### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  HOLSCHBACH LEON J |   |  |   |            | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  Midland States Bancorp, Inc. [ MSBI ] |   |   |  |                 |   |                         |                                    | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner |  |  |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|---|------------|--|---|---|--|-----------------|---|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) 1201 NE  | ,   | (First) (Middle) CENTRE DR.                |   |            |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2020 |   |  |                 |   |                         |                                    |   | Officer (give title Other (spe below) below)   |  |   |   |  |  |
| (Street) EFFING   | HAM II  | AM IL 62401                                |   |            |  | 4. If Amendment, Date of 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)  | (5  | State)                                     | (Zip)   |            |  |   |   |  |                 |   |                         | 1 (1501)                           |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |
|   |   | Та   | ble I - Non-  | Deriva     | tive S   | ecuritie  | s Ac  | quired,  | Dis             | posed o                                 | f, or Be                | nefici                             | ally  | Owned  |  |   |   |  |  |
|   |   |  |   | ate        | Transaction<br>te<br>onth/Day/Year)  |   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | ction<br>Instr. |   |                         |                                    | Securitie<br>Beneficia<br>Owned F   |  | s<br>lly<br>ollowing   | Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)   |   | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                |  |
|   |   |  |   |            |  |   |   | Code   | v               | Amount                                  | (A) (D)                 | Pric                               | e   | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)   |  |   |   | (Instr. 4)   |  |
| Common Stock  |   |  |   | 03/31/2    | ./2020   |   |   | M  |                 | 825                                     | 825 A                   |                                    | 7.49  | 152,4  | 152,420 <sup>(1)</sup>   |   | D |  |  |
|   |   |  | Table II - D  |            |  |   |   |  |                 | osed of,                                |                         |                                    |   | wned   |  |   |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)         | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Ye | 4.<br>Tran | saction<br>e (Instr.   |   |   | 6. Date Exercisa<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year |                 | able and 7. Title and Amo of Securities |                         | nd Amou<br>ties<br>ng<br>e Securit | nt  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)  | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficia<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4 |   | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|   |   |  |   | Code       | e V  | (A)   | (D)   | Date Expiration Date Title Amount or Number of Shares  | er              |   | Transacti<br>(Instr. 4) | on(s)                              |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |
| Common<br>Share<br>Equivalent                               | (2)   | 03/31/2020                                 |   | A          |  | 66.7917   |   | (2)  |                 | (2)                                     | Common<br>Stock         | 66.79                              | 17  | \$17.49 <sup>(3)</sup>   | 4,433.8156   |   | D |  |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock Unit                                    | (4)   | 03/31/2020                                 |   | М          |  |   | 825   | (5)(4)   |                 | (6)(4)                                  | Common<br>Stock         | 825                                | 5   | \$17.49  | 0  |   | D |  |  |
| Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                                 | \$18.16   |  |   |            |  |   |   | (7)  | 1               | 12/06/2020                              | Common<br>Stock         | 11,8                               | 20  |  | 11,820   |   | D |  |  |
| Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                                 | \$21  |  |   |            |  |   |   | (8)  | 1               | 12/02/2024                              | Common<br>Stock         | 22,7                               | 62  |  | 22,76  | 2   | D |  |  |
| Option<br>(right to   | ¢10   |  |   |            |  |   |   | (9)  | Τ,              | 09/05/2024                              | Common                  | 60.7                               | 66  |  | 60.76  | 6   | D |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Includes holdings through a self-directed IRA or revocable grantor trust
- 2. Each common stock equivalent is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock.
- 3. 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 fully vested on the transaction date listed above and become payable upon termination of service as a director.
- 4. Represents restricted stock units acquired by the reporting person under the 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan on the grant date. Each restricted stock unit is the contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock. Restricted stock units vest on March 31, 2020 and vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person within 30 days of vesting.
- 5. No exercisable date for this type of award
- 6. No Expiration date for this type of award
- $7.\ These\ options\ vest\ in\ four\ equal\ annual\ installments\ beginning\ one\ year\ after\ the\ 12/06/2010\ date\ of\ grant.$
- 8. These options vest in four equal annual installments beginning one year after the 12/02/2014 date of grant.
- 9. Options vested on 12/31/2017.

### Remarks:

buy)

/s/ Holschbach Leon J 04/02/2020 /s/ Douglas J. Tucker, attorney-04/02/2020 in-fact

\*\* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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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

- 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/Leon J. Holschbach Signature

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