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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Powers John Joseph</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>100 WEST UNIVERSITY AVENUE<br><br>(Street)<br>CHAMPAIGN IL 61820<br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>FIRST BUSEY CORP /NV/ [ BUSE ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>EVP &amp; General Counsel</u> |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>12/31/2021</u>                |  |
|  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                             |  |

**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                    | 01/28/2022                           |  | A                              |   | 464 <sup>(1)</sup>  | A          | \$0   | 55,675  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2021                           |  | P                              |   | 549 <sup>(2)</sup>  | A          | \$0   | 11,139  | I  | Employee Stock Purchase Plan                          |
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2021                           |  | A                              |   | 668 <sup>(3)</sup>  | A          | \$0   | 19,193  | I  | 401(K) & P/S Plan                                     |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |       | 19,700  | I  | Joint With Spouse                                     |

**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) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V |  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Represents dividend equivalent rights accrued on Restricted Stock Units in conjunction with the payment of a cash dividend on First Busey Corporation Stock. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one share of First Busey Corporation Stock.
2. Represents the purchase of 454 shares and 95 accumulated dividend reinvestment shares through the Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan since the Reporting Person's most recent ownership report.
3. Reflects allocations, contributions and dispositions that have occurred since the Reporting Person's most recent ownership report.

/s/ Mary Lakey, attorney-in-fact      02/01/2022

\*\* 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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