FORM 4

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purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Hamo and Hadrood of Hoporang Forcest | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Finward Bancorp [FNWD] | | ionship of Reporting Person(s) all applicable) Director | to Issuer | |
|---|---------|-------|--|-----------|---|-----------------------|--|
| I | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2024 | X | Officer (give title below) Executive Vice Pres | Other (specify below) | |
| (Street) MUNSTER | IN | 46321 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indivi | dual or Joint/Group Filing (Che Form filed by One Reporting Form filed by More than One | 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) | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|--|---------------|---------|--|---|-------------------------|
| | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| FNWD | 08/01/2024 | A | | 48.222 | A | \$28.32 | 7,859 | D | |
| FNWD | | | | | | | 11,170 | I | Profit Sharing |

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 | 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | Ownership Form: Direct (D) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|------|--|-----|---|--|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Timothy Artus

08/07/2024

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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