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## Section 1: 8-K (8-K)

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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 17, 2011



**TCF FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**001-10253**  
(Commission File Number)

**41-1591444**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**200 Lake Street East, Mail Code EX0-03-A, Wayzata, Minnesota**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**55391-1693**  
(Zip Code)

**(952) 745-2760**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 17, 2011, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of TCF Financial Corporation (the “Company”) increased the number of Directors from 14 to 15. To fill the vacancy, the Board elected James M. Ramstad as a Director of the Company, effective October 17, 2011. Mr. Ramstad will stand for re-election at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Mr. Ramstad was appointed to the Asset Liability Management Committee, the Bank Secrecy Act Compliance Committee and the Shareholder Relations/Capital Expansion Committee.

Mr. Ramstad served nine terms as a Member of the United States House of Representatives from Minnesota from 1991 until 2009. He was a Member of the House Ways and Means Committee, Health and Trade Subcommittees, and Chairman of the IRS Oversight Committee. Prior to his election to Congress, Mr. Ramstad served three terms in the Minnesota State Senate, where he was Assistant Minority Leader from 1981 until 1990. In 2009, he was a Resident Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is currently a Senior Policy Advisor to the Hazelden Foundation and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, as well as a Senior Advisor of Alliantgroup LLC, a company that provides specialty tax services to its business clients.

As a non-employee Director of the Company, Mr. Ramstad is eligible to receive Director and committee fees and grants under the TCF Financial Directors Stock Grant Program, to participate in the TCF Directors Deferred Compensation Plan and receive the other benefits made available to non-employee Directors of the Company, all as described under the caption “Compensation of Directors” in the Company’s proxy statement for its 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “2011 Proxy”), which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 10, 2011.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company on October 17, 2011, announcing the election of Mr. Ramstad as a Director, is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

In addition, on October 17, 2011, the Board elected Thomas F. Jasper and Craig R. Dahl to the Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2012, at which time the size of the Board shall be increased to 17. Neither Mr. Jasper nor Mr. Dahl are expected to serve on any committees of the Board, nor will they receive additional compensation for their service on the Board.

In addition, the Board also announced certain changes affecting named executive officers of the Company, all of which will be effective January 1, 2012. Craig R. Dahl, Executive Vice President, Wholesale Division, will relinquish that position and assume the newly-created role of Vice Chairman and Executive Vice President, Lending. Thomas F. Jasper, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will relinquish that position and assume the newly-created role of Vice Chairman and Executive Vice President, Funding, Operations and Finance. Barry N. Winslow, Vice Chairman and Chief Risk Officer, will relinquish the role of Chief Risk Officer and remain Vice Chairman with newly-created executive management responsibilities in Corporate Development. Neil W. Brown, President and Chief Operating Officer, will relinquish these roles and take on the role of Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer. Earl D. Stratton will relinquish the role of Chief Information Officer and take on the role of Chief Operations Officer.

In a related action, the Company’s Board of Directors announced Michael S. Jones, age 42, currently Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of TCF Equipment Finance, Inc. and Executive Vice President of Winthrop Resources Corporation, both wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company’s TCF National Bank subsidiary, has been elected Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, effective January 1, 2012. Prior to joining TCF Equipment Finance, Inc. in December 2008, Mr. Jones was Operations Controller and led the finance function of PACCAR Financial Services, the finance arm of PACCAR Inc, a manufacturer of premium commercial vehicles, from April 2008 to December 2008. Prior to joining PACCAR, Mr. Jones worked at subsidiaries of General Electric Company, one of the largest and most diversified technology and financial services companies in the world, from October 2002 to April 2008 serving as Global Controller of Fleet Services from October 2002 to August 2005 and as the Chief Financial Officer of GE Real Estate Business Property from August 2005 to April 2008. In connection with his election, the Compensation, Nominating, and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board approved an executive salary change for Mr. Jones effective as of January 1, 2012 to \$300,000 annually. No other compensatory or severance arrangements were entered into in connection with the election of Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones will also be eligible to receive the awards and benefits made available to named executive officers of the Company, as described under the heading “Compensation Discussion and Analysis – Elements of Executive Compensation” in the 2011 Proxy.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company on October 18, 2011 announcing the changes in executive management of the Company is filed as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

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**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated October 17, 2011.
99.2	Press Release dated October 18, 2011.

