Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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|   |  |  |  |   | or Se   | ction 3  | (h) of the In | vestme   | nt Cor  | npany Act of  | 1940   |   |  |              |                  |            |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|--|---------------|--|---|---|--|---|--|--------------|------------------|------------|
| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Valles Noe G        |  |  |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTH PLAINS FINANCIAL, INC. [ SPFI ] |   |  |               |  |   | (Ch   | neck all app   | ntionship of Reporting Per<br>all applicable)<br>Director |  | Owner        |                  |            |
| (Last) 5219 CI  | (Last) (First) (Middle) 5219 CITY BANK PARKWAY                                     |  |  |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/06/2024 |  |               |  |   |   |  | Offic<br>belov  | er (give title<br>v)                     | Othe<br>belo | r (specify<br>v) |            |
|   |  |  |  |   | 4. If A   | mendi  | ment, Date of | f Origina  | l Filed   | d (Month/Day  | /Year)   | 6. I<br>Lin   |  | r Joint/Grou | p Filing (Checl  | Applicable |
| (Street)  |  |  |  |   |   |  |               |  |   |   |  | - 1   | ,  | filed by On  | e Reporting Pe   | erson      |
| LUBBO   | LUBBOCK TX 79407-3544  |  |  |   |   |  |               |  |   |   |  | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person              |  |              |                  |            |
| (City)  | (St  | ate) (Z  | Zip)   |   | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication                       |  |               |  |   |   |  |   |  |              |                  |            |
|   |  | Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. |  |   |   |  |               |  |   |   |  |   |  |              |                  |            |
|   |  | Table  | I - Noi  | n-Deriva  | tive S  | ecur   | rities Acq    | uired,   | Dis   | posed of,   | or Ben   | eficia  | ally Own                                 | ed           |                  |            |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Date |  |  |  | Execution Date,   |   | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (ADIsposed Of (D) (Instr. 3DIsposed Of (D |               |  | , 4 and Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Follo |   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)                      | Ownership   |  |              |                  |            |
|   |  |  |  |   |   |  | Code          | v  | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D)                                       | Price  | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)            |  |              | (Instr. 4)       |            |
| Common Stock 02/06/2  |  |  |  |   | 2024  |  |               | P  |   | 30,000(1)   | A  | \$27  | 7 19:                                    | 5,512(2)     | D                |            |
|   |  | Tal  |  |   |   |  |               |  |   | osed of, o  |  |   |  | d            |                  |            |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | /e   Conversion   Date   Execution Date,   or Exercise   (Month/Day/Year)   if any |  | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed |   | Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)                         |  |               | 7. Title an<br>Amount o<br>Securities<br>Underlyin<br>Derivative<br>Security (<br>3 and 4) | f<br>s<br>g                                       | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficiall<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | Ownersh<br>Form:  | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>ct (Instr. 4) |              |                  |            |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Shares acquired from Curtis C. Griffith, a director and executive officer of the Issuer, in a private transaction.
- 2. Includes restricted stock units that may be settled only by delivery of an equal number of shares of common stock and which are subject to vesting and forfeiture conditions.

of (D) (Instr. 3, 4

Date

Exercisable

Expiration Date

Title

and 5)

(A) (D)

> /s/ By Mikella D. Newsom as Attorney-in-Fact for Noe G. 02/08/2024 **Valles**

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 4)

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Amount or Number

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).

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