FORM 4

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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Augsburger Blake</u>					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]								Relationship neck all appl X Direct	icable)	g Per	son(s) to Iss 10% Ov		
(Last)	(F	irst)	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/06/2024						Office below	r (give title )		Other (s below)	pecify			
P.O. BOX 1387				4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) WARSA	W IN	I .	46581											filed by One filed by Mor n		Ü	- 1	
(City) (State) (Zip)					Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication													
					Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.													
		Tab	e I - Non-De	rivative	Sec	uritie	es Ad	cquired, [	Dispos	sed o	of, or Be	neficia	lly Owne	d				
Date				ansaction th/Day/Ye	Execution Da			te, Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		rities Acquired (A) or ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Followin Reported		Form (D) or	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code	/ Ai	mount	(A) o	r Price	Transac	action(s) 3 and 4)			Instr. 4)	
		Т	able II - Deri (e.g.					quired, Di s, options					y Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	Transaction Code (Instr.		vative prities prities priced rosed ) r. 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expir Date	ation	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Phantom	(1)	05/06/2024		A		127		(2)	(3	3)	Common	127	\$61.8737	16,417		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Each phantom stock unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- 2. Phantom Stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- 3. Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

## Remarks:

/s/ Becka J. Turnbow, 05/06/2024 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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