted to a vote of the stockholders at the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Proposal 1: Election of Directors

The Company's stockholders elected the following nominees for director to serve until the 2027 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified.

| Name | Votes For | Votes Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| James T. Ashworth | 27,059,117 | 2,376,732 | 2,625,219 |
| Roger A. Baker | 25,000,775 | 4,435,074 | 2,625,219 |
| C. Alvin Bowman | 28,718,944 | 716,905 | 2,625,219 |
| Eric E. Burwell | 28,991,291 | 444,558 | 2,625,219 |
| Patrick F. Busch | 27,007,149 | 2,428,700 | 2,625,219 |
| J. Lance Carter | 27,013,170 | 2,422,679 | 2,625,219 |
| Allen C. Drake | 25,580,054 | 3,855,795 | 2,625,219 |
| Fred L. Drake | 26,987,539 | 2,448,310 | 2,625,219 |
| Linda J. Koch | 29,175,783 | 260,066 | 2,625,219 |
| Michael J. Morton | 29,251,868 | 183,981 | 2,625,219 |
| Gerald E. Pfeiffer | 29,128,103 | 307,746 | 2,625,219 |
| Nancy L. Ruyle | 29,315,448 | 120,401 | 2,625,219 |

Proposal 2: Advisory (Non-Binding) Vote to Approve Executive Compensation

The Company's stockholders approved, in a non-binding advisory vote, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 29,046,470 | 200,525 | 188,854 | 2,625,219 |

Proposal 3: Ratification of the Appointment of RSM US LLP as the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the Year Ending December 31, 2026

The appointment of RSM US LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the year ending December 31, 2026 was ratified.

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 31,873,848 | 37,991 | 149,229 | — |

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.

HBT FINANCIAL, INC.

By: /s/ Peter R. Chapman

Name: Peter R. Chapman

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 21, 2026