

Ottinger Eric H
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Ottinger Eric H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP
 [LKFN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION, P.O. BOX 1387
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/08/2017

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
 _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

WARSAW, IN 46581-1387

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/08/2017		S	1,899 D \$ 46.28	21,500	D	
Common Stock					2,522	I	401(k) Plan

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

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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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾					02/01/2018 - 02/01/2018 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	6,000
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾					02/01/2019 - 02/01/2019 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	6,000
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾					02/01/2020 - 02/01/2020 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	5,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ottinger Eric H LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION P.O. BOX 1387 WARSAW, IN 46581-1387			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, 08/08/2017
Attorney-in-Fact

⁽¹⁾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) 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 futuru date and do not have an expiration date.

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