

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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### ISSUER

#### FIRST MUTUAL BANCSHARES INC

CIK: **1098337** | IRS No.: **912005970** | State of Incorporation: **WA** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**  
SIC: **6022** State commercial banks

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Business Address  
*400 108TH AVENUE N E*  
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### REPORTING OWNER

#### ROWLEY GEORGE W JR

CIK: **1226156**  
Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **000-28261** | Film No.: **05789305**

Mailing Address  
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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <b>ROWLEY GEORGE W JR</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>FIRST MUTUAL BANCSHARES INC</b> <b>[FMSB]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>04/28/2005</b>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
C/O FIRST MUTUAL BANCSHARES INC., 400 108TH AVENUE, N.E.			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) <b>BELLEVUE, WA 98004</b>								
(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 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								122,717	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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$12.3967							04/26/2004	04/26/2008	Common Stock	0	9,171	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$25.45	04/28/2005		A		2,000		(1)	04/28/2011	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 0	2,000	D

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Options become exercisable in 50% increments on 04/28/2006 and 04/28/2007.

**Signatures**

Janine Berryman, as Attorney-in-Fact pursuant to a Power of Attorney filed herewith.

05/02/2005

\*\* 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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, George W. Rowley, Jr. , as principal hereby constitute and appoint Janine Berryman, James R. Boudreau and Kari A. Stenslie, and each of them individually, as my true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on my behalf, in my capacity as an officer and/or director of FIRST MUTUAL BANCSHARES, INC. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder.
- (2) do and perform any and all acts, for and on my behalf, which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, me, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on my behalf pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

I hereby grant to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. I acknowledge that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at my request, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of my responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until I am no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to my holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by me in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Power of Attorney as of this 28th day of April , 200 5 .

/s/ George W. Rowley, Jr.

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Signature

George W. Rowley, Jr.

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Print Name