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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ottinger Eric H			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 12133 EAGLE	(First) E CREEK Pl	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2016	Director 10% Owner Symbol Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
БОРЖИЛИЯ	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Ch Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		
FORT WAYNE, IN 46814				Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I. Non-Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of or Reneficially Owned

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1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if		4. Securit	(A) or	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed	` /	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
						Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)	Reported Transaction(s)		
					or	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D) Price	(111511. 5 and 4)		
Common Stock						12,073	D	
Common Stock						1,609	I	401)k) Plan

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)	01/01/2016		A	4,000	02/01/2019	02/01/2019(3)	Common Stock	4,000
Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)					02/01/2016	02/01/2016(3)	Common Stock	4,000
Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)					02/01/2017	02/01/2017(3)	Common Stock	4,000
Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)					02/01/2018	02/01/2018(3)	Common Stock	4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	

Relationships

Ottinger Eric H

12133 EAGLE CREEK PLACE FORT WAYNE, IN 46814

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, 01/04/2016 Attorney-in-Fact

**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) The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.
- Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.

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(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. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, <i>see</i> Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.