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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Smith Brian J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

below)

10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 02/05/2015

120 WEST LEXINGTON AVENUE

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X_ Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ELKHART, IN 46516

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities 3. TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

7,973.0249 D

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)

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if		5. orNumber	6. Date Exer Expiration D	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S	Securities	Derivative
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		/Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)	Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	02/05/2015		A	25	(2)	(3)	Common Stock	25	\$ 40.0757

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Smith Brian J

120 WEST LEXINGTON AVENUE X

ELKHART, IN 46516

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact 02/06/2015

**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 exercises 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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