

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7203 GOLDENROD CIRCLE

(Street)

WAUSAU, WI 54401

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/03/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	01/04/2012		A		3,235	A	\$ 0 (1)
					12,080.2787	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3)
Performance Rights	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	01/04/2012		D	5,251.9971	08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾ 08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock
Performance Rights	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	01/03/2012		A	5,852	01/03/2014 ⁽³⁾ 01/03/2014 ⁽³⁾	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
 Date: 01/05/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Settlement of performance rights upon vesting.
- (2) Performance rights settled in common stock and cash upon vesting on January 4, 2012. Number of rights settled in common stock are reported in Table I.
- (3) Rights vest if employment continues until January 3, 2014.

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