

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>PLETCHER RICHARD L</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>1102 NORTHWOOD DR</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>NAPPANEE IN 46550</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br><br>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>08/06/2007</u>                  |  |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |       | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |       | 4,469.122   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |       | 1,579.882   | I  | By Spouse   |

**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) | 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) |                            | 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) |
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|  |  |                                      |  |                                |  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | (1)  |                                      |  |                                |  | 04/26/2005   | 04/26/2015      | Common Stock  | 116                        |  | 116  | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | (1)  |                                      |  |                                |  | 10/25/2005   | 10/25/2005      | Common Stock  | 110                        |  | 110  | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | (1)  |                                      |  |                                |  | 07/12/2005   | 07/12/2015      | Common Stock  | 544                        |  | 544  | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | (1)  |                                      |  |                                |  | 07/26/2005   | 07/26/2015      | Common Stock  | 98                         |  | 98   | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |  | 01/26/2005   | 01/26/2015      | Common Stock  | 94                         |  | 94   | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |  | 01/28/2003   | 01/28/2013      | Common Stock  | 109.8                      |  | 109.8  | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |  | 04/28/2003   | 04/28/2013      | Common Stock  | 108.2                      |  | 108.2  | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |  | 07/26/2004   | 07/26/2014      | Common Stock  | 114                        |  | 114  | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |  | 10/26/2004   | 10/26/2014      | Common Stock  | 104                        |  | 104  | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |  | 01/01/2003   | 01/01/2003      | Common Stock  | 14,577.4                   |  | 14,577.4   | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |  | 01/26/2004   | 01/26/2014      | Common Stock  | 80                         |  | 80   | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |  | 04/28/2004   | 04/28/2014      | Common Stock  | 106                        |  | 106  | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |  | 01/07/2003   | 01/07/2013      | Common Stock  | 628.6                      |  | 628.6  | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |  | 10/27/2003   | 10/27/2013      | Common Stock  | 89                         |  | 89   | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |  | 07/30/2003   | 07/30/2013      | Common Stock  | 92                         |  | 92   | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |  | 01/16/2004   | 01/16/2014      | Common Stock  | 505                        |  | 505  | D   |  |

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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 07/14/2004   | 07/14/2014      | Common Stock  | 586                        |  | 586  | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 01/11/2005   | 01/11/2015      | Common Stock  | 534                        |  | 534  | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | \$0  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 07/10/2003   | 07/10/2013      | Common Stock  | 536                        |  | 536  | D   |  |
| Phantom Stock                              | (1)  | 08/06/2007                           |  | A                              |   | 131  |     | (2)  | (3)             | Common Stock  | 131                        | \$23.76                                    | 3,096  | D   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$6.75   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 06/13/2005   | 06/13/2010      | Common Stock  | 1,000                      |  | 1,000  | D   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$6.8125   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 01/09/2006   | 01/09/2011      | Common Stock  | 2,000                      |  | 2,000  | D   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$7.5625   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 02/08/2005   | 02/08/2010      | Common Stock  | 1,200                      |  | 1,200  | D   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$9.7188   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 02/09/2004   | 02/09/2009      | Common Stock  | 1,150                      |  | 1,150  | D   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$14   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 05/12/2003   | 05/10/2008      | Common Stock  | 1,850                      |  | 1,850  | D   |  |
| Stock Options (Right to buy)               | \$17.185   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 12/09/2008   | 12/09/2013      | Common Stock  | 1,000                      |  | 1,000  | D   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

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

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact      08/07/2007

\*\* 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).

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