UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA FORT MYERS DIVISION

JULIAN HINOJOSA,

Plaintiff,

v. Case No: 2:18-cv-329-FtM-29MRM

HBS FLORIDA SPECIALTIES, LLC, a Florida limited liability company,

Defendant.

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court on consideration of the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation (Doc. #15), filed November 29, 2018, recommending that the Joint Motion to Approve Settlement and Dismiss With Prejudice (Doc. #14) be granted, the Settlement Agreement and Plaintiff's Full and Final Release Claims for Unpaid Wages (Doc. #14-1) be approved, and the case be dismissed. No objections have been filed and the time to do so has expired.

After conducting a careful and complete review of the findings and recommendations, a district judge may accept, reject or modify the magistrate judge's report and recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Williams v. Wainwright, 681 F.2d 732 (11th Cir. 1982), cert. denied, 459 U.S. 1112 (1983). In the absence of specific

objections, there is no requirement that a district judge review factual findings de novo, Garvey v. Vaughn, 993 F.2d 776, 779 n.9 (11th Cir. 1993), and the court may accept, reject or modify, in whole or in part, the findings and recommendations. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). The district judge reviews legal conclusions de novo, even in the absence of an objection. See Cooper-Houston v. Southern Ry. Co., 37 F.3d 603, 604 (11th Cir. 1994); Castro Bobadilla v. Reno, 826 F. Supp. 1428, 1431-32 (S.D. Fla. 1993), aff'd, 28 F.3d 116 (11th Cir. 1994) (Table).

After conducting an independent examination of the file and upon due consideration of the Report and Recommendation, the Court accepts the Report and Recommendation of the magistrate judge.

Accordingly, it is now

ORDERED:

- 1. The Report and Recommendation (Doc. #15) is hereby adopted and the findings incorporated herein.
- 2. The parties' Joint Motion to Approve Settlement and Dismiss With Prejudice (Doc. #14) is **granted** and the Settlement Agreement and Plaintiff's Full and Final Release Claims for Unpaid Wages (Doc. #14-1) is **approved** as a fair and reasonable resolution of a bona fide dispute.

3. The Clerk shall enter judgment **dismissing** the case with prejudice, terminate all deadlines and motions, and close the file.

DONE and ORDERED at Fort Myers, Florida, this <u>14th</u> day of December, 2018.

OHN E. STEELE

SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies:

Hon. Mac R. McCoy United States Magistrate Judge

Counsel of Record Unrepresented parties