# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Honorable Fredrick E. Clement Sacramento Federal Courthouse 501 I Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Courtroom 28, Department A Sacramento, California

DAY: MONDAY

DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2021

CALENDAR: 9:00 A.M. CHAPTER 7 CASES

#### RULINGS

Each matter on this calendar will have one of three possible designations: No Ruling, Tentative Ruling, or Final Ruling.

"No Ruling" means the likely disposition of the matter will not be disclosed in advance of the hearing. The matter will be called; parties wishing to be heard should rise and be heard.

"Tentative Ruling" means the likely disposition, and the reasons therefor, are set forth herein. The matter will be called. Aggrieved parties or parties for whom written opposition was not required should rise and be heard. Parties favored by the tentative ruling need not appear. Non-appearing parties are advised that the court may adopt a ruling other than that set forth herein without further hearing or notice.

"Final Ruling" means that the matter will be resolved in the manner, and for the reasons, indicated below. The matter will not be called; parties and/or counsel need not appear and will not be heard on the matter.

### CHANGES TO PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED RULINGS

On occasion, the court will change its intended ruling on some of the matters to be called and will republish its rulings. The parties and counsel are advised to recheck the posted rulings after 3:00 p.m. on the next business day prior to the hearing. Any such changed ruling will be preceded by the following bold face text: "[Since posting its original rulings, the court has changed its intended ruling on this matter]".

# ERRORS IN RULINGS

Clerical errors of an insignificant nature, e.g. nomenclature ("2017 Honda Accord," rather than "2016 Honda Accord"), amounts, ("\$880," not "\$808"), may be corrected in (1) tentative rulings by appearance at the hearing; or (2) final rulings by appropriate ex parte application. Fed. R. Civ. P. 60(a) incorporated by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9024. All other errors, including those occasioned by mistake, inadvertence, surprise or excusable neglect, must be corrected by noticed motion. Fed. R. Bankr. P. 60(b), incorporated by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9023.

# 1. $\frac{20-23122}{\text{HSM-3}}$ -A-7 IN RE: THE MASTERS OF BEVERAGES, LLC

MOTION TO EMPLOY BACHECKI, CROM & CO., LLP AS ACCOUNTANT(S) AND/OR MOTION FOR COMPENSATION FOR BACHECKI, CROM & CO., LLP, ACCOUNTANT(S) 1-22-2021 [24]

THOMAS WILLOUGHBY/ATTY. FOR DBT. HOWARD NEVINS/ATTY. FOR MV.

# Tentative Ruling

Application: Approval of Employment; Allowance of Compensation and

Expense Reimbursement

Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition required

Disposition: Approved

Order: Prepared by applicant

Unopposed applications are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, incorporated by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. *TeleVideo Sys.*, *Inc. v. Heidenthal*, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

### **EMPLOYMENT**

The court may approve a trustee's employment of "a professional person under section 327 or 1103 of [Title 11] . . . on any reasonable terms and conditions of employment, including on a retainer, on an hourly basis, on a fixed or percentage fee basis, or on a contingent fee basis." 11 U.S.C. § 328(a). Employment under § 328(a) must also meet the requirements of § 327 by the express terms of § 328(a). Section 327(a) authorizes employment of only professional persons who "do not hold or represent an interest adverse to the estate, and that are disinterested persons." 11 U.S.C. § 327(a); see also id. § 101(14) (defining "disinterested person").

From the factual information provided in the motion and supporting papers, the court will approve under § 327 and 328 the employment of Bachecki, Crom & Co, LLP as accountants for the trustee.

# COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

Section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes "reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services" rendered by a trustee, examiner or professional person employed under  $\S$  327 or  $\S$  1103 and "reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses." 11 U.S.C.  $\S$  330(a)(1). Reasonable compensation is determined by considering all relevant factors. See id.  $\S$  330(a)(3).

The court finds that the compensation and expenses sought are reasonable. The court authorizes payment to Bachecki, Crom & Co, LLP in the amount of \$2,800.00 on a final basis.

# 2. $\frac{12-20725}{DNL-5}$ -A-7 IN RE: BILLY/JUDY SMITH

MOTION TO COMPROMISE CONTROVERSY/APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ARCHER ID #AWKAMB11557 1-25-2021 [85]

RONALD HOLLAND/ATTY. FOR DBT.
J. CUNNINGHAM/ATTY. FOR MV.
DEBTORS DISCHARGED: 04/24/2012

### Final Ruling

Motion: Approve Compromise of Controversy

Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition required

Disposition: Granted
Order: Civil minute order

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, incorporated by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this motion was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on this motion. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

## APPROVAL OF COMPROMISE

In determining whether to approve a compromise under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9019, the court determines whether the compromise was negotiated in good faith and whether the party proposing the compromise reasonably believes that the compromise is the best that can be negotiated under the facts. In re A & CProps., 784 F.2d 1377, 1381 (9th Cir. 1982). More than mere good faith negotiation of a compromise is required. The court must also find that the compromise is fair and equitable. Id. "Fair and equitable" involves a consideration of four factors: (i) the probability of success in the litigation; (ii) the difficulties to be encountered in collection; (iii) the complexity of the litigation, and expense, delay and inconvenience necessarily attendant to litigation; and (iv) the paramount interest of creditors and a proper deference to the creditors' expressed wishes, if any. Id. The party proposing the compromise bears the burden of persuading the court that the compromise is fair and equitable and should be approved. Id.

The parties request approval of a compromise. A settlement agreement reflecting the parties' compromise has not been attached to the motion as an exhibit. The material terms and conditions of the compromise include payment to the estate of \$43,750, gross. Based on the motion and supporting papers, the court finds that the compromise presented for the court's approval is fair and equitable considering the relevant A & C Properties factors. The compromise or settlement will be approved.

#### CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

J. Michael Hopper's motion to approve a compromise has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of respondent for failure to appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the motion,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is granted. The court approves the parties' compromise, which settles a dispute about biomedical product for \$43,750.

3.  $\underbrace{12-20725}_{DNL-6}$ -A-7 IN RE: BILLY/JUDY SMITH

MOTION FOR COMPENSATION BY THE LAW OFFICE OF AYLSTOCK, WITKIN, KREIS & OVERHOLTZ, PLLC SPECIAL COUNSEL(S)  $1-25-2021 \ [90]$ 

RONALD HOLLAND/ATTY. FOR DBT.
J. CUNNINGHAM/ATTY. FOR MV.
DEBTORS DISCHARGED: 04/24/2012

### No Ruling

4.  $\frac{20-23029}{DB-1}$ -A-7 IN RE: SEAN RILEY

OBJECTION TO CLAIM OF W. PATRICK GARCIA, CLAIM NUMBER 4  $1-8-2021 \quad \left[\frac{77}{2}\right]$ 

RONALD HOLLAND/ATTY. FOR DBT.
JAMIE DREHER/ATTY. FOR MV.
RESPONSIVE PLEADING

### Final Ruling

This matter has been continued to April 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., Order, ECF No. 90.

# 5. $\frac{20-23729}{GMR-2}$ -A-7 IN RE: DARRELL/JENNIFER MCDANIEL

MOTION FOR COMPENSATION FOR GABRIELSON & COMPANY, ACCOUNTANT(S)
1-22-2021 [35]

BRUCE DWIGGINS/ATTY. FOR DBT.
DEBTORS DISCHARGED: 11/03/2020; TRUSTEE NON-OPPOSITION

# Final Ruling

Application: Allowance of Final Compensation and Expense

Reimbursement

Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); trustee's non-opposition filed

Disposition: Approved
Order: Civil minute order

# COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

In this Chapter 7 case, Gabrielson & Company, accountant for the trustee, has applied for an allowance of final compensation and reimbursement of expenses. The applicant requests that the court allow compensation in the amount of \$2,660.50 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$81.05.

Section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes "reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services" rendered by a trustee, examiner or professional person employed under \$ 327 or \$ 1103 and "reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses." 11 U.S.C. \$ 330(a)(1). Reasonable compensation is determined by considering all relevant factors. See id. \$ 330(a)(3).

The court finds that the compensation and expenses sought are reasonable, and the court will approve the application on a final basis.

## RECYCLED DOCKET CONTROL NUMBER

The docket control number given for this matter violates the court's Local Rules, LBR 9014-1(c), regarding proper use of docket control numbers. The applicant used the same docket control number GMR-2 as for a previously filed Motion for Administrative Expenses, ECF No. 21. When using a docket control number, a party must use both letters (usually initials of the attorney for the movant) and a number. The numerical portion of the docket control number must be "the number that is one number higher than the number of motions previously filed by said attorney" in that particular case. LBR 9014-1(c)(3). Thus, a party may not use the same docket control number on separate matters filed in the same case.

#### CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

Gabrielson & Company's application for allowance of final compensation and reimbursement of expenses has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of respondent for failure to appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the application,

IT IS ORDERED that the application is approved on a final basis. The court allows final compensation in the amount of \$2,660.50 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$81.05.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the trustee is authorized without further order of this court to pay from the estate the aggregate amount allowed by this order in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and the distribution priorities of  $\S$  726.

# 6. $\frac{18-22453}{DMC-28}$ -A-7 IN RE: ECS REFINING, INC.

MOTION FOR COMPENSATION BY THE LAW OFFICE OF DIAMOND MCCARTHY LLP FOR CHRISTOPHER D. SULLIVAN, SPECIAL COUNSEL(S)  $1-25-2021 \quad [\underline{1528}]$ 

CHRISTOPHER BAYLEY/ATTY. FOR DBT. CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN/ATTY. FOR MV.

## Final Ruling

Application: Allowance of Interim Compensation and Expense

Reimbursement

Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition required

Disposition: Approved
Order: Civil minute order

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, incorporated by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this application was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on the application. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

# COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

In this Chapter 7 case, Diamond McCarthy, LLP, special counsel for the trustee, has applied for an allowance of interim compensation

and reimbursement of expenses. The compensation and expenses requested are based on a contingent fee approved pursuant to § 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. The application requests that the court allow compensation in the amount of \$40,384.70 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$36,797.80.

"Section 328(a) permits a professional to have the terms and conditions of its employment pre-approved by the bankruptcy court, such that the bankruptcy court may alter the agreed-upon compensation only 'if such terms and conditions prove to have been improvident in light of developments not capable of being anticipated at the time of the fixing of such terms and conditions.' In the absence of preapproval under § 328, fees are reviewed at the conclusion of the bankruptcy proceeding under a reasonableness standard pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1)." In re Circle K Corp., 279 F.3d 669, 671 (9th Cir. 2002) (footnote omitted) (quoting 11 U.S.C. § 328(a)). "Under section 328, where the bankruptcy court has previously approved the terms for compensation of a professional, when the professional ultimately applies for payment, the court cannot alter those terms unless it finds the original terms to have been improvident in light of developments not capable of being anticipated at the time of the fixing of such terms and conditions." Pitrat v. Reimers (In re Reimers), 972 F.2d 1127, 1128 (9th Cir. 1992) (internal quotation marks omitted).

The court finds that the compensation and expenses sought are reasonable, and the court will approve the application on an interim basis as to the amounts requested. Such amounts shall be perfected, and may be adjusted, by a final application for compensation and expenses, which shall be filed prior to case closure.

## CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

Diamond McCarthy, LLP's application for allowance of interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of respondent for failure to appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the application,

IT IS ORDERED that the application is approved. The court allows interim compensation in the amount of \$40,384.70 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$36,797.80. The fees and costs are allowed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 331 as interim fees and costs, subject to final review and allowance pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 330. Such allowed amounts shall be perfected, and may be adjusted, by a final application for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses, which shall be filed prior to case closure.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the trustee is authorized without further order of this court to pay from the estate the aggregate amount

allowed by this order in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and the distribution priorities of § 726.

