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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement GREAT SOUTHERN BANCORP INC [GSBC] Thomason Linton J (Month/Day/Year) 08/16/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1412 FOUR WINDS DRIVE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Officer _X_ Other Person NIXA, MOÂ 65714 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Vice President of Subsidiary Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common stock 4,065 Common stock 215 I Spouse's 401(k) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership	
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)	
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative		
			Derivative	Security:		

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option to purchase	(1)	10/21/2008	Common stock	374	\$ 12	D	Â
Option to purchase	(2)	10/20/2009	Common stock	498	\$ 10.75	D	Â
Option to purchase	(3)	09/20/2010	Common stock	500	\$ 7.922	D	Â
Option to purchase	(4)	09/24/2011	Common stock	2,500	\$ 12.8975	D	Â
Option to purchase	(5)	09/18/2012	Common stock	2,500	\$ 18.1875	D	Â
Option to purchase	(6)	09/25/2013	Common stock	3,000	\$ 20.12	D	Â
Option to purchase	(7)	09/22/2014	Common stock	2,250	\$ 32.07	D	Â
Option to purchase	(8)	09/20/2015	Common stock	2,250	\$ 30.34	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Thomason Linton J 1412 FOUR WINDS DRIVE NIXA, MO 65714	Â	Â	Â	Vice President of Subsidiary	

Signatures

Matt Snyder, Attorney-in-fact for Linton J. Thomason

09/29/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) 374 shares vest on 10/21/2003
- (2) 123 shares vest on 10/20/2003 and 375 vest on 10/20/2004
- (3) 500 shares vest on 9/20/2005
- (4) 625 vest on 9/24/2003, 9/24/2004, 9/24/2005 and 9/24/2006
- (5) 625 shares vest on 9/18/2004, 9/18/2005, 9/18/2006 and 9/18/2007
- (6) 750 shares vest on 9/25/2005, 9/25/2006, 9/25/2007 and 9/25/2008

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- (7) 1,918 shares vest on 12/31/2005 and 332 shares vest on 9/22/2009
- (8) 563 shares vest on 9/20/2007 & 9/20/2008 and 562 shares vest on 9/20/2009 & 9/20/2010

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