UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA FORT MYERS DIVISION

DAISY RIVERA,

Plaintiff,

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Case No: 2:14-cv-718-FtM-38MRM

GOLFVIEW GOLF & RACQUET CLUB COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS, INC. and DENNIS CATOE,

Defendants.

ORDER¹

This matter comes before the Court on United States Magistrate Judge Mac R. McCoy's Report and Recommendation (Doc. #41) filed on September 8, 2015. Judge McCoy recommends granting the parties' Joint Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Dismissal with Prejudice (Doc. #40) and approving the Settlement Agreement and General Release (Doc. #40-1) as a fair and reasonable resolution of a bona fide dispute under the Fair Labor Standards Act. (Doc. #41). The parties do not object to the Report and Recommendation. (Doc. #42). Thus, this matter is ripe for review.

After conducting a careful and complete review of the findings and recommendations, a district judge may accept, reject, or modify the magistrate judge's

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report and recommendation. <u>See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)</u>; *see also <u>Williams v. Wainwright</u>*, <u>681 F.2d 732 (11th Cir. 1982)</u>. In the absence of specific objections, there is no requirement that a district judge review factual findings *de novo*, <u>Garvey v. Vaughn</u>, <u>993</u> <u>F.2d 776, 779 n.9 (11th Cir. 1993)</u>, and the court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings and recommendations, <u>28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C)</u>. The district judge reviews legal conclusions *de novo*, even in the absence of an objection. See <u>Cooper-Houston v. Southern Ry. Co.</u>, <u>37 F.3d 603, 604 (11th Cir. 1994)</u>.

After independently examining the file and upon considering Judge McCoy's findings and recommendations, the Court accepts the Report and Recommendation (<u>Doc.</u>

<u>#41</u>).

Accordingly, it is now

ORDERED:

1. The Report and Recommendation (<u>Doc. #41</u>) is **ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED** and the findings incorporated herein.

2. The parties' Joint Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Dismissal with Prejudice (<u>Doc. #40</u>) is **GRANTED**, and the Settlement Agreement and General Release (<u>Doc. #40-1</u>) is approved as fair and reasonable.

3. The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to enter judgment accordingly, dismiss the case with prejudice, terminate all deadlines and motions, and close the file.

DONE and **ORDERED** in Fort Myers, Florida this 11th day of September, 2015.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies: All Parties of Record