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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** FOX BRIAN			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC [HTLF]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify			
1398 CENTRAL AVE			01/18/2011	below) below) EVP, Operations			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)				
DUBUQUE, IA 52001				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	uired. Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			

(City)	(State) (A	Table	I - Non-De	erivative Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly 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	Transactio	onAcquired (A) or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				(A)	Reported		
				(A)	Transaction(s)		
			C-1- V	Of A (D) Doi:	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
G			Code V	Amount (D) Pric	e		
Common	01/18/2011		A	1,800 A \$ 0	1,800 (2)	D	
Stock	3 - 7 - 2 0 1 1			(1) (1)	-,	_	

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
								,	Amount		
									or		
						Expiration		Number			
						Date	of				
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FOX BRIAN

1398 CENTRAL AVE EVP, Operations

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

Signatures

/s/ Brian Fox 01/20/2011 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- Represents a grant of Restricted Stock Units (RSU) by the Board of Directors at its discretion. Each RSU represents the right to receive (1) one share of common stock. The grant vests in three equal installments on the third, fourth and fifth anniversaries of the grant date. The RSU grant is subject to the settlement restrictions under the TARP.
- (2) Includes 1,800 Restricted Stock Units (RSU).

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