**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
**FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**
**EASTERN DIVISION**

RICHARD DENNIS and PORT 22, LLC, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE ANDERSONS, INC., and CARGILL, INC., and JOHN/JANE DOES NOS. 1-50

Defendants.

Case No.: 1:20-cv-4090

Honorable Robert W. Gettleman
Magistrate Judge Keri L. Holleb Hotaling

**[~~PROPOSED~~] ORDER GRANTING CLASS COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES, AWARD OF EXPENSES, AND REQUEST FOR SERVICE AWARDS TO CLASS REPRESENTATIVES**

This matter came before the Court for hearing on November 12, 2026 (the "Settlement Hearing"), upon Class Counsel's Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees, Award of Expenses, and Request for Service Awards to Class Representatives (the "Motion"). ECF No. 290. The Court, having considered all matters submitted to it at the Settlement Hearing and otherwise; having found notice of the Settlement Hearing substantially in the form approved by the Court was mailed to all Class Members who could be identified with reasonable effort and published as described in the Notice Program; and having considered and determined the fairness and reasonableness of the award of attorneys' fees and expenses requested,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. This Order incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement with Cargill, Incorporated (ECF No. 285-1) and the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement with The Andersons, Inc. (ECF No. 285-2) dated May 27, 2026 (together, the "Stipulations"), and all capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulations.

2. The Court has jurisdiction to enter this Order and over the subject matter of the Litigation, as well as personal jurisdiction over all parties to the Action, including each of the Class Members.

3. Notice of the Motion was given to all Class Members who could be located with reasonable effort. The form and method of notifying the Class of the Motion met the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedures, due process, and any other applicable law; constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all Persons entitled thereto.

4. Class Counsel are hereby awarded attorneys' fees of $3,333,333.33, which represents 33.33% of the Settlement Amount, plus interest at the same rate earned by the Settlement Fund, and payment of litigation expenses in the amount of $1,080,505.64, plus accrued interest, sums which the Court finds to be fair and reasonable.

5. Plaintiffs Richard Dennis and Port 22, LLC are hereby awarded $25,000 each, related to their representation of the Class.

6. The award of attorneys' fees and expenses shall be paid to Class Counsel from the Settlement Fund immediately upon entry of this Order and the Judgment, subject to the terms, conditions, and obligations of the Stipulations, which are incorporated herein.

7. In making this award of attorneys' fees and expenses to be paid from the Settlement Fund, the Court has analyzed the factors considered within the Seventh Circuit and found that:

a. The Settlement has created a fund of $10,000,000 in cash, pursuant to the terms of the Stipulations, and Class Members will benefit from the Settlement created by the efforts of Class Counsel;

b. The fee sought by Class Counsel has been reviewed and approved as reasonable by Plaintiffs, who were directly involved in the prosecution and resolution of the Action

and who have substantial interest in ensuring that any fees paid to Class Counsel are duly earned and not excessive;

c. The amount of attorneys' fees awarded hereby are fair and reasonable and are consistent with fee awards approved in cases within the Seventh Circuit with similar recoveries;

d. Class Counsel expended substantial time and effort pursuing the Action on behalf of the Class;

e. Class Counsel litigated the Action on a fully contingent basis;

f. The claims against Defendants involve complex factual and legal issues and, in the absence of settlement, would involve lengthy proceedings whose resolution would be uncertain;

g. The efforts of Class Counsel resulted in an all-cash settlement at a stage in the proceedings that will permit Class Members to benefit from the recovery without further delay or expense; and

h. 4,333 Postcard Notices were mailed, and no objections to the fees or expenses were filed by Class Members.

8. Any appeal or any challenge affecting this Court's approval regarding any of the attorneys' fees and expense applications shall in no way disturb or affect the finality of the judgment.

9. In the event that the Settlement is terminated or the Effective Date of the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, this Order shall be rendered null and void to the extent provided by the Stipulations.

10. There is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Order, and immediate entry by the Clerk of Court is expressly directed.

11. Class Counsel's Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees, Award of Expenses, and Request for Service Awards to Class Representatives is hereby GRANTED.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed this 12 day of November, 2026, at the Courthouse for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Robert W. Gettleman

The Honorable Robert W. Gettleman
United States District Court Judge