

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

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	
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v.	§	Civil Action No. 4:21-cv-01310-O
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THE HEARTLAND GROUP, VENTURES, LLC, et al.,	§	
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Defendants.	§	

ORDER

Before the Court is the *Application to Employ Practice of Darrell R. Jones, PLLC as Counsel to Receiver Effective December 23, 2021* (the “Application”), filed by Deborah D. Williamson, Court-appointed Receiver in the Case. ECF No. 22. The Court finds: (i) it has subject matter jurisdiction over the Application; (ii) it has personal jurisdiction over the Receivership Parties; (iii) the Law Practice of Darrell R. Jones, PLLC (“Jones”) (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 Jones 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 no other or further notice is necessary; (vi) no objections to the Application were filed with this Court; (vii) (a) the Receiver engaged Jones on December 2, 2021, and (b) the employment of Jones 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, the following is hereby **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:**

1. The Application is **APPROVED**.
2. Pursuant to the Receivership Order, the Receiver is authorized to employ and retain Jones as oil and gas transactional counsel in accordance with the compensation terms detailed in the Application effective as of December 2, 2021.
 2. Jones is authorized to provide such professional services in this case and assist the Receiver in relation to the Oil & Gas Issues outlined in the Application, including, without limitation, any issues ancillary and related thereto.
 3. Jones shall cause to be filed, through the Receiver, applications for the approval of compensation of his 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 4, 2022.



Hal R. Ray, Jr.
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE