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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. G707642

THOMAS LINDSEY, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
ARKANSAS FORESTRY COMMISSION, EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE CLAIMS DIVISION, INSURANCE CARRIER/TPA	RESPONDENT

OPINION FILED FEBRUARY 9, 2021

Upon review before the FULL COMMISSION in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Claimant represented by the HONORABLE KENNETH A. OLSEN, Attorney at Law, Bryant, Arkansas.

Respondents represented by the HONORABLE CHARLES H. MCLEMORE, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and Adopted.

OPINION AND ORDER

Respondents appeal an opinion and order of the Administrative Law Judge filed May 20, 2020. In said order, the Administrative Law Judge made the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. The claimant has met his burden of proof in demonstrating he has sustained permanent anatomical impairment in the amount of 50% to the right lower extremity, and that his August 18, 2017 compensable right knee injury was the major cause of this impairment.
2. The claimant has met his burden of proof in demonstrating Dr. Byrd's 50% to the right lower extremity impairment rating is supported by objective medical evidence.

3. The claimant's attorney is entitled to the statutory attorney's fee based on the controverted PPD benefits associated with Dr. Byrd's 50% to the right lower extremity impairment rating.
4. The respondents shall remain responsible for any and all reasonably necessary medical treatment related to the claimant's compensable injury of August 18, 2017.

We have carefully conducted a *de novo* review of the entire record herein and it is our opinion that the Administrative Law Judge's May 20, 2020 decision is supported by a preponderance of the credible evidence, correctly applies the law, and should be affirmed. Specifically, we find from a preponderance of the evidence that the findings made by the Administrative Law Judge are correct and they are, therefore, adopted by the Full Commission.

We therefore affirm the decision of the Administrative Law Judge, including all findings of fact and conclusions of law therein, and adopt the opinion as the decision of the Full Commission on appeal.

All accrued benefits shall be paid in a lump sum without discount and with interest thereon at the lawful rate from the date of the Administrative Law Judge's decision in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. §11-9-809 (Repl. 2012).

For prevailing on this appeal before the Full Commission, claimant's attorney is entitled to fees for legal services in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-715(Repl. 2012). For prevailing on appeal to the Full

Commission, the claimant's attorney is entitled to an additional fee of five hundred dollars (\$500), pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §11-9-715(b)(Repl. 2012).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SCOTTY DALE DOUTHIT, Chairman

CHRISTOPHER L. PALMER, Commissioner

M. SCOTT WILLHITE, Commissioner