FORM 4

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

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Toothaker Bradley J  |  |                            |  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ] |   |                                |   |                  |           |                           |       | (Ch   | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner                              |   |  |  |   |           |  |
|--|--|----------------------------|--|---|---|--------------------------------|---|------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|---|--|---|--|--|---|-----------|--|
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| (Last)   | `  | ,                          | (Middle)   |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/06/2020 |                                |   |                  |           |                           |       |   | below  | r (give title<br>)  |  | Other (s<br>below)   | респу   |           |  |
| LAKELA   | AND FINA   | NCIAL CORPO                | RATION   |   |   |                                |   |                  |           |                           |       |   |  |   |  |  |   |           |  |
| 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)   |  |                            |  |   |   |                                |   |                  |           |                           |       |   |  | ,   | filed by On  | e Ren  | orting Perso  | n         |  |
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| (City)   | (Si  | tate) (                    | (Zip)  |   |   |                                |   |                  |           |                           |       |   |  |   |  |  |   |           |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |  |                            |  |   |   |                                |   |                  |           |                           |       |   |  |   |  |  |   |           |  |
| Date   |  |                            | ansaction<br>e<br>nth/Day/Ye                             | Execution Date  |   |                                | e, Transaction Dispose<br>Code (Instr. 5) |                  |           | rities Acq<br>ed Of (D) ( |       |   | Benefici   | es Fo<br>ally (D)<br>Following (I)                          |  | : Direct<br>r Indirect<br>str. 4)                                  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |           |  |
|  |  |                            |  |   |   |                                |   | Code             | · v       | Amount                    | (A)   | or  | Price  | Transac<br>(Instr. 3  | tion(s)  |  |   | Instr. 4) |  |
| Common Stock   |  |                            |  |   |   |                                |   |                  |           |                           |       |   |  | 18  | 18,063   |  | 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  (Instr. 3)  3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) |  | Code                       | Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) Se<br>Ac<br>(A)<br>Dis |   | osed<br>)<br>r. 3, 4  | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea |   | :e               | Amount of |                           |       | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) |   | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |           |  |
|  |  |                            |  | Code  | v   | (A)                            | (D)                                       | Date<br>Exercisa |           | Expiration<br>Date        | Title | or<br>Nu<br>of                                      | ımber  |   |  |  |   |           |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock   | (1)  | 07/06/2020                 |  | A   |   | 499                            |   | (2)              |           | (3)                       | Commo | n _   | 499  | \$45.1051   | 12,362   | 2  | D   |           |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-

in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

07/07/2020

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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