FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN] | | | | | | | | | | ck all applica | tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
|---|---|---|------------|------------|------|---|---|-------|------------------------|----------------------------------|------|--|---|------------------|---|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION P.O. POX 1387 | | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2020 | | | | | | | | | | (give title Other (s below) Senior Vice President | | pecify | | | |
| (Street) | WARSAW IN 46581-1387 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable b) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Deriv 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans Date (Month/ | | | | nsacti | on | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | Transaction Disposed (| | | es Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) (D) | (A) or (D) Price | | Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and | tion(s) | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock 01/3: | | | | | | /2020 | | | | М | | 5,386 | A \$0 | | \$0 | 12,886 | | D | | | | |
| Common Stock 01/3 | | | | | | 20 | | | | F | | 1,618 | D | | \$47.44 | 11,2 | 11,268 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5,258 | | | | 401(k) Plan | | |
| | | | Table II - | | | | | | | | | osed of, o | | | | wned | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Code (Inst | | | | | | Date Exe Diration Onth/Day | Date | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | s Security | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s | | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | c | Code | le V (A) | | (D) | Dat Exe | e ercisable | e Da | xpiration ate | Title | 1 | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | ion(s) | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$0 ⁽²⁾ | 01/31/2020 | | | M | | | 5,386 | 02/ | /01/2020 | 02 | 2/01/2020 ⁽³⁾ | Commo Stock | n [| 5,386 ⁽⁴⁾ | \$0 | 0 | | D | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$0 ⁽²⁾ | 02/04/2020 | | | A | | 4,050 | | 02/ | /01/2023 | 02 | 2/01/2023 ⁽³⁾ | Commo Stock | n | 4,050 | \$0 | 4,05 | 60 | D | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$0 ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | | 02/ | /01/2021 | - 02 | 2/01/2021 ⁽³⁾ | Commo Stock | n | 4,050 | | 4,05 | 50 | D | | | |
| Restricted Stock | \$0 ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | | 02/ | /01/2022 | 2 02 | 2/01/2022 ⁽³⁾ | Commo | n | 4,050 | | 4,05 | 50 | D | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.
- 2. Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- 3. Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific futurue date and do not have an expiration date.
- 4. Shares adjusted due to performance criteria.

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-**Fact**

** 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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