## 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, thereunto duly authorized.

TCF FINANCIAL CORPORATION

/s/ William A. Cooper

William A. Cooper,  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Thomas F. Jasper

Thomas F. Jasper, Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

/s/ David M. Stautz

David M. Stautz, Senior Vice President,  
Controller and Managing Director, Corporate Development  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: October 21, 2011

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## Section 2: EX-99.1 (EX-99.1)

Exhibit 99.1

## NEWS RELEASE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**



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### **TCF's Board of Directors Elects Former U.S. Congressman Jim Ramstad to Board Membership**

WAYZATA, MN, October 17, 2011 – The Board of Directors of TCF Financial Corporation (“TCF”) (NYSE: TCB) today announced the election of James M. Ramstad to the TCF Board of Directors.

Mr. Ramstad served nine terms as Minnesota Congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1991 to 2009, during which time he

was a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, Health and Trade Subcommittees and Chairman of the IRS Oversight Committee. He is currently a Senior Policy Advisor to the Hazelden Foundation and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, as well as a Senior Advisor to Alliantgroup LLC, a company that provides specialty tax services to its business clients.

“We are excited to welcome Jim Ramstad to TCF’s Board of Directors. Jim brings a legacy of community service and a wealth of knowledge and experience in the political arena to the Board,” said William A. Cooper, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. “We look forward to the insight Jim will provide to our board and management team.”

TCF is a Wayzata, Minnesota-based national bank holding company with \$18.8 billion in total assets. TCF has 439 banking offices in Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan,

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Colorado, Wisconsin, Indiana, Arizona and South Dakota, providing retail and commercial banking services. TCF also conducts commercial leasing and equipment finance business in all 50 states and commercial inventory finance business in the U.S. and Canada. For more information about TCF, please visit [www.tcfbank.com](http://www.tcfbank.com).

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### **Section 3: EX-99.2 (EX-99.2)**

**Exhibit 99.2**

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **TCF Financial Corporation Announces Executive Management Realignment and the Election of Craig Dahl and Tom Jasper to the Board of Directors**

WAYZATA, MN, October 18, 2011 – The Board of Directors of TCF Financial Corporation (“TCF”) (NYSE: TCB) today announced the election of Executive Vice Presidents Mr. Craig R. Dahl and Mr. Thomas F. Jasper to the Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2012. In addition, the Board announced a strategic realignment in managing its business consistent with the new marketplace realities that all banks are now facing.

The major thrust of the realignment is to functionally structure the company to better manage its four key initiatives: 1) Corporate Development, 2) Enterprise Risk Management, 3) Lending and 4) Funding.

As part of this strategic initiative and based on current market opportunities, including our recent developments, the Board and I have concluded we need a dedicated executive management resource working in the Corporate Development function seeking out opportunities to expand TCF's franchise," said William Cooper, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "To that end, Barry N. Winslow, Vice Chairman, will take on new

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executive management responsibilities in Corporate Development. I have confidence that Barry will do a great job with this new responsibility."

Mr. Neil W. Brown will assume Mr. Winslow's role of Chief Risk Officer. "In today's environment, it is important that the Chief Risk Officer position is filled by an executive management team member with both a business line and risk management background. Neil has both the experience and the skills required to take on this important role," said Cooper.

Mr. Dahl will take on the new role of Vice Chairman, Lending. "Craig has led TCF's Specialty Finance businesses to outstanding results. I expect that he will provide the leadership necessary over all of TCF's lending functions, including our recently announced acquisition of Gateway One Lending & Finance, to ensure long-term success for TCF," said Cooper.

Mr. Jasper's new role will be Vice Chairman, Funding, Operations and Finance. "Tom has served the company well as CFO. In this new role Tom will oversee all of TCF's funding capabilities. The Board and I are confident in his ability to take on these increased responsibilities," added Cooper.

Reporting to Mr. Jasper will be Mr. Earl D. Stratton who was promoted to Chief Operations Officer. Mr. Stratton will take on executive management responsibilities over retail branch banking while retaining his responsibilities over bank operations and information technology. "Earl will provide excellent leadership as the company continues to redefine its strategies during this unique period of time in the industry," said Cooper. Also today, TCF's Board of Directors announced that Mr. Michael S. Jones, currently Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of TCF Equipment Finance and Executive Vice President of Winthrop Resources Corporation, has been elected to

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Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of TCF Financial Corporation, effective January 1, 2012, and will be reporting to Mr. Jasper. Prior to joining TCF Equipment Finance in December 2008, Mr. Jones led the finance function for PACCAR Financial Services. "Mike has already accomplished a lot in his career here at TCF in our Wholesale business. He will transition into this role over the coming months and will make an excellent addition to the executive management team," said Cooper.

"All of these changes add to the flexibility and strength of our executive management team. The reorganization to a functionally organized structure bolsters TCF's evolution to accommodate today's changing banking and economic environment," said Cooper.

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