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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **HIATT THOMAS**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP

(Check all applicable)

[LKFN]

07/10/2018

(Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION, P.O. BOX 1387

(First)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

D

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

WARSAW, IN 46581-1387

(City)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount

A

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

983

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price (D)

Common 07/10/2018

650 \$0 A

(A)

17,541

I By Spouse

Common Stock

Stock

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

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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. ofNumber of Derivative	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and A	Securities	
(2115121.0)					Securities	Securities				
					Acquired					
					(A) or Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
				Code V	4, and 5)					
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	(1)					(2)	(3)	Common Stock	22,348	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HIATT THOMAS
LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION
P.O. BOX 1387
WARSAW, IN 46581-1387

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact 07/11/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (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.

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