

Nelson Michael W
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Nelson Michael W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WAUSAU PAPER CORP. [WPP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 7203 GOLDENROD CIRCLE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/15/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
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WAUSAU, WI 54401
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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
No Par Value Common Stock	02/15/2012		J ⁽¹⁾	V	38.1552	A	\$ 9.41
					12,118.4339	D	

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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Performance Rights	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	02/15/2012		A	V	8.5673		01/03/2013 ⁽³⁾	01/03/2013 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock
Performance Rights	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	02/29/2012		A ⁽⁴⁾		969.7239		01/03/2013 ⁽³⁾	01/03/2013 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock
Performance Rights	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	02/15/2012		A	V	18.6766		01/03/2014 ⁽⁵⁾	01/03/2014 ⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock
Performance Rights	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	02/29/2012		A ⁽⁶⁾		2,571.3086		03/15/2013 ⁽⁷⁾	03/15/2013 ⁽⁷⁾	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nelson Michael W 7203 GOLDENROD CIRCLE WAUSAU, WI 54401			SVP - Paper	

Signatures

Sherri L. Lemmer,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/02/2012

 **Signature of Reporting Person

 Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Acquired under Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

(2) Converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

(3) Rights vest if employment continues until January 3, 2013.

(4) Performance conditions satisfied on February 29, 2012; rights vest if employment continues until January 3, 2013. Includes accrued dividend equivalent shares to February 29, 2012.

(5) Rights vest if employment continues until January 3, 2014.

(6) Performance conditions satisfied on February 29, 2012; rights vest if employment continues until March 15, 2013. Includes accrued dividend equivalent shares to February 29, 2012.

(7) Rights vest if employment continues until March 15, 2013.

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