

Great Western Bancorp, Inc.

Form 4

October 20, 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. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Karels Kenneth James

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O GREAT WESTERN  
BANCORP, INC., 100 NORTH  
PHILLIPS AVENUE

(Street)

SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

Great Western Bancorp, Inc. [GWB]

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

10/20/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)             | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                                   |                                         |                                                             |                          | (A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>Price                                                  |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      |                                         |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$0.01<br>per share | 10/20/2015                              |                                                             | M                        | 6,203 A \$ 0                                                               | 56,203                                                                                                             | 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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |    |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                                       | (A)                                                      | (D) | Date Exercisable                                              | Expiration Date | Title                                                       | Amount or Number of Shares |    |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (1)                                                    | 10/20/2015                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                                         | 6,203                                                    |     | (2)                                                           | (2)             | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share                    | 6,203                      | \$ |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                                | Relationships                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                                               | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Karels Kenneth James<br>C/O GREAT WESTERN BANCORP, INC.<br>100 NORTH PHILLIPS AVENUE<br>SIOUX FALLS, SD 57104 | President and CEO                |

## Signatures

Donald Straka, as attorney-in-fact for Kenneth James Karels  
 10/20/2015  
 \*\*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).
- (1) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Great Western Bancorp, Inc.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest in three annual equal installments beginning on October 20, 2015. The restricted stock units have no expiration date.

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