## 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*            |   |  |  |                      |   |                                  |         |                                       |               |  |   |   |   |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |  |   |  |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|----------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------------|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| FULMER L CRAIG                                      |   |  |  |                      |   | LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ] |         |                                       |               |  |   |   |   |  | 1   | X Director   |   |  | 10% O   | wner   |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 120 W. LEXINGTON            |   |  |  |                      | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/08/2010 |                                  |         |                                       |               |  |   |   |   |  | Office<br>below   | r (give title<br>)                                 |   | Other (<br>below)  | specify   |  |  |
| (Street) ELKHART IN 46516                           |   |  |  |                      |   |                                  |         |                                       |               |  | Line)   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| (City)  | (S  | tate)                                      | (Zip)  |                      |   |                                  |         |                                       |               |  |   |   |   |  |   | Person   |   |  |   |  |  |
|   |   | Tab  | le I - Non                                     | ı-Deriv              | ative   | Sec                              | curiti  | es A                                  | cqui          | red, D   | isp   | osed o  | of, or E  | enef   | icially   | / Owne   | d   |  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)                     |   | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | r)   E               | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                                  | e,   1  | Transaction Dispos<br>Code (Instr. 5) |               | Dispose  | urities Acquired (A) o<br>sed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |   | A) or<br>, 4 and  | 5. Amou<br>Securiti<br>Benefic<br>Owned<br>Reporte | es<br>ially<br>Following  | Forn<br>(D) o                                      | n: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>nstr. 4)  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |   |  |  |
|   |   |  |  |                      |   |                                  |         |                                       | (             | Code \   | <u>/</u>  | Amount  | (A<br>(D  | or F   | Price   | Transac<br>(Instr. 3                               | ction(s)  |  |   | (111511.4)   |  |
| Common  | Stock   |  |  |                      |   |                                  |         |                                       |               |  |   |   |   |  |   | 7,23   | 30.389  | and title Other below or One Reporting Person More than One Reporting Person More than One Reporting Porm: Direct (D) or Indirect (D) or Indir |   |  |  |
| Common  | Stock   |  |  |                      |   |                                  |         |                                       |               |  |   |   |   |  |   | 30,0   | 48.015  |  |   | By<br>Spouse   |  |
|   |   | Т  | able II - I<br>(                               | Derivat<br>(e.g., pu |   |                                  |         |                                       |               |  |   |   |   |  |   | Owned  |   |  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Day | Date,                | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                     |                                  | n of Ex |                                       | Expir         | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   |   | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Sec<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | [<br>  5<br>  (   | d. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | ly   | 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>Exerc | cisable  | Ex <sub>I</sub>                                   | piration<br>te  | Title   | or   | ount<br>nber<br>res   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock                                    | (1)   | 01/08/2010                                 |  |                      | Α   |                                  | 964     |                                       |               | (3)  |   | (2)   | Commo<br>Stock  | <sup>1</sup> 9                                     | 64  | \$17.7483  | 21,079  | )  | D   |  |  |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy)               | \$7.5625  |  |  |                      |   |                                  |         |                                       | 02/0          | 8/2005   | 02/   | 08/2010   | Commo<br>Stock  | <sup>1</sup> 1,2                                   | 200   |  | 1,200   |  | D   |  |  |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy)               | \$6.75  |  |  |                      |   |                                  |         |                                       | 06/1          | 3/2005   | 06/   | 13/2010   | Commo<br>Stock  | 1,0  | 000   |  | 1,000   |  | D   |  |  |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy)               | \$6.8125  |  |  |                      |   |                                  |         |                                       | 01/0          | 9/2006   | 01/   | /09/2011  | Commo<br>Stock  | 2,0  | 000   |  | 2,000   |  | D   |  |  |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy)               | \$17.185  |  |  |                      |   |                                  |         |                                       | 12/0          | 9/2008   | 12/   | 09/2013   | Commo<br>Stock  | 1,0  | 000   |  | 1,000   |  | D   |  |  |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to                       | \$24.05   |  |  |                      |   |                                  |         |                                       | 04/1          | 0/2012   | 05/   | 14/2018   | Commo<br>Stock  | 1,0  | 000   |  | 1,000   |  | D   |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-01/19/2010 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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