# 7. $\underbrace{20-25454}_{\text{JHW}-1}$ -A-7 IN RE: WILLIAM GRIZZELL

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY 1-22-2021 [12]

LUCAS GARCIA/ATTY. FOR DBT.

JENNIFER WANG/ATTY. FOR MV.

AMERICREDIT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. VS.; TRUSTEE NON-OPPOSITION

# Final Ruling

Motion: Stay Relief

Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); trustee's non-opposition filed

Disposition: Granted

Order: Civil minute order

Subject: 2015 Chevrolet Suburban Value of Collateral: \$28,837.00 Aggregate of Liens: \$31,581.57

These minutes constitute the court's findings of fact and conclusions of law required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 52(a), *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7052, 9014(c). The findings of fact are as set forth above; the conclusions of law are as set forth below.

## STAY RELIEF

"[A]fter notice and a hearing," the court may terminate, annul, modify or condition the stay: (1) "for cause, including the lack of adequate protection"; or (2) "with respect to a stay of an act against property [of the estate]" if the debtor lacks "equity" in that property and if that "property is not necessary for an effective reorganization." 11 U.S.C. § 362(d); see also Fed. R. Bankr. P. 4001(a)(1). The party seeking stay relief bears the burden of proof as to "the debtor's equity in the property" and on the validity and perfection of its security interest, as well as the amount of its debt. 11 U.S.C. § 362(g)(1); In re Dahlquist, 34 B.R. 476, 481 (Bankr. S.D. 1983). The party opposing stay relief, e.g., the debtor or Chapter 7 trustee, bears the burden of proof on all other issues. 11 U.S.C. § 362(g)(2).

Section 362(d)(2) authorizes stay relief if the debtor lacks equity in the property and the property is not necessary to an effective reorganization. 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)(2). Chapter 7 is a mechanism for liquidation, not reorganization, and, therefore, property of the estate is never necessary for reorganization. In re Casgul of Nevada, Inc., 22 B.R. 65, 66 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1982).

In this case, the aggregate amount due all liens exceeds the value of the collateral and the debtor has no equity in the property. As

a consequence, the motion will be granted, and the 14-day stay of Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3) will be waived. No other relief will be awarded.

### CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

Americredit Financial Services, Inc.'s motion for relief from the automatic stay has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of respondent for failure to appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the motion,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is granted. The automatic stay is vacated with respect to the property described in the motion, commonly known as 2015 Chevrolet Suburban, as to all parties in interest. The 14-day stay of the order under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 4001(a)(3) is waived. Any party with standing may pursue its rights against the property pursuant to applicable non-bankruptcy law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no other relief is awarded. To the extent that the motion includes any request for attorney's fees or other costs for bringing this motion, the request is denied.

# 8. $\frac{19-24759}{\text{HSM-}2}$ -A-7 IN RE: AK BUILDERS AND COATINGS, INC

MOTION TO COMPROMISE CONTROVERSY/APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND/OR MOTION TO COMPROMISE CONTROVERSY/APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ALIFELETI VAITUULALA 2-1-2021 [172]

MICHAEL NOBLE/ATTY. FOR DBT. AARON AVERY/ATTY. FOR MV.

## Tentative Ruling

**Motion:** Approve Compromise or Settlement of Controversy **Notice:** LBR 9014-1(f)(2); no written opposition required

Disposition: Granted
Order: Civil minute order

Parties to Compromise: Small Business Administration
Dispute Compromised: Economic Injury Disaster Loan
Summary of Material Terms: Payment of \$60,000 to Small Business
Administration and other terms in Stipulation, Exhibit A, ECF No.
176

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, incorporated by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

# APPROVAL OF COMPROMISE

In determining whether to approve a compromise under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9019, the court determines whether the compromise was negotiated in good faith and whether the party proposing the compromise reasonably believes that the compromise is the best that can be negotiated under the facts. In re A &  ${\it C}$ Props., 784 F.2d 1377, 1381 (9th Cir. 1982). More than mere good faith negotiation of a compromise is required. The court must also find that the compromise is fair and equitable. Id. "Fair and equitable" involves a consideration of four factors: (i) the probability of success in the litigation; (ii) the difficulties to be encountered in collection; (iii) the complexity of the litigation, and expense, delay and inconvenience necessarily attendant to litigation; and (iv) the paramount interest of creditors and a proper deference to the creditors' expressed wishes, if any. Id. The party proposing the compromise bears the burden of persuading the court that the compromise is fair and equitable and should be approved. Id.

