AMERUS GROUP CO/IA

Form 4

February 24, 2006

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

AMERUS GROUP CO/IA [AMH]

Symbol

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

BROOKS ROGER K

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

		A	(Check all ap			heck all applica	icable)				
(Last) 699 WALN	(First) (I	(M	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/22/2006			X Director Officer (g below)	ive title 10% Owner Other (specification)				
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DES MOINES, IA 50309							Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip) 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 Da any (Month/Day/	Pate, if Transa Code		4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	02/22/2006	02/22/2006	6 S		16,300	D	<u>(1)</u>	29,900	D		
Common Stock	02/23/2006	02/23/2006	6 S		18,800	D	<u>(2)</u>	11,100	D		
Common Stock	02/24/2006	02/24/2006	6 S		10,900	D	<u>(3)</u>	200	D		
Common Stock								46,263.69	I	Roger K Brooks Revocable Trust	
Common								7,089.287	I	By 401(k)	

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Stock			Plan
Common Stock	9,000	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	15,000	I	RKB Partnership, L.P.

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo
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					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
					¬, and 3)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration	Title	or Number		
						Exercisable	Date	Title	of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BROOKS ROGER K 699 WALNUT STREET DES MOINES, IA 50309	X							

Signatures

/s/ Jeananne M. Celander, attorney-in-fact for Mr. 02/24/2006 Brooks

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- 600 at \$61.95 1500 at \$61.96 700 at \$61.97 900 at \$61.98 800 at \$61.99 2600 at \$62.00 400 at \$62.01 1600 at \$62.02 2500 at \$62.03
- (1) 2300 at \$62.04 500 at \$62.05 100 at \$62.07 200 at \$62.08 100 at \$62.09 100 at \$62.10 800 at \$62.12 100 at \$62.13 100 at \$62.14 300 at \$62.16 100 at 62.17
- (2) 2600 at \$61.76 1900 at \$61.77 2100 at \$61.78 3200 at \$61.79 1900 at \$61.80 2900 at \$61.81 800 at \$61.82 200 at \$61.83 100 at \$61.84 100 at \$61.85 100 at \$61.86 300 at \$61.88 100 at \$61.89 100 at \$61.90 1100 at \$61.91 1300 at \$61.92
- (3) 1,500 at 61.25 2,200 at 61.26 100 at 61.30 400 at 61.31 400 at 61.32 1,200 at 61.33 2,900 at 61.50 700 at 61.51 600 at 61.60 200 at 61.66 300 at 61.67 200 at 61.69 200 at 61.70

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