

**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-BP**

**ORDER APPROVING RECEIVER’S FEE APPLICATION FOR  
SERVICES PERFORMED BETWEEN JULY 1, 2024  
AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND BRIEF IN SUPPORT**

Before the Court is the Receiver’s Fee Application for Services Performed Between July 1, 2024 and September 30, 2024, and Brief in Support (ECF No. 614) (the “Application”).<sup>1</sup> The Application requests approval and authorization of fees and expenses incurred by Deborah D. Williamson, as Receiver; Dykema Gossett PLLC (“Dykema”); the Law Offices of Romero | Kozub (“Romero”); Law Practice of Darrell R. Jones, PLLC (“Jones”); Vicki Palmour Consulting, LLC (“Palmour”); Ahuja & Clark, PLLC n/k/a Ahuja & Consultants, Inc. (“Ahuja”); and Bankruptcy Management Solutions Inc. d/b/a Stretto (“Stretto”) between July 1, 2024 and September 30, 2024 (the “Application Period”).

The Court held a hearing on November 14, 2024 to consider the Application. After reviewing the Application, the arguments of counsel at the hearing, and the applicable legal authorities, the Court **GRANTS** the Application. Upon consideration of the Application, the Court finds that: (i) it has subject matter jurisdiction over the Application; (ii) it has personal jurisdiction

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<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used in this Order but not otherwise defined shall have the meaning ascribed in the Application.

over the Receivership Parties; (iii) the Receiver, Dykema, Romero, Jones, Palmour, Ahuja, and Stretto have provided reasonable services at reasonable rates that have benefitted the Receivership Estates during the Application Period; (iv) the relief requested in the Application is in the best interests of the Receivership Estates and all parties-in-interest of the Receivership Estates; (v) proper and adequate notice of the Application has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; and (vi) the deadline for filing objections to the Application has expired and no objection to the Application was filed with this Court. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that:

1. The Application is **APPROVED** to the extent set forth in this Order.
2. The Receiver's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$82,215.00.
3. Dykema's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$138,163.95.
4. Romero's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$382.50.
5. Jones's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$2,697.00.
6. Palmour's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$850.00.
7. Ahuja's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$45,214.50.
8. Stretto's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$36,292.25.

9. Dykema's expenses incurred during the Application Period in connection with services rendered on behalf of the Receiver are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$16,951.80.
10. Stretto's expenses incurred during the Application Period in connection with services rendered on behalf of the Receiver are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$3,031.31.
11. The Receiver is hereby authorized to pay all outstanding fee and expense amounts approved in this Order for the Application Period to Dykema (inclusive of the Receiver), Romero, Jones, Palmour, Ahuja, and Stretto from the available funds of the Receivership Estates.

It is so **ORDERED** on November 15, 2024.

  
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Hal R. Ray, Jr.  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE