

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC
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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 *
 ROWLAND WILLIAM S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC [FMBH.OB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 # 1 PRAIRIE SUN LANE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/11/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Pres & Chief Executive Officer

MATTOON, IL 61938

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,428.447 | I | By 401K |
| Common Stock | | | | | 16,425.685 | I | By IRA |
| Common Stock | | | | | 635.18 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/11/2005 | | P | 0.016 A | \$ 41 4,037.626 | I | By Deferred Comp |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option | \$ 10.45 | | | | | 10/21/1998 ⁽¹⁾ 10/21/2007 | Common Stock | 9,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 14.99 | | | | | 10/01/1999 ⁽²⁾ 01/12/2008 | Common Stock | 4,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 15.56 | | | | | 01/01/2000 ⁽³⁾ 12/22/2008 | Common Stock | 4,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 15.33 | | | | | 01/01/2001 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/13/2009 | Common Stock | 12,375 |
| Stock Option | \$ 12.56 | | | | | 01/01/2002 ⁽⁵⁾ 12/18/2010 | Common Stock | 5,625 |
| Stock Option | \$ 16 | | | | | 01/01/2003 ⁽⁶⁾ 12/18/2011 | Common Stock | 13,500 |
| Stock Option | \$ 18.17 | | | | | 01/01/2004 ⁽⁷⁾ 12/16/2012 | Common Stock | 12,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 31 | | | | | 01/01/2005 ⁽⁸⁾ 12/16/2013 | Common Stock | 12,000 |
| Stock Option | \$ 41 | | | | | 01/01/2006 ⁽⁹⁾ 12/14/2014 | Common Stock | 12,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Pres & Chief Executive Officer

ROWLAND WILLIAM S
1 PRAIRIE SUN LANE
MATTOON, IL 61938

Signatures

Michael L. Taylor, pursuant to a Power of Attorney filed on
12/19/2002.

03/14/2005

__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) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 10/21/1998.
- (2) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 01/01/1999.
- (3) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 01/01/2000.
- (4) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 01/01/2001.
- (5) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 01/01/2002.
- (6) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 01/01/2003.
- (7) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 01/01/2004.
- (8) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 01/01/2005.
- (9) Options become exercisable in 4 equal annual installments beginning on 01/01/2006.

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