FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FINDLAY DAVID M | | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN] | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|-----------|---|---|---|---------|--|---------|--|------------------------|-----------------|---|-------------------|---|--|----------------|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) 2828 E. I |) (First) (Middle) B E. PRESTWICK RD | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2014 | | | | | | | | | | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CFO | | | | | |
| (Street) WINNIE LAKE IN 46590 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | 4. | 4. If Amendment, Date of 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 | | | | | | |
| | | Ta | ble I - Nor | n-Deriv | vativ | /e Se | curi | ities A | Acqui | ired, | Disp | osed o | f, or Be | nefici | ially | Owned | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Tran | | | | ansaction | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) | | | 4 and Securitie Beneficia Owned F | | s lly ollowing | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | v | Amount | (A) o (D) | r Prid | се | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock 01/31 | | | | | | 14 | | | | M | | 9,360 |) A | , | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 59, | 148 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 12,502 | | I | | 401(k) Plan | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2,000 | | I | | By Spouse | | |
| | | | Table II - | | | | | | | | | sed of, onvertik | | | | wned | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/ | ate, | 4. 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | e and 7. Title of Secu | | and Amount irities /ing ive Security | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | e s Illy | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exerc | cisable | Exp | iration e | Title | Amou or Numb of Share | er | | | | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$0 ⁽²⁾ | 01/31/2014 | | | M | | | 9,360 | 02/01 | 1/2014 | 02/0 |)1/2014 ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 9,36 | 0(4) | \$0 | 0 | | D | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$0 ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | | 02/01 | 1/2015 | 02/0 | 01/2015 ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 8,00 | 00 | | 8,000 |) | D | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$0 ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | | 02/01 | 1/2016 | 02/0 |)1/2016 ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 10,0 | 00 | | 10,00 | 0 | D | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$0 ⁽²⁾ | | | | | | | | 02/01 | 1/2017 | 02/0 |)1/2017 ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 12,0 | 000 | | 12,00 | 0 | D | | | |
| Stock Options (Right to | \$24.05 | | | | | | | | 05/14 | 4/2013 | 05. | /14/2018 | Common Stock | 10,0 | 000 | | 10,00 | 0 | D | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.
- 2. Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- 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.
- 4. Shares adjusted due to performance criteria.

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorneyin-Fact

02/03/2014

** 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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