

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| <b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b><br><br><b>Adkins Rodney C</b><br><small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small><br><br><b>100 GRAINGER PARKWAY</b><br><small>(Street)</small><br><br><b>LAKE FOREST, IL 60045</b><br><small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small> | <b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b><br><br><b>W.W. GRAINGER, INC. [ GWW ]</b> | <b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b><br>(Check all applicable)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</span><br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</span> |
| <b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b><br><br><p align="center"><b>6/1/2022</b></p>  |  | <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b><br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
| <b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  |  |  |

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. 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                    |                |                                   |                           |   |   |            |       | 400   | D  |   |

### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 |                 | 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 | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |  |  |
| Deferred Stock Units                     | (1)  | 6/1/2022       |                                   | A                         |   | 19   |     | (2)                                     | (2)             | Common Stock  | 19                         | \$487.07                                   | 5190   | D  |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) 1-for-1
- (2) The deferred stock units are expected to settle in shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis following end of service as a director.

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| <b>Adkins Rodney C</b><br><b>100 GRAINGER PARKWAY</b><br><b>LAKE FOREST, IL 60045</b> | X             |           |         |       |

**Signatures**

**Hugo Dubovoy, Jr., as attorney-in-fact** **6/3/2022**

\*\*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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