

BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC  
Form 8-K  
October 13, 2011

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

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FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 13, 2011

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BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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VIRGINIA  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

0-209  
(Commission File No.)

54-0135270  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

3525 FAIRYSTONE PARK  
HIGHWAY  
BASSETT, VIRGINIA  
(Address of principal executive  
offices)

24055  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 276/629-6000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

(d) Director Election

Effective October 11, 2011, the Board elected J. Walter McDowell as a director. Mr. McDowell was elected to serve until the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and thereafter if re-elected until his successor is duly elected and qualified. Mr. McDowell was elected upon the recommendation of the Organization, Compensation and Nominating Committee of the Board. The Board has not made a determination as to a Board committee on which Mr. McDowell will serve. Mr. McDowell will receive compensation for his Board service as a non-employee director consistent with the Company's director compensation program as described in the Company's most recent proxy statement. Mr. McDowell has been a private investor and business consultant since 2007. From 2005 to 2007, Mr. McDowell was CEO of Carolinas/Virginia Banking at Wachovia Corporation, where his career spanned 35 years.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On October 13, 2011 Bassett Furniture Industries issued a news release relating to the declaration of a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.035 per share on outstanding common stock payable on December 1, 2011, to shareholders of record at the close of business November 15, 2011. A copy of the news release with this information is attached to the report as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99      News release issued by Bassett Furniture Industries, Inc. on October 13, 2011

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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.

BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES,  
INCORPORATED

Date: October 13, 2011

By: /s/ J. Michael Daniel  
J. Michael Daniel  
Title: Vice President – Chief Accounting  
Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Description

Exhibit No. 99 News release issued by Bassett Furniture Industries on October 13, 2011.