

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): April 19, 2005

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Tennessee	000-22490	62-1120025
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

430 Airport Road Greeneville, Tennessee	37745
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (423) 636-7000

Not Applicable

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

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

SECTION 5. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT.

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

On April 19, 2005, Robert K. Gray and Scott M. Niswonger each advised the Company that he would not stand for reelection to the Company's Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 26, 2005. Mr. Gray has been a director of the Company since 1993. Mr. Niswonger has been a director of the Company since 1981. The decisions of Mr. Gray and Mr. Niswonger not to stand for reelection did not result from any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices. The Company is continuing its search for additional independent non-employee directors.

SECTION 9. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being furnished as part of this Report.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release of Forward Air Corporation dated April 19, 2005.

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.

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

Date: April 19, 2005

By: /s/ Andrew C. Clarke

Andrew C. Clarke
Chief Financial Officer
and Senior Vice President

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No.	Exhibit
99.1	Press Release of Forward Air Corporation dated April 19, 2005.

Forward Air Corporation Announces Two Director Retirements

GREENEVILLE, Tenn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 19, 2005--Forward Air Corporation (NASDAQ:FWRD) today announced that two Board members, Scott M. Niswonger and Robert K. Gray, will not stand for reelection at the 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Mr. Niswonger is the co-founder of the Company and has been its Chairman of the Board since 1988. He also served as Chief Executive Officer of the Company from October 1981 until October 2003, and as President from October 1981 until August 1998. Mr. Gray, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Gray and Company II, a public relations company, has served as a director of the Company since April 1993.

Bruce A. Campbell, President and CEO, stated "Our Company is eternally grateful for the leadership and insight provided by both Scott and Bob and their presence and counsel will be missed. The Company has retained a search firm to assist in replacing the vacancies created by Scott and Bob's departures and we expect them to be filled in the near future."

Commenting about his decision, Mr. Niswonger remarked "It has been a privilege to serve as Forward Air's Chairman for so many years. I will miss everyone at Forward Air; however, I am very confident that the management team will continue to deliver some of the finest results in the transportation industry."

About Forward Air

Forward Air is a high-service-level contractor to the air cargo industry providing time-definite ground transportation services through a network of 80 terminals located on or near major airports in the United States and Canada. The Company provides these services as a cost-effective alternative to air transportation of cargo that must be delivered at a specific time but is relatively less time-sensitive than traditional airfreight or when air transportation is not economical.

Important Information

This press release contains "forward-looking statements," as defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements are statements other than historical information or statements of current condition and relate to future events or our future financial performance. Some forward-looking statements may be identified by use of such terms as "believes," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "estimates," "projects" or "expects." Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The following is a list of factors, among others, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements: economic factors such as recessions, inflation, higher interest rates and downturns in customer business cycles, our inability to maintain our historical growth rate because of a decreased volume of freight moving through our network or decreased average revenue per pound of freight moving through our network, increasing competition and pricing pressure, surplus inventories, loss of a major customer, the creditworthiness of our customers and their ability to pay for services rendered, our ability to secure terminal facilities in desirable locations at reasonable rates, the inability of our information systems to handle an increased volume of freight moving through our network, changes in fuel prices, claims for property damage, personal injuries or workers' compensation, employment matters including rising health care costs, enforcement of and changes in governmental regulations, environmental and tax matters, the handling of hazardous materials, the availability and compensation of qualified independent owner-operators and freight handlers needed to serve our transportation needs and our inability to successfully integrate acquisitions. As a result of the foregoing, no assurance can be given as to future financial condition, cash flows or results of operations.

We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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