

**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 OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Before the Court are the Receiver’s Fee Application for Services Performed Between October 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024, and Brief in Support (ECF No. 676) (the “Application”) and the Supplemental Response at Request of Court to the Application (ECF No. 692), Second Supplemental Response at Request of Court to the Application (ECF No. 706), and Third Supplemental Response at Request of Court to the Application (the “Supplements”). The Application and Supplements request 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”); Ahuja & Clark, PLLC n/k/a Ahuja & Consultants, Inc. (“Ahuja”); and Bankruptcy Management Solutions Inc. d/b/a Stretto (“Stretto”) between October 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024 (the “Application Period”).

The Court held a hearing on February 27, 2025 to consider the Application and requested the Receiver to review the Application further. Based on that additional review, the Receiver filed the first of the Supplements. After reviewing the Application and the Supplements, the arguments

of counsel at the hearing, and the applicable legal authorities, the Court **GRANTS** the Application, as revised by the Supplements. Upon consideration of the Application and the Supplements, the Court finds that: (i) it has subject matter jurisdiction over the Application and the Supplements; (ii) it has personal jurisdiction over the Receivership Parties; (iii) the Receiver, Dykema, Romero, Jones, 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 and the Supplements 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, as revised by the Supplements, 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 \$77,152.50.
3. Dykema's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$124,936.42.
4. Romero's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$1,870.00.
5. Jones's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$1,430.00.
6. Ahuja's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$81,206.00.

7. Stretto's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$38,496.00.
8. 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 \$7,202.85.
9. Ahuja'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 \$172.93.
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 \$1,061.14.
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, Ahuja, and Stretto from the available funds of the Receivership Estates.

It is so **ORDERED** on March 12, 2025.

  
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Hal R. Ray, Jr.  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE