

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND
EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Plaintiff,

v.

**THE HEARTLAND GROUP,
VENTURES, LLC, *et al.*,**

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 4:21-cv-01310-O

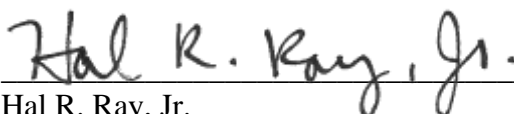
ORDER

Before the Court is the Application to Employ Vicki Palmour Consulting, LLC as Oil and Gas Consultant to Receiver Effective as of January 1, 2022 (“Application”), filed by Deborah D. Williamson, Court-appointed Receiver. ECF No. 98. The Court finds: (i) it has subject matter jurisdiction over the Application; (ii) it has personal jurisdiction over the Receivership Parties; (iii) Vicki Palmour Consulting, LLC (“Palmour”) (a) does not represent or hold any interests adverse to the Receivership Parties or the Estates and (b) is disinterested and not otherwise disqualified from representing the Receiver; (iv) the Receiver’s employment of Palmour under the scope outlined in the Application is in the best interests of the Estates; (v) proper and adequate notice of the Application has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; (vi) the SEC does not oppose the Application; (vii) (a) the Receiver engaged Palmour on January 1, 2022, and (b) the employment of Palmour should be effective as of that date; and (viii) the Receiver has shown good, sufficient, and sound business purpose and justification for the relief requested in the Application, and that, after due deliberation thereon, good and sufficient cause exists for approving the relief requested therein.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that:

1. The Application (ECF No. 98) is **APPROVED**.
2. Pursuant to the Receivership Order, the Receiver is authorized to employ and retain Palmour as oil and gas consultant in accordance with the compensation terms detailed in the Application effective as of January 1, 2022.
3. Palmour is authorized to provide such professional services in this Case and assist the Receiver in relation to the Oil and Gas Accounting Issues outlined in the Application, including, without limitation, any issues ancillary and related thereto.
4. Palmour shall file applications for the approval of compensation of its fees and expenses on an interim and final basis in compliance with the Court's Receivership Order, the local rules of this Court, and such other procedures that may be fixed by an order of this Court.

It is so **ORDERED** on January 19, 2022.



Hal R. Ray, Jr.
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE