FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* WELCH M SCOTT						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last)	(Fi	,	(Middle	e)		ate of 13/20		st Tra	nsactio	n (Mor	nth/Day/Year)			Officer below)	r (give title)			Other (specify below)		
(Street)	·					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(S	tate) ((Zip)												1 01301	•				
		Tabl	e I - I	Non-Deri	vative	Sec	uritie	es A	cquir	ed, C	Disposed (of, or E	Benefici	iall	y Owned	i				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yes					Year)	Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and				Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		Ownership		
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)				
Common Stock 05				05/13/20)20				P		5,000	A	\$35.95	95 49,00		00 1		By Corp		poration
Common Stock 05/13/					020	20			P		5,000	A	\$35.892	22 34,000		00	I		By LLP	
Common Stock															1,25	7	Г)		
Common Stock														165,786		I		By Spouse		
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execu if any	eemed ution Date, :h/Day/Year)		saction of Deriv. Secul Acqui (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr. and 5		vative rities nired r osed)	Expiration I (Month/Day			7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Num derivat Securit Benefic Owned Followi Report Transa (Instr. 4	ive ties cially ing ed ction(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	de V (A) (D		(D)	Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares	er						
Phantom Stock	(1)								(2)		(3)	Commo Stock	ⁿ 48,76	765		48,765		D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Each phantom stock unit exersises 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.

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-

in-Fact

05/13/2020

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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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