Thomason Linton J Form 4 January 31, 2012

### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*\*
Thomason Linton J

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(Last) (First) (Middle)

1412 FOUR WINDS DRIVE

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading

Symbol

GREAT SOUTHERN BANCORP INC [GSBC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

01/27/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_X\_\_ Other (specify

below) below)

Vice President of Subsidiary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Person

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#### NIXA, MO 65714

(City)

| (City)                               | (State)                              | Tab   | le I - Non-l                           | Derivative   | Secu             | rities Acqui   | red, Disposed of,                              | or Beneficiall  | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|------------------|--|--|---|---------|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) our Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                  | 5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)               | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |         |
|                                      |                                      |   | Code V                                 | Amount   | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price  | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | (I)<br>(Instr. 4)                                     |         |
| Common stock                         |                                      |   |  |  |                  |  | 6,567  | D   |         |
| Common stock                         | 01/27/2012                           |   | M                                      | 1,000  | A                | \$<br>20.4055  | 1,000  | I   | Spouse  |
| Common stock                         | 01/27/2012                           |   | M                                      | 400  | A                | \$ 8.36  | 1,400  | I   | Spouse  |
| Common stock                         | 01/27/2012                           |   | M                                      | 200  | A                | \$ 21.44   | 1,600  | I   | Spouse  |
| Common stock                         | 01/27/2012                           |   | S                                      | 1,000  | D                | \$ 24.587  | 600  | I   | Spouse  |

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| Common stock  | 01/27/2012                                      | S          | 600         | D      | \$<br>24.5871         | 0  | I            | Spouse                     |
|---------------|---|------------|-------------|--------|-----------------------|--|--------------|----------------------------|
| Common stock  |   |            |             |        |                       | 1,229  | Ι            | Spouse's<br>401(k)<br>Plan |
| Reminder: Rep | port on a separate line for each class of secur | ities bene | ficially ov | vned d | irectly or ind        | lirectly.  |              |                            |
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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$ 

| 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 Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transacti<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) |         | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |  |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------|--|--------------------|---|--|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V                                | (A) (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Option to purchase                                  | \$ 18.1875  |                                      |   |                                       |         | <u>(1)</u>   | 09/18/2012         | Common stock  | 2,500                                  |
| Option to purchase                                  | \$ 20.12  |                                      |   |                                       |         | (2)  | 09/25/2013         | Common stock  | 3,000                                  |
| Option to purchase                                  | \$ 32.07  |                                      |   |                                       |         | <u>(3)</u>   | 09/22/2014         | Common stock  | 2,250                                  |
| Option to purchase                                  | \$ 30.34  |                                      |   |                                       |         | <u>(4)</u>   | 09/20/2015         | Common stock  | 2,250                                  |
| Option to purchase                                  | \$ 30.66  |                                      |   |                                       |         | <u>(5)</u>   | 10/18/2016         | Common stock  | 1,800                                  |
| Option to purchase                                  | \$ 25.48  |                                      |   |                                       |         | <u>(6)</u>   | 10/17/2017         | Common stock  | 1,900                                  |
| Option to purchase                                  | \$ 8.36   |                                      |   |                                       |         | <u>(7)</u>   | 11/19/2018         | Common stock  | 1,900                                  |
| Option to purchase                                  | \$ 21.44  |                                      |   |                                       |         | (8)  | 12/09/2019         | Common stock  | 1,900                                  |
| Option to   | \$ 22.08  |                                      |   |                                       |         | <u>(9)</u>   | 11/17/2020         | Common  | 2,000                                  |

