

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Hanson Eric A</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O LIFEWAY FOODS, INC.</u> <u>6431 OAKTON STREET</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>MORTON IL 60053</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Lifeway Foods, Inc. [ LWAY ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) X CFO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>06/16/2023</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, no par value								50,700 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

**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 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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	06/16/2023		A		7,170		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	7,170	\$0	7,170	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(3)							(3)	(3)	Common Stock	7,466		7,466	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Includes a time-based restricted stock award of which 6,319 will vest on April 20, 2024, contingent on the Reporting Person's continued service on the vesting date.
- Each restricted stock unit has a value equal to one share of common stock. Of such restricted stock units, 2,390 will vest on June 16, 2024, 2,390 will vest on June 16, 2025 and 2,390 will vest on June 16, 2026, contingent on the Reporting Person's continued service on each applicable vesting date.
- Each restricted stock unit has a value equal to one share of common stock. Of such restricted stock units, 2,489 will vest on August 31, 2023, 2,489 will vest on August 31, 2024 and 2,488 will vest on August 31, 2025, contingent on the Reporting Person's continued service on each applicable vesting date.

/s/ Eric Hanson

08/22/2023

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

\* 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).

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