WELCH M SCOTT

Form 4

October 30, 2018

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

WELCH M SCOTT			Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]				CORP	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 6 LONGWOOD COURT			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/29/2018					_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
ELKHART	(Street) Γ, IN 46516			endment, I onth/Day/Ye		al		6. Individual or Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by Person		Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Seci	ırities Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	ially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Dany (Month/Day/	ate, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securiton(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d 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	tive Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Exec		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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