WELCH M SCOTT

Form 4

October 30, 2018

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WELCH M SCOTT			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 6 LONGWOOD	(First) D COURT	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/29/2018	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
ELKHART, IN	(Street) I 46516		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 Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - Non	-Derivativ	e Sec	urities Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	cially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securor(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	ed 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	10/29/2018		P	8,000	A	\$ 42.246	136,448	D	
Common Stock							15,000	I	By Corporation
Common Stock							29,000	I	By LLP
Common Stock							2,895	I	By Spouse

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

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8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title and A	Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	onversion (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration Date		Underlying Securities	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e			
	Derivative				Securities				
	Security				Acquired				
					(A) or				
					Disposed				
					of (D)				
					(Instr. 3,				
					4, and 5)				
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number
				Code V	(A) (D)				of Shares
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>					(2)	(3)	Common Stock	45,185

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WELCH M SCOTT 6 LONGWOOD COURT ELKHART, IN 46516	X						

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact 10/30/2018

**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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