

AMERUS GROUP CO/IA  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
05/04/2006

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)  
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 05/04/2006                           | 05/04/2006                                         | S                              | 6,800 D <u>(1)</u>                                                | 39,463.69                                                                                     | I                                                        | Roger K Brooks Revocable Trust                        |
| Common Stock                    | 05/05/2006                           | 05/05/2006                                         | S                              | 8,200 D <u>(2)</u>                                                | 31,263.69                                                                                     | I                                                        | Roger K Brooks Revocable Trust                        |
| Common Stock                    | 05/08/2006                           | 05/08/2006                                         | S                              | 11,192 D <u>(3)</u>                                               | 20,071.69                                                                                     | I                                                        | Roger K Brooks Revocable Trust                        |

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|--------------|-----------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 7,159,177 | I | By 401(k) Plan                       |
| Common Stock | 9,000     | I | By Spouse                            |
| Common Stock | 5,000     | I | RKB Partnership, L.P. <sup>(4)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                         |
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | Code                                                     | V                                                             | (A)                                        | (D)                                                |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                             | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BROOKS ROGER K<br>699 WALNUT STREET<br>DES MOINES, IA 50309 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jeananne M. Celander, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Brooks 05/08/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) 500 shares at \$59.66 100 shares at \$59.67 500 shares at \$59.88 300 shares at \$59.89 800 shares at \$59.90 900 shares at \$59.91 2000 shares at \$59.92 700 shares at \$59.93 1000 shares at \$59.94

(2) 1200 shares at \$59.73 1700 shares at \$59.78 200 shares at \$59.79 5000 shares at \$59.80 100 shares at \$59.88

(3) 1000 shares at \$60.75 5192 shares at \$60.78 5000 shares at \$60.80

(4) The reportee is a General Partner of RKB Partnership, L.P. and disclaims beneficial ownership.

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