FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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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)															
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		Tabl	le I - No	on-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	es Ac	quirec	d, Di	sposed (	of, or Be	eneficia	ally Owne	d					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day				Execution Date, (Year) if any			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 are 5)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership					
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(iiisti.	Instr. 4)	
Common Stock										162,741		I	I By		Spouse					
Common Stock											34,0	000 I			By LLP					
Common Stock													6,500				By Corporation			
Common Stock													1,25	57 D		)				
		Т	able II	- Deriva	tive S	Secu	rities	Acq	uired,	Dis	posed of	, or Ben	eficial	y Owned						
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution/Day/Year) if any	on Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)		n of		6. Date I Expiration (Month/I	on Da			of S Ig e Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	/ (A) (D		Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	1						
Phantom Stock	(1)	02/07/2022			A	A			(2)		(3)	Common Stock	256	\$80.8011	51,851		D			

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 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.

/s/ Matt VanDeWielle, 02/07/2022 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* 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).

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