

Spitler Michael C
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Spitler Michael C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC [FMBI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/15/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Bank EVP, Chief Credit Officer

ITASCA, IL 60143

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	03/15/2018		F	373 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 25.97	D	D
Common Stock	03/15/2018		A	3,141 ⁽²⁾	\$ 0	D	D
Common Stock	03/15/2018		F	465 ⁽³⁾	\$ 25.97	D	D

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Spitler Michael C ONE PIERCE PLACE SUITE 1500 ITASCA, IL 60143			Bank EVP, Chief Credit Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Andrea L. Stangl, Attorney-in-fact for Michael C. Spitler 03/19/2018

**Signature of Reporting 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).

On February 19, 2014, the Issuer granted the Reporting Person a performance shares award under the Amended and Restated First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan, subject to a three year (2014-2016) performance period, as to which 2,521 performance shares were earned on March 15, 2017. The earned performance shares were scheduled to vest in three equal annual installments on the date earned and the first and second anniversary thereof. On March 15, 2018, the second installment of 840 of the originally earned performance shares vested and were paid in shares of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Common Stock, of which 373 shares were surrendered by the Reporting Person to satisfy tax withholding obligations. This form is being filed to reflect the surrender of such shares to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation.

(1) Represents performance shares earned by the Reporting Person on March 15, 2018. The performance shares were granted by the Issuer to the Reporting Person under the Amended and Restated First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan on February 18, 2015, subject to a three year (2015-2017) performance period. Of the performance shares earned, 1,047 vested immediately and were paid in shares of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Common Stock. The remaining 2,094 earned performance shares represent the right to receive shares of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Common Stock upon satisfaction of a service-based vesting requirement and are scheduled to vest in two equal annual installments on March 15, 2019 and March 15, 2020.

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- (3) Reflects the surrender of 465 shares of First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Common Stock to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation in connection with the vesting of the first tranche of the earned performance shares described in note 2.
- (4) 17,725 of these shares are restricted stock units / performance shares.

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