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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Name and Address of Reporting Person* Schultz Robert F.					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Midland States Bancorp, Inc. [MSBI]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner							
(Last) 1201 NE	•	(First) (Middle)				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2018								Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)						ecify
(Street) EFFINGHAM IL 62401			_ 4	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing Line) X Form filed by One Repo									ne Repor	orting Person						
(City)	(5	State)	(Zip)												Person					
Table I - Non-Deri 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/E			sactio	Execution Date,			3. 4. Securities			of, or Beneficially es Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and (A) or (D) Price		ri I	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Common	Stock														31,317	(1)	D			
Common Stock														3,543.294 ⁽²⁾		I		Spouse		
Common Stock													30,153 ⁽²⁾		I		Red Bird Investors, LLC			
Common Stock														37,020.682 ⁽²⁾		I		Summit Investors, LLP		
Common stock														250,030 ⁽²⁾		I		J.M. Schultz Investment, LLC		
			Table II								oosed of converti				Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/	I 4	4. Transa Code (8)	ction	5. Number Derivative Securities Acquired or Dispos of (D) (Ins 4 and 5)	r of (A)	6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		isable and 7. Title and Amou		d Amoun S Underly S Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		derivat Securit Benefic Owned Follow Report	urities For leficially Dire ned or li owing (I) (I			
				C	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	ıble	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun Numbe Shares	r of						
Common Share Equivalent	(3)(4)	12/31/2018			A		794.5389		(5)		(5)	Common Stock	794.53	389	\$22.34	55,59	5.6235	D		
Common Share Equivalent	(3)(6)	12/31/2018			A		198.6347		(5)		(5)	Common Stock	198.63	347	\$22.34	55,794.2582		D		
Common Share Equivalent	(3)(7)	12/31/2018			A		539.6704		(5)		(5)	Common Stock	539.6	704	\$22.34	56,33	56,333.9286		D	

Explanation of Responses:

- $1. \ Includes \ holdings \ through \ a \ self-directed \ IRA \ or \ revocable \ grantor \ trust$
- 2. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose
- 3. No exercise price for this type of award
- 4. Represents common share equivalents acquired by the reporting person under the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan (DDCP) of the Issuer with respect to directors fees deferred by the reporting person during the quarter, based upon the closing price of the underlying shares on the last day of the quarter. Each common share equivalent is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock. Common share equivalents received for deferred director fees are fully vested on the transaction date listed above.
- 5. Common share equivalents become payable upon termination of service as a director except for any unvested portion of the Issuer matching contribution.
- 6. Represents common share equivalents acquired by the reporting person in the DDCP through the 25% Issuer matching contribution for the director fees paid to the reporting person during the quarter, based upon the closing price of the underlying shares on the last day of the quarter. Common share equivalents received for the Issuer matching contribution vest in four equal annual portions beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, and unvested matching contributions are forfeited at the time service as a director terminates.
- 7. Represents common share equivalents acquired by the reporting person in the DDCP pursuant to the reinvestment of dividends received during the quarter on common share equivalents held in the DDCP by the reporting person at the time such dividend was paid on the underlying shares, based upon closing price of the underlying shares on the last day of the quarter. Common share equivalents received for dividend reinvestments are fully vested on the transaction date listed above and become payable upon termination of service as a director.

Remarks:

/s/ Schultz Robert F /s/ Douglas J. Tucker, attorneyin-fact 01/03/2019

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** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Douglas

- J. Tucker and Sarah Leonard as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:
- (1) prepare, execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, and submit to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a Form ID, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the Commission of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or any rule or regulation of the SEC;
- (2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a reporting person of Midland States Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") pursuant to Section 16 of the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder, Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder;
- (3) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto and file such fonn with the Commission and the applicable stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of any of such attorneys-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by any of such attorneys in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as any of such attorneys-in-fact may approve in his or her discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to act separately and to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that any of such attorneys-in-fact, or the substitute or substitutes of any of such attorneys-in-fact, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned $\,$ has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as

of this 2nd day of February, 2016

/s/Robert F. Schultz Signature

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