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*				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]										5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
Toothaker Bradley J					LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]									1 1,	X Direct	,		10% Ov	vner
(Last)	`	rst) (	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/06/2023										Office below	r (give title )		Other (s below)	pecify
P.O. BOX 1387					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable									plicable					
(Street) WARSA	W IN	Į ,	46581-1387	_	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,						Line								
(City)	(Si	tate)	(Zip)																
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/Date					Execution Date,			Code (Instr. 5)				Benefic Owned	s Formally (D) (sollowing (I) (I		r Indirect Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
					Code V Amount (A) or Price (Instr. 3 and 4)					tion(s)			Instr. 4)						
Common	Stock														21,313 D				
	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)  1. Title of Derivative Security Security (Instr. 3)  2. Conversion Date (Month/Day/Year)  2. Conversion Date (Month/Day/Year)  3. Transaction Date Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)  4. Transaction Code (Inst. 8)					on of E			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	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 Exer	e rcisable		xpiration ate	Title	N O	Amount or lumber of Shares					
Phantom	(1)	01/06/2023		A		344			(2)		(3)	Comr	non	344	\$72.7018	14,782	2	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Each phantom stock unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- 2. Phantom stock is exercisableafter the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- 3. Phanton shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.

/s/ Becka J. Turnbow, 01/09/2023 Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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