

GREAT SOUTHERN BANCORP INC  
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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 \*  
 COPELAND REX A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 GREAT SOUTHERN BANCORP INC [GSBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 4901 S. BOTHWELL  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/29/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Treasurer / Senior Vice Pres of Subsidiary

SPRINGFIELD, MO 65804

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |   |             |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-------|---|-------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                                      |       |   |             |
| Common stock                    | 08/29/2008                           |  | P                              |   | 230   | A  | \$ 10.37                                   | 6,270 | D |             |
| Common stock                    | 08/29/2008                           |  | P                              |   | 100   | A  | \$ 10.362                                  | 6,370 | D |             |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |  | 2,131 | I | 401(k) Plan |

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. 3) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option to purchase                         | \$ 9.0783  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(1)</u>   | 03/15/2010  | Common stock                               | 5,000                      |
| Option to purchase                         | \$ 7.922   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(2)</u>   | 09/20/2010  | Common stock                               | 3,120                      |
| Option to purchase                         | \$ 12.8975   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(3)</u>   | 09/24/2011  | Common stock                               | 6,000                      |
| Option to purchase                         | \$ 18.1875   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(4)</u>   | 09/18/2012  | Common stock                               | 6,000                      |
| Option to purchase                         | \$ 20.12   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(5)</u>   | 09/25/2013  | Common stock                               | 7,000                      |
| Option to purchase                         | \$ 32.07   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(6)</u>   | 09/22/2014  | Common stock                               | 5,250                      |
| Option to purchase                         | \$ 30.34   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(7)</u>   | 09/20/2015  | Common stock                               | 5,250                      |
| Option to purchase                         | \$ 30.66   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(8)</u>   | 10/18/2016  | Common stock                               | 4,200                      |
| Option to purchase                         | \$ 25.48   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(9)</u>   | 10/17/2017  | Common stock                               | 4,200                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |           |                                |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer   | Other                          |
| COPELAND REX A<br>4901 S. BOTHWELL<br>SPRINGFIELD, MO 65804 |               |           | Treasurer | Senior Vice Pres of Subsidiary |

## Signatures

Matt Snyder, Attorney-in-fact for Rex A.  
Copeland

09/02/2008

\_\_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) 2,500 Shares vest on 3/15/2004 and 3/15/2005

(2) 1,040 shares vest on 9/20/2003, 9/20/2004 and 9/20/2005

(3) 1,500 shares vest on 9/24/2003, 9/24/2004, 9/24/2005 and 9/24/2006

(4) 1,500 shares vest on 9/18/2004, 9/18/2005, 9/18/2006 and 9/18/2007

(5) 1,750 shares vest on 9/25/2005, 9/25/2006, 9/25/2007 and 9/25/2008

(6) 891 shares vest on 12/31/2005, 566 shares vest on 9/22/2006, 1,169 shares vest on 9/22/2007 and 1,312 shares vest on 9/22/2008 & 9/22/2009

(7) 1,878 shares vest on 12/31/2005, 748 shares vest on 9/20/2008, 1,312 shares vest on 9/20/2009 & 9/20/2010

(8) 1,050 shares vest on 10/18/2008, 10/18/2009, 10/18/2010 and 10/18/2011

(9) 1,050 shares vest on 10/17/2009, 10/17/2010, 10/17/2011 and 10/17/2012

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