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| purchase           |            |            |   |     |             |            | stock        |       |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---|-----|-------------|------------|--------------|-------|
| Option to purchase | \$ 19.53   |            |   |     | (10)        | 11/16/2021 | Common stock | 2,000 |
| Option to purchase | \$ 20.4055 | 01/27/2012 | M | 250 | 10/20/2005  | 10/20/2013 | Common stock | 250   |
| Option to purchase | \$ 20.4055 | 01/27/2012 | M | 250 | 10/20/2006  | 10/20/2013 | Common stock | 250   |
| Option to purchase | \$ 20.4055 | 01/27/2012 | M | 250 | 10/20/2007  | 10/20/2013 | Common stock | 250   |
| Option to puchase  | \$ 20.4055 | 01/27/2012 | M | 250 | 10/20/2008  | 10/20/2013 | Common stock | 250   |
| Option to purchase | \$ 8.36    | 01/27/2012 | M | 200 | 11/19/2010  | 11/19/2018 | Common stock | 200   |
| Option to purchase | \$ 8.36    | 01/27/2012 | M | 200 | 11/19/2011  | 11/19/2018 | Common stock | 200   |
| Option to purchase | \$ 21.44   | 01/27/2012 | M | 200 | 12/09/2011  | 12/09/2019 | Common stock | 200   |
| Option to purchase | \$ 32.07   |            |   |     | <u>(11)</u> | 09/22/2014 | Common stock | 600   |
| Option to purchase | \$ 30.34   |            |   |     | (12)        | 09/20/2015 | Common stock | 1,000 |
| Option to purchase | \$ 30.66   |            |   |     | (13)        | 10/18/2016 | Common stock | 800   |
| Option to purchase | \$ 25.48   |            |   |     | (14)        | 10/17/2017 | Common stock | 800   |
| Option to purchase | \$ 8.36    |            |   |     | (15)        | 11/19/2018 | Common stock | 400   |
| Option to purchase | \$ 21.44   |            |   |     | (16)        | 12/09/2019 | Common stock | 600   |
| Option to purchase | \$ 22.08   |            |   |     | <u>(17)</u> | 11/17/2020 | Common stock | 500   |
| Option to purchase | \$ 19.53   |            |   |     | (18)        | 11/16/2021 | Common stock | 500   |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |         |                              |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Topolong O What I want of I was con-                         | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                        |  |  |  |  |
| Thomason Linton J<br>1412 FOUR WINDS DRIVE<br>NIXA, MO 65714 |               |           |         | Vice President of Subsidiary |  |  |  |  |

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## **Signatures**

Matt Snyder, Attorney-in-fact for Linton J. Thomason

01/31/2012

\*\*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) 625 shares vest on 9/18/2004, 9/18/2005, 9/18/2006 and 9/18/2007
- (2) 750 shares vest on 9/25/2005, 9/25/2006, 9/25/2007 and 9/25/2008
- (3) 1,918 shares vest on 12/31/2005 and 332 shares vest on 9/22/2009
- (4) 563 shares vest on 9/20/2007 & 9/20/2008 and 562 shares vest on 9/20/2009 & 9/20/2010
- (5) 450 shares vest on 10/18/2008, 10/18/2009, 10/18/2010 and 10/18/2011
- (6) 475 shares vest on 10/17/2009, 10/17/2010, 10/17/2011 and 10/17/2012
- (7) 475 shares vest on 11/19/2010, 11/19/2011, 11/19/2012 and 11/19/2013
- (8) 475 shares vest on 12/9/2011, 12/9/2012, 12/9/2013 and 12/9/2014
- (9) 500 shares vest on 11/17/2012, 11/17/2013, 11/17/2014 and 11/17/2015
- (10) 500 shares vest on 11/16/2013, 11/16/2014, 11/16/2015 and 11/16/2016
- (11) 600 shares vest on 12/31/2005
- (12) 1,000 shares vest on 12/31/2005
- (13) 200 shares vest on 10/18/2008, 10/18/2009, 10/18/2010 and 10/18/2011
- (14) 200 shares vest on 10/17/2009, 10/17/2010, 10/17/2011 and 10/17/2012
- (15) 200 shares vest on 11/19/2012 and 11/19/2013
- (16) 200 shares vest on 12/9/2012, 12/9/2013 and 12/9/2014
- (17) 125 shares vest on 11/17/2012, 11/17/2013, 11/17/2014 and 11/17/2015
- (18) 125 shares vest on 11/16/2013, 11/16/2014, 11/16/2015 and 11/16/2016

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