

AMERUS GROUP CO/IA  
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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 \*  
**BROOKS ROGER K**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
699 WALNUT STREET  
(Street)

DES MOINES, IA 50309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AMERUS GROUP CO/IA [AMH]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/13/2006

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/13/2006	01/13/2006	M		23,669.46	A	Ⓛ	50,134.15	I	Roger K Brooks Revocable Trust
Common Stock	01/13/2006	01/13/2006	F		8,089.69	D	\$ 56.6	42,044.46	I	Roger K Brooks Revocable Trust
Common Stock	01/13/2006	01/13/2006	D		0.77	D	\$ 56.6	42,043.69	I	Roger K Brooks Revocable Trust

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Common Stock	02/13/2006	02/13/2006	M	7,334	A	\$ 0	49,377.69	I	Roger K Brooks Revocable Trust
Common Stock	02/13/2006	02/13/2006	F	3,114	D	\$ 60.28	46,263.69	I	Roger K Brooks Revocable Trust
Common Stock							7,089.287	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock							9,000	I	By Spouse
Common Stock							15,000	I	RKB Partnership, L.P. <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock							46,200	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 and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount
Performance Rights <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 25.68	01/13/2006	01/13/2006	M	3,894.08	<sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock 3,894.08
Performance Rights <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 37.16	01/13/2006	01/13/2006	M	6,862.22	<sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock 6,862.22
Performance Rights <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 39.08	01/13/2006	01/13/2006	M	4,350.05	<sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock 4,350.05



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