#### HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC

Form 4

March 13, 2015

## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FOX BRIAN			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC [HTLF]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)				
(Last) 1398 CENT	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/06/2015				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, Operations					
				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Do (Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	02/06/2015			F	1,135	D	\$ 29.53	0 (1)	D			
Common Stock	03/10/2015			A	1,750	A	\$ 0	14,447.412 (2) (3) (4)	D			
Common Stock								2,000	I	IRA		

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. Tit	le of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Deriv	ative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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							Exercisable	Date		Number of		
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					Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FOX BRIAN

1398 CENTRAL AVE EVP, Operations

DUBUQUE, IA 52001

## **Signatures**

/s/ Brian Fox 03/12/2015

\*\*Signature of 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) Multi line entry --- see next line for total
- (2) Includes 6,457 Restricted Stock Units (RSU). Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of common stock. The grant vests in three equal installments on the third, fourth and fifth anniversaries of the grant date.
- (3) Includes 3,507 shares of Performance Based Restricted Stock.
- (4) These shares participate in a Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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