

**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

Before the Court is the Amended Receiver’s Fee Application for Services Performed Between July 1, 2025 and September 30, 2025, and Brief in Support (ECF No. 797) filed on November 14, 2025. The Application requests approval and authorization of fees and expenses incurred by Deborah D. Williamson, as Receiver; Dykema Gossett PLLC (“Dykema”); Higgs & Johnson (“H&J”); Ahuja & Clark, PLLC n/k/a Ahuja & Consultants, Inc. (“Ahuja”); and Stretto Inc. (“Stretto”) between July 1, 2025 and September 30, 2025 (the “Application Period”).

After reviewing the Application 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 Receivership Parties; (iii) the Receiver, Dykema, Romero, H&J, 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 \$16,470.00.
3. Dykema's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$58,124.40.
4. H&J's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of B\$30,506.25 in addition to the 10% VAT in the amount of B\$3,073.61.
5. Ahuja's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$5,250.50.
6. Stretto's fees incurred during the Application Period are approved on an interim basis and allowed in the amount of \$10,044.00.
7. 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 \$10,415.95.
8. 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 \$10.02.
9. H&J'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 B\$2,436.80.

10. 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), H&J, Ahuja, and Stretto from the available funds of the Receivership Estates.

It is so **ORDERED** on December 3, 2025.


Hal R. Ray, Jr.
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE