

VANDERWOUE J STEPHEN  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 VANDERWOUE J STEPHEN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC [FMBI]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/23/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

ITASCA, IL 60143  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 02/23/2011                           |  | A                              | V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                     | 11,811  | D  | By NQ Stock                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,128 <sup>(3)</sup>  | I  | Option Gain Deferral Plan         |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 33,494  | I  | By Trust                          |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| VANDERWOUE J STEPHEN<br>ONE PIERCE PLACE<br>SUITE 1500<br>ITASCA, IL 60143 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Jessica L. Friedman, Attorney-in-fact for J. Stephen Vanderwoude  
Date: 02/25/2011

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) Restricted Stock Award granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Non-Employee Director Stock Plan. The number of shares represented by this award was determined by dividing the dollar value of the award granted to the Reporting Person by \$12.07 (the average high and low sale price of one share of the Company's Common Stock on the date of grant). This award will vest 100% on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) Between February 19, 2010 and February 25, 2011, the Reporting Person acquired 16 shares of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Common Stock under the First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Non-Qualified Gain Deferral Plan pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment feature of the Plan. This information is based on a plan statement received January 26, 2011.

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