

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST  
Form 8-K  
September 20, 2012

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):  
September 18, 2012

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
North Dakota                    0-14851                    45-0311232  
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer  
of incorporation)                    File Number) Identification No.)

1400 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW, Suite 60  
PO Box 1988  
Minot, ND 58702  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)  
(701) 837-4738  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

On September 18, 2012, the Company held its 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Annual Meeting"). As of July 20, 2012, the record date for shareholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, there were 91,722,823 common shares of beneficial interest ("Shares") outstanding and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Of the Shares entitled to vote, 68,540,713, or approximately 74.7% of the Shares, were present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting, constituting a quorum under the Company's Articles of Amendment and Third Restated Declaration of Trust.

There were three matters presented and voted on at the Annual meeting. Set forth below is a brief description of each matter voted on at the Annual Meeting and the final voting results with respect to each such matter.

Proposal 1 –Election of nine nominees to serve on the Board of Trustees for a one-year term and until their respective successors are duly elected.

Nominee	For	Withheld	Broker Non-Votes
			29,093,930
Linda Hall Keller	38,130,023	1,316,760	
Timothy Mihalick	38,630,360	816,423	
Jeffrey Miller	38,364,595	1,082,188	
John Reed	38,664,945	781,838	
W. David Scott	38,176,563	1,270,220	
Stephen Stenehjem	38,872,017	574,766	
John Stewart	38,904,782	542,001	
Thomas Wentz, Jr.	38,805,710	641,073	
Jeffrey Woodbury	38,151,335	1,295,448	

The shareholders elected all nine of the Company's nominees for trustee.

Proposal 2 –Non-binding advisory resolution on executive compensation.

	For	Against	Abstain	Broker Non-Votes
				29,093,930
Votes Cast	37,391,792	1,554,400	500,591	

Proposal 3 –Ratification of Grant Thornton LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2013.

	For	Against	Abstain	Broker Non-Votes
				0
Votes Cast	67,412,748	641,040	486,925	

SIGNATURE

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.

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST

By: /s/ Timothy P. Mihalick  
Timothy P. Mihalick  
President & Chief Executive Officer

Date: September 20, 2012