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BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. G903539

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| WAYNE E. MORRIS, EMPLOYEE | CLAIMANT |
| ARKANSAS FORESTRY COMMISSION, EMPLOYER | RESPONDENT |
| PUBLIC EMPLOYEE CLAIMS DIVISION, INSURANCE CARRIER/TPA | RESPONDENT |

OPINION FILED AUGUST 27, 2021

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

Claimant is *Pro Se*.

Respondents represented by the HONORABLE ROBERT H. MONTGOMERY, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and Adopted.

OPINION AND ORDER

Claimant appeals an opinion and order of the Administrative Law Judge filed May 25, 2021. In said order, the Administrative Law Judge made the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. The Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission has jurisdiction of the within claim.
2. I hereby accept the above stipulations as fact.
3. Claimant failed to prove that he sustained compensable injuries to his head, neck, back, left shoulder, left hand, right hand, left leg, and left foot when he fell while working for Respondent-Employer on August 8, 2018.

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 25, 2021 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 of fact made by the Administrative Law Judge are correct and they are, therefore, adopted by the Full Commission.

Therefore we affirm and adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge, including all findings and conclusions therein, as the decision of the Full Commission on appeal.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SCOTTY DALE DOUTHIT, Chairman

CHRISTOPHER L. PALMER, Commissioner

Commissioner Willhite concurs.

CONCURRING OPINION

After my *de novo* review of the entire record, I concur with the majority opinion finding that the claimant failed to prove that he sustained

compensable injuries to his head, neck, back, left shoulder, left hand, right hand, left leg, and left foot when he fell while working for Respondent-Employer on August 8, 2018. I write separately to clarify, for the benefit of the claimant.

I found the claimant's testimony to be credible; however, I do not believe that the requirements found in Ark. Code Ann. §11-9-102(4)(A) have been satisfied. Although it appears that the claimant may have suffered an injury as a result of his workplace accident, there does not appear to be sufficient medical proof to meet the burden regarding causal connection. Therefore, I am constrained to agree with the majority.

For the foregoing reason, I concur with the majority opinion.

M. SCOTT WILLHITE, Commissioner