

GREAT SOUTHERN BANCORP INC  
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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)  
 08/13/2008

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

NIXA, MO 65714  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common stock	08/13/2008		P	500 A \$ 11.2	6,317	D	
Common stock					436	I	Spouse's 401(k)

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	\$ 12					<u>(1)</u>	10/21/2008	Common stock	374
Option to purchase	\$ 10.75					<u>(2)</u>	10/20/2009	Common stock	498
Option to purchase	\$ 7.922					<u>(3)</u>	09/20/2010	Common stock	500
Option to purchase	\$ 12.8975					<u>(4)</u>	09/24/2011	Common stock	2,500
Option to purchase	\$ 18.1875					<u>(5)</u>	09/18/2012	Common stock	2,500
Option to purchase	\$ 20.12					<u>(6)</u>	09/25/2013	Common stock	3,000
Option to purchase	\$ 32.07					<u>(7)</u>	09/22/2014	Common stock	2,250
Option to purchase	\$ 30.34					<u>(8)</u>	09/20/2015	Common stock	2,250
Option to purchase	\$ 30.66					<u>(9)</u>	10/18/2016	Common stock	1,800
Option to purchase	\$ 25.48					<u>(10)</u>	10/17/2017	Common stock	1,900
Option to purchase	\$ 20.4055					<u>(11)</u>	10/20/2013	Common stock	1,000
Option to purchase	\$ 32.07					<u>(12)</u>	09/22/2014	Common stock	600
Option to purchase	\$ 30.34					<u>(13)</u>	09/20/2015	Common stock	1,000
Option to purchase	\$ 30.66					<u>(14)</u>	10/18/2016	Common stock	800

Option to purchase \$ 25.48 (15) 10/17/2017 Common stock 800

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Matt Snyder, Attorney-in-fact for Linton J. Thomason	08/15/2008
__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) 374 shares vest on 10/21/2003
- (2) 123 shares vest on 10/20/2003 and 375 shares vest on 10/20/2004
- (3) 500 shares vest on 9/20/2005
- (4) 625 shares vest on 9/24/2003, 9/24/2004, 9/24/2005 and 9/24/2006
- (5) 625 shares vest on 9/18/2004, 9/18/2005, 9/18/2006 and 9/18/2007
- (6) 750 shares vest on 9/25/2005, 9/25/2006, 9/25/2007 and 9/25/2008
- (7) 1,918 shares vest on 12/31/2005 and 332 shares vest on 9/22/2009
- (8) 563 shares vest on 9/20/2007 & 9/20/2008 and 562 shares vest on 9/20/2009 & 9/20/2010
- (9) 450 shares vest on 10/18/2008, 10/18/2009, 10/18/2010 and 10/18/2011
- (10) 475 shares vest on 10/17/2009, 10/17/2010, 10/17/2011 and 10/17/2012
- (11) 250 shares vest on 10/20/2005, 10/20/2006, 10/20/2007 and 10/20/2008
- (12) 600 shares vest on 12/31/2005
- (13) 1,000 shares vest on 12/31/2005
- (14) 200 shares vest on 10/18/2008, 10/18/2009, 10/18/2010 and 10/18/2011
- (15) 200 shares vest on 10/17/2009, 10/17/2010, 10/17/2011 and 10/17/2012

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