STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Karels Kenneth James Form 4

# December 06, 2018

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value \$0.01 per share Common

Stock, par value \$0.01 12/04/2018(1)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Karels Kenneth James  (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O GREAT WESTERN BANCORP, INC., 225 SOUTH MAIN AVENUE				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Great Western Bancorp, Inc. [GWB] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/04/2018					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
									(Check all applicable)  Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  President and CEO				
	SIOUX FAL	(Street) LLS, SD 57104			endment, Da nth/Day/Year	_			6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by M Person		rson		
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any (Month/D	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	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)		
	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	43,300	I	Spouse		
	Common Stock, par	12/04/2018			M	3,791	A	\$ 0	43,449	D			

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\$0

60,278

D

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per share

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	12/04/2018 <sup>(2)</sup>	F	1,493	D	\$ 34.51	58,785	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	12/04/2018 <u>(3)</u>	F	6,623	D	\$ 34.51	52,162	D

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)	Code	Transaction Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units - 2015	<u>(4)</u>	12/04/2018		M		3,791	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	3,791	9
Restricted Stock Units - 2016	<u>(4)</u>						<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	3,869	
Restricted Stock Units - 2017	<u>(4)</u>						<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	7,427	
Restricted Stock	<u>(4)</u>						(8)	(8)	Common Stock, par	6,147	

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Units (2017 STI)				value \$0.01 per share
Restricted Stock Units - 2018	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock, par value 13,451 \$0.01 per share
Restricted Stock Units (2018 STI)	<u>(4)</u>	(10)	(10)	Common Stock, par value 14,468 \$0.01 per share

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Karels Kenneth James

C/O GREAT WESTERN BANCORP, INC. 225 SOUTH MAIN AVENUE

President and CEO

SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104

## **Signatures**

Donald J. Straka, as attorney-in-fact for Kenneth James Karels

12/06/2018

\*\*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) The vesting and issuance of performance stock units granted in December 2015 and based on the achievement of pre-established performance objectives over a three year period ended September 30, 2018.
- (2) The units representing these shares were surrendered to satisfy tax withholding obligations on the vesting of restricted stock unit awards.
- (3) The units representing these shares were surrendered to satisfy tax withholding obligations on the vesting of performance stock unit awards.
- (4) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Great Western Bancorp, Inc.
- (5) The restricted stock units vest in three annual equal installments beginning on December 4, 2016. The restricted stock units have no expiration date.
- (6) The restricted stock units vest in three annual equal installments beginning on December 2, 2017. The restricted stock units have no expiration date.
- (7) The restricted stock units vest in three equal installments beginning on December 1, 2018. The restricted stock units have no expiration date.
- (8) The restricted stock units vest in two annual equal installments beginning on December 1, 2018. The restricted stock units have no expiration date.

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- (9) The restricted stock units vest in three annual installments beginning on November 30, 2019. The restricted stock units have no expiration date.
- (10) The restricted stock units vest in two annual equal installments beginning on November 30, 2019. The restricted stock units have no expiration date.

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