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HEARTLAND EXPRESS INC

Form 8-K

September 09, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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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):  
September 9, 2005

HEARTLAND EXPRESS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number - 0-15087

NEVADA  
(State of other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

93-0926999  
(IRS Employer ID No.)

2777 HEARTLAND DRIVE, CORALVILLE, IOWA  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

52241  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number (including area code): 319-545-2728

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS

On September 9, 2005, Heartland Express, Inc. (the "Company") announced the declaration of a quarterly cash dividend. A copy of the press release issued by the Company is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

The Exhibit listed on the Exhibit Index accompanying Form 8-K is furnished

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herewith.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

HEARTLAND EXPRESS, INC.

Date: September 9, 2005

BY: /s/ John P. Cosaert

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JOHN P. COSAERT

Vice-President

Finance and Treasurer

### EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press release issued by the Company on September 9, 2005 announcing the declaration of a quarterly cash dividend.

Exhibit No. 99.1

Friday, September 9, 2005, For Immediate Release

Press Release

Heartland Express, Inc. Declares Regular Quarterly Dividend

CORALVILLE, IOWA - September 9, 2005 - Heartland Express, Inc. (Nasdaq: HTLD) The Board of Directors of Heartland Express, Inc. announced today the declaration of a regular quarterly cash dividend. The \$0.02 per share dividend will be paid on October 3, 2005 to shareholders of record at the close of business on September 22, 2005. A total of approximately \$1.5 million will be paid on the Company's 73.8 million outstanding shares of common stock.

Heartland Express, Inc. implemented a quarterly cash dividend program in the third quarter of 2003. This is the Company's ninth consecutive quarterly cash dividend.

The press release may contain forward-looking statements, which are based on information currently available. These statements and assumptions involve certain risks and uncertainties. Actual events may differ from these expectations as specified from time to time in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to the extent it becomes aware that it will not be achieved for any reason.

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End of Report