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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Hurford Jennifer M Issuer Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP (Check all applicable) [LKFN] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) LAKELAND FINANCIAL 01/01/2018 SVP & Treasurer CORPORATION, P.O. BOX 1387 (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 WARSAW, IN 46581-1387 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 1,086 D Stock Common 401(k)342 I Stock 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)	01/01/2018		A	1,350	02/01/2021	02/01/2021(3)	Common Stock	1,350
Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)					02/01/2018	02/01/2018(3)	Common Stock	750
Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)					02/01/2019	02/01/2019(3)	Common Stock	750
Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)					02/01/2020	02/01/2020(3)	Common Stock	1,350

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hurford Jennifer M

LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION

P.O. BOX 1387

WARSAW, IN 46581-1387

SVP & Treasurer

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact 01/02/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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.

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- (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 futurue date and do not have an expiration date. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.