

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

**SCHEDULE 14A**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities  
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**SPARTAN MOTORS, INC.**

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**\*\*\* Exercise Your *Right* to Vote \*\*\***  
**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 24, 2017.**

**SPARTAN MOTORS, INC.**



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**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of:** March 27, 2017  
**Date:** May 24, 2017 **Time:** 10:00 AM EDT  
**Location:** Meeting live via the Internet-please visit  
[www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPAR17](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPAR17).

The company will be hosting the meeting live via the Internet this year. To attend the meeting via the Internet please visit [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPAR17](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPAR17) and be sure to have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → [XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX] (located on the following page).

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We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

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— **Before You Vote** —  
How to Access the Proxy Materials

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

1. NOTICE & PROXY STATEMENT      2. ANNUAL REPORT/FORM 10-K

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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before May 10, 2017 to facilitate timely delivery.

— **How To Vote** —  
Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote By Internet:**

*Before The Meeting:*

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*During The Meeting:*

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**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

## Voting Items

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:**

1. Vote on the election of two directors, Mr. Rooke to a three-year term expiring in 2020 and Mr. Current to a one-year term expiring in 2018;

**Nominees**

- 01) Andrew M. Rooke
- 02) Richard R. Current

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2, 3 and 4.**

2. Vote on an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock;
3. Vote on the ratification of the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as Spartan Motors' independent registered public accounting firm for the current fiscal year;
4. Participate in an advisory vote to approve the compensation of our executives;

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote 1 YEAR on the following proposal:**

5. Participate in an advisory vote to decide how frequently our shareholders will participate in an advisory vote to approve the compensation of our executives, and
6. Transact such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting.

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