

Thomason Linton J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Thomason Linton J

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)  
1412 FOUR WINDS DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/27/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President of Subsidiary

NIXA, MO 65714

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 6,567   | D  |   |
| Common stock                    | 01/27/2012                           |  | M                              | 1,000 A \$ 20.4055  | 1,000   | I  | Spouse  |
| Common stock                    | 01/27/2012                           |  | M                              | 400 A \$ 8.36   | 1,400   | I  | Spouse  |
| Common stock                    | 01/27/2012                           |  | M                              | 200 A \$ 21.44  | 1,600   | I  | Spouse  |
| Common stock                    | 01/27/2012                           |  | S                              | 1,000 D \$ 24.587   | 600   | I  | Spouse  |

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|              |            |   |     |   |            |       |   |                      |
|--------------|------------|---|-----|---|------------|-------|---|----------------------|
| Common stock | 01/27/2012 | S | 600 | D | \$ 24.5871 | 0     | I | Spouse               |
| Common stock |            |   |     |   |            | 1,229 | I | Spouse's 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. F...      |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option to purchase                         | \$ 18.1875   |                                      |  |                                |   | (1)  | 09/18/2012  | Common stock | 2,500                      |
| Option to purchase                         | \$ 20.12   |                                      |  |                                |   | (2)  | 09/25/2013  | Common stock | 3,000                      |
| Option to purchase                         | \$ 32.07   |                                      |  |                                |   | (3)  | 09/22/2014  | Common stock | 2,250                      |
| Option to purchase                         | \$ 30.34   |                                      |  |                                |   | (4)  | 09/20/2015  | Common stock | 2,250                      |
| Option to purchase                         | \$ 30.66   |                                      |  |                                |   | (5)  | 10/18/2016  | Common stock | 1,800                      |
| Option to purchase                         | \$ 25.48   |                                      |  |                                |   | (6)  | 10/17/2017  | Common stock | 1,900                      |
| Option to purchase                         | \$ 8.36  |                                      |  |                                |   | (7)  | 11/19/2018  | Common stock | 1,900                      |
| Option to purchase                         | \$ 21.44   |                                      |  |                                |   | (8)  | 12/09/2019  | Common stock | 1,900                      |
| Option to purchase                         | \$ 22.08   |                                      |  |                                |   | (9)  | 11/17/2020  | Common stock | 2,000                      |

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| purchase           |            |            |   |     |            |            |              | stock |    |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---|-----|------------|------------|--------------|-------|----|
| Option to purchase | \$ 19.53   |            |   |     | (10)       | 11/16/2021 | Common stock | 2,000 |    |
| Option to purchase | \$ 20.4055 | 01/27/2012 | M | 250 | 10/20/2005 | 10/20/2013 | Common stock | 250   | 20 |
| Option to purchase | \$ 20.4055 | 01/27/2012 | M | 250 | 10/20/2006 | 10/20/2013 | Common stock | 250   | 20 |
| Option to purchase | \$ 20.4055 | 01/27/2012 | M | 250 | 10/20/2007 | 10/20/2013 | Common stock | 250   | 20 |
| Option to purchase | \$ 20.4055 | 01/27/2012 | M | 250 | 10/20/2008 | 10/20/2013 | Common stock | 250   | 20 |
| Option to purchase | \$ 8.36    | 01/27/2012 | M | 200 | 11/19/2010 | 11/19/2018 | Common stock | 200   | \$ |
| Option to purchase | \$ 8.36    | 01/27/2012 | M | 200 | 11/19/2011 | 11/19/2018 | Common stock | 200   | \$ |
| Option to purchase | \$ 21.44   | 01/27/2012 | M | 200 | 12/09/2011 | 12/09/2019 | Common stock | 200   | \$ |
| Option to purchase | \$ 32.07   |            |   |     | (11)       | 09/22/2014 | Common stock | 600   |    |
| Option to purchase | \$ 30.34   |            |   |     | (12)       | 09/20/2015 | Common stock | 1,000 |    |
| Option to purchase | \$ 30.66   |            |   |     | (13)       | 10/18/2016 | Common stock | 800   |    |
| Option to purchase | \$ 25.48   |            |   |     | (14)       | 10/17/2017 | Common stock | 800   |    |
| Option to purchase | \$ 8.36    |            |   |     | (15)       | 11/19/2018 | Common stock | 400   |    |
| Option to purchase | \$ 21.44   |            |   |     | (16)       | 12/09/2019 | Common stock | 600   |    |
| Option to purchase | \$ 22.08   |            |   |     | (17)       | 11/17/2020 | Common stock | 500   |    |
| Option to purchase | \$ 19.53   |            |   |     | (18)       | 11/16/2021 | Common stock | 500   |    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| Thomason Linton J<br>1412 FOUR WINDS DRIVE<br>NIXA, MO 65714 |               |           | Vice President of Subsidiary |       |

## Signatures

Matt Snyder, Attorney-in-fact for Linton J.  
Thomason

01/31/2012

\_\_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) 625 shares vest on 9/18/2004, 9/18/2005, 9/18/2006 and 9/18/2007
- (2) 750 shares vest on 9/25/2005, 9/25/2006, 9/25/2007 and 9/25/2008
- (3) 1,918 shares vest on 12/31/2005 and 332 shares vest on 9/22/2009
- (4) 563 shares vest on 9/20/2007 & 9/20/2008 and 562 shares vest on 9/20/2009 & 9/20/2010
- (5) 450 shares vest on 10/18/2008, 10/18/2009, 10/18/2010 and 10/18/2011
- (6) 475 shares vest on 10/17/2009, 10/17/2010, 10/17/2011 and 10/17/2012
- (7) 475 shares vest on 11/19/2010, 11/19/2011, 11/19/2012 and 11/19/2013
- (8) 475 shares vest on 12/9/2011, 12/9/2012, 12/9/2013 and 12/9/2014
- (9) 500 shares vest on 11/17/2012, 11/17/2013, 11/17/2014 and 11/17/2015
- (10) 500 shares vest on 11/16/2013, 11/16/2014, 11/16/2015 and 11/16/2016
- (11) 600 shares vest on 12/31/2005
- (12) 1,000 shares vest on 12/31/2005
- (13) 200 shares vest on 10/18/2008, 10/18/2009, 10/18/2010 and 10/18/2011
- (14) 200 shares vest on 10/17/2009, 10/17/2010, 10/17/2011 and 10/17/2012
- (15) 200 shares vest on 11/19/2012 and 11/19/2013
- (16) 200 shares vest on 12/9/2012, 12/9/2013 and 12/9/2014
- (17) 125 shares vest on 11/17/2012, 11/17/2013, 11/17/2014 and 11/17/2015
- (18) 125 shares vest on 11/16/2013, 11/16/2014, 11/16/2015 and 11/16/2016

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