The parties request approval of a compromise that settles the dispute described above. A settlement agreement reflecting the parties' compromise has not been attached to the motion as an exhibit. The material terms and conditions of the compromise

include payment of \$60,000 by the estate to the Small Business Administration and other terms set forth in the Stipulation, Exhibit A, ECF NO. 176. Based on the motion and supporting papers, the court finds that the compromise presented for the court's approval is fair and equitable considering the relevant A & C Properties factors. The compromise or settlement will be approved.

#### CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

Geoffrey Richards's motion to approve a compromise has been presented to the court. Having considered the motion, oppositions, responses and replies, if any, and having heard oral argument presented at the hearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is granted. The court approves the parties' compromise, which settles a dispute with the Small Business Administration on the terms set forth in the Stipulation, Exhibit A, ECF No. 176.

9. 19-20391-A-7 IN RE: B & G DELIVERY SYSTEM, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION KJH-4

MOTION FOR COMPENSATION FOR KIMBERLY J. HUSTED, CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE(S)  $1-26-2021 \quad [115]$ 

WALTER DAHL/ATTY. FOR DBT. DANA SUNTAG/ATTY. FOR MV.

# Final Ruling

Application: Allowance of Compensation and Expense Reimbursement

Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition required

Disposition: Approved
Order: Civil minute order

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, incorporated by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this application was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on the application. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

### COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

A trustee's compensation is considered in accordance with §§ 326(a) and 330(a). In 2005, "Congress removed Chapter 7 trustees from the list of professionals subject to the Section 330(a)(3) factors.... [and] introduced a new provision to Section 330 requiring courts to treat the reasonable compensation awarded to trustees as a 'commission, based on Section 326.'" Matter of JFK Capital Holdings, L.L.C., 880 F.3d 747, 752 (5th Cir. 2018) (quoting 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(7)). "[A] trustee's request for compensation should be presumed reasonable as long as the amount requested does not exceed the statutory maximum calculated pursuant to § 326. [A]bsent extraordinary circumstances, bankruptcy courts should approve chapter 7, 12 and 13 trustee fees without any significant additional review. If the court has found that extraordinary circumstances are present, only then does it become appropriate to conduct a further inquiry to determine whether there exists a rational relationship between the compensation requested and the services rendered." In re Ruiz, 541 B.R. 892, 896 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 2015) (second alteration in original) (citations omitted) (internal quotation marks omitted).

In short, § 330(a)(7) "treats the commission as a fixed percentage, using Section 326 not only as a maximum but as a baseline presumption for reasonableness in each case." Matter of JFK Capital Holdings, 880 F.3d at 755. This provision "is best understood as a directive to simply apply the formula of § 362 in every case." Id. at 753-54. The "reduction or denial of compensation . . . should be a rare event" occurring only when truly exceptional circumstances are present. Id. at 756.

In this Chapter 7 case, the trustee has applied for an allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses. The court finds (1) that the compensation requested by the trustee is consistent with 11 U.S.C. § 326(a); (2) that no extraordinary circumstances are present in this case, see In re Salgado-Nava, 473 B.R. 911 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 2012); and (3) that expenses for which reimbursement is sought are actual and necessary.

## CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

The chapter 7 trustee's application for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of respondent for failure to appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the application,

IT IS ORDERED that the application is approved on a final basis. The court allows to the trustee compensation in the amount of \$8,708.72 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$1,063.17.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the trustee is authorized without further order of this court to pay from the estate the aggregate amount allowed by this order in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and the distribution priorities of  $\S$  726.