FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PLETCHER RICHARD L | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN] Solution 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| (Last) 1102 NC | (FORTHWOO) | irst) D DR | (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/26/2005 | | | | | | | | Officer (give title Other (s below) below) | | | | specify | | |
| (Street) NAPPANEE IN 46550 | | | | | 4. | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Application) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by Mare than One Reporting | | | | | | | | | | n | | | |
| (City) | City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| | | Та | ble I - Nor | -Deriv | ativ | /e Se | curi | ties / | Acquired | , Dis | posed o | f, or Bei | neficial | ly Owned | | | | | |
| | | | | Date | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | eemed Ition D h/Day/ | ate, Trans Code | (Instr | n Disposed | (A) or (D) (Price (D) (D) (D) (D) | | 5. Amound Securities Beneficia Owned Fransacti (Instr. 3 a | s Illy ollowing on(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common | Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | 2,148 | 3.061 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 757 | 757.941 | | | By Spouse | | |
| | | | Table II - I | | | | | | | • | | | - | Owned | | <u> </u> | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | erivative Conversion Date Execution I curity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | 3A. Deemed Execution Da | ate, Tr | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Derivative Security | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | C | ode | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | xpiration ate | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| Phantom Stock | \$0 | | | | | | | | 01/01/2003 | 3 (| 01/01/2003 | Common Stock | 7,288. | 7 | 7,288 | .7 | D | | |
| Phantom Stock | \$0 | | | | | | | | 01/07/2003 | 3 (| 01/07/2013 | Common Stock | 314.3 | | 314. | 3 | D | | |
| Phantom Stock | \$0 | | | | | | | | 01/28/2003 | 3 | 01/28/2013 | Common Stock | 54.9 | | 54.9 |) | D | | |
| Phantom Stock | \$0 | | | | | | | | 04/28/2003 | 3 (| 04/28/2013 | Common Stock | 54.1 | | 54.1 | | D | | |
| Phantom Stock | \$0 | | | | | | | | 07/10/2003 | 3 (| 07/10/2013 | Common Stock | 268 | | 268 | | D | | |
| Phantom Stock | \$0 | | | | | | | | 07/30/2003 | 3 (| 07/30/2013 | Common Stock | 46 | | 46 | | D | | |
| Phantom Stock | \$0 | | | | | | | | 10/27/2003 | 3 | 10/27/2013 | Common Stock | 44.5 | | 44.5 | , | D | | |
| Phantom Stock | \$0 | | | | | | | | 01/16/2004 | 4 | 01/16/2014 | Common Stock | 252.5 | | 252. | 5 | D | | |
| Phantom Stock | \$0 | | | | | | | | 01/26/2004 | 4 (| 01/26/2014 | Common Stock | 40 | | 40 | | D | | |
| Phantom Stock | \$0 | | | | | | | | 04/28/2004 | 4 (| 04/28/2014 | Common Stock | 53 | | 53 | | D | | |
| Phantom Stock | \$0 | | | | | | | | 07/14/2004 | 4 (| 07/14/2014 | Common Stock | 293 | | 293 | | D | | |
| Phantom Stock | \$0 | | | | | | | | 07/26/2004 | 4 (| 07/26/2014 | Common Stock | 57 | | 57 | | D | | |
| Phantom Stock | \$0 | | | \top | | | | | 10/26/2004 | 4 | 10/26/2014 | Common Stock | 52 | | 52 | | D | | |
| Phantom Stock | \$0 | | | | | | | | 01/11/2005 | 5 | 01/11/2015 | Common Stock | 267 | 1 | 267 | | D | † | |
| Phantom Stock | \$0 | | | \top | | | | | 01/26/2005 | 5 (| 01/26/2015 | Common Stock | 47 | | 47 | | D | | |
| Phantom Stock | (1) | 04/26/2005 | | \top | A | | 58 | | 04/26/2005 | (2) 0 | 4/26/2015 ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 58 | \$36.2 | 58 | | D | | |

| 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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transaction of Code (Instr. Deriv | | or osed) 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 | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$13.5 | | | | | | | 06/13/2005 | 06/13/2010 | Common Stock | 500 | | 500 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$13.625 | | | | | | | 01/09/2006 | 01/09/2011 | Common Stock | 1,000 | | 1,000 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$15.125 | | | | | | | 02/08/2005 | 02/08/2010 | Common Stock | 600 | | 600 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$19.4375 | | | | | | | 02/09/2004 | 02/09/2009 | Common Stock | 575 | | 575 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$28 | | | | | | | 05/12/2003 | 05/10/2008 | Common Stock | 925 | | 925 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$34.37 | | | | | | | 12/09/2008 | 12/09/2013 | Common Stock | 500 | | 500 | 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-04/27/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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