Nelson Michael W Form 4 March 02, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Nelson Michael W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

WAUSAU PAPER CORP. [WPP]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2012

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

below)

7203 GOLDENROD CIRCLE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Code V

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

WAUSAU, WI 54401

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Direct Beneficial Ownership (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price

No Par

Value Common

Stock

02/15/2012

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12,118.4339

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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	*		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title a Underly (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)	Comm
Performance Rights	\$ 0 (2)	02/29/2012		A(4)		969.7239		01/03/2013(3)	01/03/2013(3)	Comm
Performance Rights	\$ 0 (2)	02/15/2012		A	V	18.6766		01/03/2014(5)	01/03/2014(5)	Comm
Performance Rights	\$ 0 (2)	02/29/2012		A(6)		2,571.3086		03/15/2013(7)	03/15/2013(7)	Comm

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Nelson Michael W						
7203 GOLDENROD CIRCLE			SVP - Paper			
WAUSAU, WI 54401						

Signatures

Sherri L. Lemmer, Attorney-in-Fact 03/02/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Da

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) 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 satisified 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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