#### LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading WELCH M SCOTT Issuer Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP (Check all applicable) [LKFN] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 6 LONGWOOD COURT 10/25/2005 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ELKHART, IN 46516 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 3. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Beneficially Beneficial Disposed of (D) (D) or (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 3,300 D Stock Common 700 I By Spouse Stock

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

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# $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>					04/26/2005	04/26/2015	Common Stock	22
Phantom Stock	(1)					07/12/2005	07/12/2015	Common Stock	216
Phantom Stock	(1)					07/26/2005	07/26/2015	Common Stock	18
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/01/2003	01/01/2003	Common Stock	2,084.9
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/07/2003	01/07/2013	Common Stock	297.3
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/28/2003	01/28/2013	Common Stock	17.3
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					04/28/2003	04/28/2013	Common Stock	16.5
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					07/10/2003	07/10/2013	Common Stock	238
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					07/30/2003	07/30/2013	Common Stock	14
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					10/27/2003	10/27/2013	Common Stock	15
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/16/2004	01/16/2014	Common Stock	233
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					01/26/2004	01/26/2014	Common Stock	13
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					04/28/2004	04/28/2014	Common Stock	19
Phantom Stock	\$ 0					07/14/2004	07/14/2014	Common Stock	281

Phantom Stock	\$ 0				07/26/2004	07/26/2014	Common Stock	20
Phantom Stock	\$ 0				10/26/2004	10/26/2014	Common Stock	19
Phantom Stock	\$ 0				01/11/2005	01/11/2015	Common Stock	229
Phantom Stock	\$ 0				01/26/2005	01/26/2015	Common Stock	18
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	10/25/2005	A	22	10/25/2005(2)	10/25/2005(3)	Common Stock	22
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.5				06/13/2005	06/13/2010	Common Stock	500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.625				01/09/2006	01/09/2011	Common Stock	1,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.125				02/08/2005	02/08/2010	Common Stock	600
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.4375				02/09/2004	02/09/2009	Common Stock	575
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 34.37				12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	500

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
WELCH M SCOTT 6 LONGWOOD COURT ELKHART, IN 46516	X					
0:						

# **Signatures**

Teresa A. Bartman,
Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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## **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).
- (3) Phantom shares expire after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- (2) Phantom stock is exercisable after the directors' retirement as a Board member.
- (1) Each phantom stock unit exersises into 1 share of Common Stock.

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