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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): March 16, 2018**

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**AMERICAN RAILCAR INDUSTRIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**North Dakota**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-51728**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**43-1481791**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**100 Clark Street**  
**St. Charles, Missouri**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**63301**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (636) 940-6000**

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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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 (see General Instruction A.2):

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  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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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.**

**Stock Appreciation Rights**

On March 16, 2018, the compensation committee of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Committee") granted awards of stock appreciation rights ("SARs") to certain employees pursuant to the Company's amended and restated 2005 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Equity Incentive Plan"). The Committee granted an aggregate of 79,143 to the Company's named executive officers as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Number of SARs</b>
John O'Bryan	President and Chief Executive Officer	46,181
Luke M. Williams	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	15,106
Yevgeny Funder	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	17,856

These SARs will vest in three equal increments on March 16, 2019, March 16, 2020 and March 16, 2021. Each holder must remain employed by the Company through each anniversary of the grant date in order to vest in the corresponding number of SARs. The SARs have a term of seven years.

The SARs are cash settled if exercised and have an exercise price of \$38.28, the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. Upon the exercise of any SAR, the Company shall pay the holder, in cash, an amount equal to the excess of the aggregate fair market value in respect of which the SARs are being exercised, over the aggregate exercise price of the SARs being exercised. The SARs are subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Equity Incentive Plan and the Stock Appreciation Rights Agreement evidencing the grant, which contain non-solicitation, non-competition and confidentiality provisions.

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**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.

Date: March 22, 2018

American Railcar Industries, Inc.

By: /s/ Luke M. Williams

Name: Luke M. Williams

Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and  
Treasurer