

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)
 12133 EAGLE CREEK PLACE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/01/2012

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

FORT WAYNE, IN 46814

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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/06/2012		M	3,314 A \$ 0	4,114	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2012		M	2,640 A \$ 0	6,754	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2012		S	1,023 D \$ 26.71	5,731	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2012		S	818 D \$ 25.87	4,913	D	
Common Stock					515	I	401(k) Plan

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Restricted Stock Units ⁽³⁾	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	01/01/2012		A		4,000		02/01/2015	02/01/2015 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	4,
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	02/06/2012		M		3,314		02/05/2012	02/05/2012 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	3,
Restricted Stock Units ⁽³⁾	\$ 0	02/06/2012		M		2,640		03/15/2012	03/15/2012 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	2,
Restricted Stock Units ⁽³⁾	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾							02/01/2013	02/01/2013 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	3,
Restricted Stock Units ⁽³⁾	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾							02/01/2014	02/01/2014 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	4,
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.185							12/09/2008	12/09/2013	Common Stock	3,
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.595							10/11/2010	10/11/2015	Common Stock	6,
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.05							05/14/2013	05/14/2018	Common Stock	3,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ottinger Eric H 12133 EAGLE CREEK PLACE FORT WAYNE, IN 46814			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/08/2012

__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 Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- (2) Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific future date and do not have an expiration date.
- (3) The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.
- (4) Shares adjusted due to performance criteria.

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