FORM 4

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

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  WELCH M SCOTT						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]								Relationship heck all appli X Director	cable)	rting Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 6 LONGWOOD COURT						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2021								Officer below)	give ti	e title Other (s below)			pecify
(Street) ELKHART IN 46516 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. lf	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
		Tabl	e I - No	on-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	es Ac	quire	d, Di	sposed	of, or Be	eneficia	Ily Owned	d				
Date			2. Transac Date (Month/Da		y/Year) Execut		Deemed ecution Date, any onth/Day/Year)		Transaction Dispos		ties Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an		Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and				(Instr	r. 4)
Common	Common Stock			02/08/2	2021				S		15,000	D	\$63	34,000		I		By Corporation	
Common Stock												1,257 D		)					
Common Stock											34,00	34,000		I By LLP		LLP			
Common	Stock				167,086 I By S <sub>I</sub>				Spouse										
		Т	able II								posed of convert			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)		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		te	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 Exercisa	ıble	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Phantom Stock	(1)								(2)		(3)	Common Stock	50,351		50	,351	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

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

02/10/2021

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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