

**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 JANUARY 1, 2024
AND MARCH 31, 2024 AND BRIEF IN SUPPORT**

Before the Court is the Receiver’s Fee Application for Services Performed Between January 1, 2024 and March 31, 2024, and Brief in Support (ECF No. 540) (the “Application”).¹ 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 January 1, 2024 and March 31, 2024 (the “Application Period”).

The Court held a hearing on June 6, 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 over the

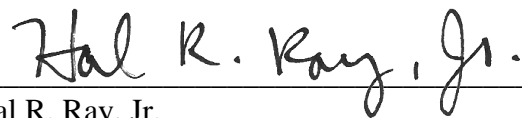
¹ Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meaning ascribed in the Application.

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 thereof; (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 herein
2. The Receiver's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$60,547.50.
3. Dykema's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$127,115.95.
4. Romero's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$850.00.
5. Jones's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$10,985.00.
6. Palmour's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$1,100.00.
7. Ahuja's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$105,705.00.
8. Stretto's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$26,807.25.

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 \$10,546.60.
10. 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 \$155.76.
11. 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 \$121.80.
12. The Receiver is hereby authorized to pay all outstanding fee and expense amounts approved herein 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 June 12, 2024.



Hal R. Ray, Jr.
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE