

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, & PARKS

Thursday, May 18, 2023

**No Educational Session 1:00 PM Business Session
1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS 39202**

BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Bill F. Cossar and Commissioners Scott Coopwood, Leonard Bentz, and Gary Rhoads. William Mounger II attended by means of Telecommunication.

Among the MDWFP staff attending were Executive Director Lynn Posey, Curtis Thornhill, Larry Pugh, Brian Ferguson, Angel Rohnke, Col. Jerry Carter, Russ Walsh, Amy Blaylock, Jerry Brown, Andre Hollis, Charles Knight, Jason Thompson, Jeremy Bass, Doug Mann, and Drew Malone, Special Assistant Attorney General. The Chairman welcomed guests watching the live stream video and special guests attending including two former Commissioners William "Billy" Deviney and Charles Rigdon; and members of the House and Senate Committees on Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, Representative Bill Kinkade (House Chairman), and Senator Charles "Chuck" Younger.

OPENING PRAYER

Jason Thompson, Director of Administrative Services, opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES

ACTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Coopwood and seconded by Commissioner Bentz, the Commission meeting minutes of April 13, 2023, were unanimously approved.

AGENDA

Executive Director Lynn Posey requested to change the order of Wildlife agenda items with FINAL turkey rules, first; FINAL White-tailed Deer, second; and FINAL WMA Regs, third. The Lemon Road Deer Management Association asked to be removed from Public Comments and indicated that they would be submitting their comments by letter. The individuals in attendance who have signed up to speak will be brought forward one at a time, in addition to the people listed under Public Comments on the agenda. Posey stated that there would be no need for an Executive Session.

ACTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Bentz and seconded by Commissioner Coopwood, the Commission unanimously approved the meeting agenda of May 18, 2023, as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- *Richard Noble, Indianola* – Noble requested to leave the Spring turkey season as it is. Turkey season in South MS begins earlier than North MS. Changing the season provides less opportunity and days for hunting in South MS. He approved the addition of a turkey stamp and using the funds for predator control and research. He did not have a position on the Fall Turkey Season.
- *Charles Rigdon, Columbus* – Rigdon came forward to state his opposition to moving the Spring Turkey Season and his approval of tagging turkeys.
- *Jim Dawkins, Greenville* – Dawkin's position has been to approve moving the Spring Season up; however, he realizes now that the season should be different for South MS. He approved the use of turkey stamp funds for predator control on public property. He supports raising the non-resident license fee to \$500 and hopes the Commission will consider this for next year.
- *William Deviney* – Deviney asked the Commission to vote "no" on shortening the Spring Turkey Season. He supported the requirement for all turkey hunters to buy a turkey permit, license, and stamp. Stamp revenues should be used for predator management, burning, and special projects. He supported shortening the Fall Turkey Season but not eliminating it. Non-resident turkey hunter fees should be increased and required to tag turkeys. Deviney presented turkey season opening dates in TX, LA, AR, TN, AL, and FL. He proposed setting the dates non-residents can hunt in MS with the opening day of their state. Legislative support should be rallied next year for the right to trap all predators, including raccoons, until May 1.
- *Todd Williams* – Williams petitioned the Commission to keep the Fall Turkey Season as it is. He was in favor of turkey stamps.
- *Herb Frierson* – Frierson approved tagging. He promoted trapping and burning for the management of predators.
- *Barry Sullivan* – Sullivan requested the same opportunity to train his dogs to hunt squirrels as raccoon hunters have during a summertime training period for their puppies. Squirrel season is from September – February. Turkey season opens March 8, and he would like to see squirrel season extended to March 7. Tennessee and Alabama have added more days for squirrel hunting. Sullivan would also like to see squirrel limits increased by 8-10. Several other states have higher limits on squirrels.

Discussion followed on the difference between a squirrel season and squirrel dog training season. The question arose if the Commission had authority to set a squirrel dog training

season. The attorney stated that the statute allows the Commission to set a season within the time period of May 15 – June 1.

Commissioner Mounger requested that the staff look into options afforded by the statute, which would allow the Commission to add a squirrel dog training season and increase the squirrel bag limits. The Commission concurred with Mounger's request.

- *Jed England* – England requested the Commission to extend the Dove Season to January 31st like last year by moving some days from September or October. The best hunting is in late January and not much happens in early fall. There is a 90-day framework. Staff informed England that this was too late to change this year, but it could be changed next year.
- *Commissioner Leonard Bentz* – Commissioner Bentz presented a public apology for his response to Shannon Kelardy (US Forest Service) several months ago during a Commission meeting. Bentz stated that he had apologized to Kelardy privately and wanted to apologize publicly.

LICENSE SALES REPORT

Jason Thompson, License/Boat Registration Division Director, presented the License Sales Report for the month of April 2023. The total revenue for the end of April was up 5% (\$977,000) compared to April 2022.

Highlights of his report are listed below:

- Resident license sales – up \$23,000
- WMA Permits – up 3%
- Senior Exempt Licenses – up 7%
- Non-resident license sales – up by 9% (\$971,000)
- NR Annual Small Game – up 7%
- NR 7 Day Small Game – up 7%
- NR WMA Permits – up 6%
- NR Freshwater Fishing – up \$15,000
- Lifetime License category – down 2%

WILDLIFE

FINAL – 40 Miss. Admin. Code Part 2, Chapter 3 – Turkey

Adam Butler, Turkey Program Coordinator, stated that PROPOSED Rules 3.1 and 3.2 were sent out for Public Comment last month and 135 comments were received. A summary of the comments revealed public support of tagging by 87%, Spring Season proposal by 70%, and Fall Season suspension by 83%.

Commissioner Bentz requested for the record to show that the public comments received only reflect 135 of the 60,000 turkey hunters in Mississippi.

- **Rule 3.1 – Wild Turkey Season and Bag Limits**

After much discussion, the Commission decided to make two motions on Rule 3.1: first on the Spring Season, and secondly on the Fall Season.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Bentz, the Spring Season Opening Day was set for March 15 and closing on May 1. Commissioner Coopwood seconded the motion and the motion carried.

ACTION: Commissioner Coopwood made a motion to approve staff recommendations on the Fall Turkey Season. Commissioner Rhoads seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 4 to 1, with Commissioner Bentz voting “no”.

- **Rule 3.4 – Mandatory Tagging and Harvest Reporting for Wild Turkeys**

Butler stated that public support of a tagging system was very high. From a technical aspect, Butler recommended passing Rule 3.4 with the intention that it will not be implemented until the 2025 Season.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Rhoads and seconded by Commissioner Mounger, Rule 3.4 was approved with a vote of 4 to 1, with Commissioner Bentz recorded as voting “no”.

FINAL – 40 Miss. Admin. Code Part 2, Chapter 2 – White-tailed Deer

- **Rule 2.2 – White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits**

Russ Walsh, Wildlife Chief of Staff, stated that no public comments were received over the last 30 days and recommended approval.

ACTION: Commissioner Rhoads moved to approve staff recommendations on FINAL Rule 2.2, seconded by Commissioner Bentz, and the motion carried.

FINAL – 40 Miss. Admin. Code Part 2, Chapter 1 – Wildlife Management Areas

- **Rules 1.1 – 1.47 – WMA Regulations**

Walsh reported that no significant public comments were received over the last 30 days and recommended approval with the amended turkey spring season changes made today in Rule 3.1 (March 15 Opening Day and May 1 Closing).

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Coopwood and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads, the Commission unanimously approved FINAL WMA Regulations (Rules 1.1 - 1.47) with changes reflecting that the Turkey Spring Season would begin March 15 and end May 1.

Electronic Dog Collars on WMAs

Commissioner Bentz requested MDWFP staff to look into the regulations of WMAs which allow dog hunting and to add a mandate for call-back, electronic dog collars on such WMAs. This mandate would be implemented in the next two years.

FINAL – 40 Miss. Admin. Code Part 1, Chapter 8 – General Regulations applicable to Sale and Types of Licenses to Hunt, Trap, or Fish

- **Rule 8.4 – Non-Resident Hunting and Fishing License & Fee Program**

Jason Thompson stated that no public comments were received over the last 30 days and recommended approval.

ACTION: Commissioner Bentz moved to approve staff recommendations on FINAL Rule 8.4, seconded by Commissioner Rhoads, and the motion carried.

FISHERIES

FINAL 40 Miss. Admin. Code Part 3, Chapter 1 – General Fisheries Rules

- **Rule 1.3 – Regulations regarding Sport Fishing**

Jerry Brown, Director of Fisheries, reported that no public comments were received over the past 30 days and recommended approval.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Rhoads and seconded by Commissioner Coopwood, the Commission unanimously approved FINAL Fisheries Rule 1.3, as recommended by staff.

- **Rule 1.4 – Statewide Creel Limits**

No public comments were received over the past 30 days and Brown recommended approval.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Coopwood and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads, the Commission unanimously approved FINAL Fisheries Rule 1.4, as recommended by staff.

FINAL 40 Miss. Admin. Code Part 3, Chapter 2 – State Fishing Lakes, and Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes**• Rule 2.1 – Regulations regarding State Fishing Lakes**

No significant public comments were received over the past 30 days and approval was recommended by Brown.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Coopwood and seconded by Commissioner Bentz, the Commission approved FINAL Fisheries Rule 2.1, as recommended by staff.

PROPOSED 40 Miss. Admin. Code Part 3, Chapter 4 – Freshwater Fishing Guides and Outfitters

Brown presented the following rules and regulations as passed by the 2023 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 2534, and as amended in §49-4-39, Mississippi Code 1972. These rules will not go into effect until July 1, 2023.

Rule 4.1 – Definitions – as mandated in §49-4-39, Mississippi Code 1972.

Rule 4.2 – Regulations regarding Freshwater Guides and Outfitters –

A Freshwater Fishing Guide License is required for any person offering guide services on public waters in the state (north of I-10).

- Resident License - \$1,000; Proof of residency & valid MS resident Sportsman's License required.
- Non-resident License - \$2,000; Valid annual non-resident fishing license required.
- Additional requirements:
 1. Proof of CPR & First Aid training
 2. Certification of a Boater Education course
 3. Valid U.S. Coast Guard Captain's License may be substituted for 1 and 2.

Rule 4.3 – Boat License/Decal

- A valid boat license and decals are required for each boat used for guide services - \$25.
- Boat to be registered as a guide boat with MDWFP.
- A valid driver's license.
- Proof of liability insurance (minimum of \$100,000).

ACTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Rhoads and seconded by Commissioner Bentz, the Commission unanimously approved PROPOSED Rules 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3.

INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MDWFP AND PRVWSD

Brown brought before the Commission the Mississippi Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between MDWFP and Pearl River Valley Water Supply District (PRVWSD) for Commission

approval. Every two years an agreement must be signed and spread across the minutes stipulating that PRVWSD (who owns, maintains, and operates the Ross Barnett Reservoir) and MDWFP (whose staff of Fisheries Biologists are qualified to maintain and/or control aquatic vegetation in public waters) mutually agree that the two state agencies will pool technical and financial resources to manage aquatic plant maintenance at the Ross Barnett Reservoir.

ACTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Bentz and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Agreement between MDWFP and PRVWSD. A copy of the agreement has been appended to the minutes.

FISHERIES BUREAU AWARDS

Fisheries Bureau awards were presented by Brown to the following employees who have shown exemplary abilities, passion, and work ethic this past year.

- **Keith Meals – 2022 Fisheries Biologist of the Year**
- **Gregory Perry – 2022 Lake Manager of the Year**
- **Danny Jo Freeny – 2022 Fisheries Support Employee of the Year**

Each recipient received a framed certificate and gift card. Applause followed the presentations.

2023 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

Angel Rohnke, Deputy Administrator, reported that 29 applications were received for the 2023 Summer Internship Program, 19 applicants interviewed, and four students were selected. The interns were present for the Fallen Officer Memorial earlier in the day and for the May Commission Meeting.

1. *Marinee Laina Humphries*, Benton, MS. – Miss. College Graduate, May 2023, with a bachelor's degree in biology/ Minor in Psychology. She will be working under the direction of Aaron Holbrook at the Museum of Natural Science, Research Department.
2. *Casey Joel Williams*, Charleston, MS. – Holmes Community College Graduate, May 2022, with a degree in Forest Tech. Currently at Miss. State University - pursuing a degree in Wildlife, Fisheries, & Aquaculture in 2024. He will be working with Josh Glover, Fisheries Bureau, at the North MS Fish Hatchery.
3. *Caroline Crawford*, Lambert, MS. – Currently at Miss. State University – pursuing a degree in Wildlife, Fisheries, and Aquaculture in Dec. 2023. She will be working under the supervision of Brad Holder, Wildlife Bureau, at O'Keefe WMA.

4. *Zach Noel Bagwell*, Pontotoc, MS. – Itawamba Community College Degree in Criminal Justice following Summer Internship Program. He will be working under the direction of Major Jason Young with the Law Enforcement Bureau in Tupelo.

The internships will be completed in August and the interns plan to return to share their experiences with the Commissioners at the August Commission meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Law Enforcement Update

Col. Jerry Carter, Chief of Law Enforcement, reported 582 citations issued for the month of April with "No License" being number one and "Trespassing" was number two.

For the month of April officers focused details on major waterways and reservoirs. Officers focused their efforts on crappie fisherman. Numerous citations were written for no license, minimum length limit violations, and exceeding the limit.

Cadets finished their first phase of training at MCOTA (Mississippi Conservation Officer Training Academy). They will start May 21st at MLEOTA (Mississippi Law Enforcement Officer Training Academy) to continue their training.

Shooting range customer counts are: McIvor – 624; Turcotte – 580; and McHenry – 344.

License Reinstatements

Col. Carter presented four license reinstatement requests. The violators were instructed to come forward and state the circumstance of their arrest before the Commission.

- **Landon Haas, Brandon, MS**

Haas and three friends had hunted the past three days without spotting a single deer in Calhoun County. One evening they built a fire in the backyard of a friend's house and three deer came out of the woods in the moonlight. Haas went inside, got his headlamp and gun, and successfully shot one of the deer. While cleaning the deer, an officer arrived. Haas spent the night in jail and paid a \$1,000 fine plus court costs.

ACTION: By motion of Commissioner Bentz and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads, Haas' license was reinstated by unanimous consent.

- **Joseph Morris, Sarah, MS**

Morris dropped off his son at the home of the boy's grandmother (his ex-mother-in-law). Morris shot a deer on the grandmother's property without her permission after dark and she took pictures of the harvested deer and called the authorities. He was arrested and paid \$2,500 in fines.

ACTION: By motion of Commissioner Bentz and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads, Morris' license was reinstated by unanimous consent.

- **Bradley Farve, Tylertown, MS**

Farve and a friend were trespassing on private property, where he shot and killed a deer. When the landowner approached them, Farve threw his gun into the bushes and proceeded to escape in his vehicle. The landowner pursued them, wrote down the tag number, and called the authorities. Later, Farve and his friend went back to get his gun and were arrested. His fine was \$2,000.

ACTION: By motion of Commissioner Bentz and seconded by Commissioner Rhoads, Farve's license was reinstated by unanimous consent.

- **Zachary Fredricks, Hattiesburg, MS**

Fredricks, his brother, and brother's friend were shining a light at night in Perry County searching for a missing hunting dog. They had released their dogs earlier preparing for hunting season and one dog was still lost. A landowner called authorities about suspicious activity. An officer stopped Fredricks and found a loaded gun in the back of his truck. Fredricks was not aware the gun was loaded and stated that his only intention was to search for his dog that evening. He paid \$3,200 in fines.

ACTION: By motion of Commissioner Bentz and seconded by Commissioner Coopwood, Fredricks' license was reinstated by unanimous consent.

OTHER BUSINESS

Non-resident Turkey Hunters

Commissioner Mounger requested the staff to present recommendations to the Commission on moving the Turkey Opening Season for non-resident hunters to a later date, maybe April 3rd. Commissioner Bentz suggested limiting the bag limit for the non-resident turkey hunters, as well. The Executive Director stated that it was too late to change this year's turkey season dates, but this could be presented and voted on before next year.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Date: Thursday, June 22, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Clarkco State Park Lodge, 386 Clarkco Road, Quitman 39355

EXECUTIVE SESSION

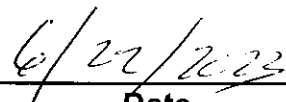
No business was presented for Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, Commissioner Coopwood moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Rhoads, and the motion carried. Chairman Cossar gaveled the meeting into adjournment.



Bill Cossar, CHAIRMAN



Date

Scott Coopwood, VICE CHAIRMAN

Date

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS
AND THE PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT**

This Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (the "Agreement") dated as of the _____ day of _____, 2023, is entered into by and between the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP), an executive branch agency of the government of the State of Mississippi and the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District ("PRVWSD"), an agency of the government of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the provisions of the Mississippi Interlocal Act, MISS. CODE ANN. §§ 17-13-1 *et seq.*, as amended (the "Code").

RECITALS

PRVWSD is an agency of the State of Mississippi created pursuant to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District law (§§ 51-9-101 to 51-9-163 of the Code), and is authorized to enter into contracts and agreements pursuant to §§ 51-9-121 and §51-9-153 of the Code. The MDWFP is an agency of the State of Mississippi created pursuant to §§ 49-1-1 and 49-4-6 of the Code, including the right to enter into this Agreement in accordance with §§ 49-1-29(f), 49-1-49 and 49-5-69. PRVWSD and MDWFP have approved this Agreement by resolution of their respective governing authorities entered in their official minutes.

PRVWSD owns, maintains and operates the Ross Barnett Reservoir (the "Reservoir") located in Hinds, Rankin, Madison, Scott and Leake Counties, Mississippi. A significant part of the maintenance consists of aquatic plant management and eradication and control of invasive species. Specialized applications are required since the Reservoir serves as a water supply reservoir to the Metro Jackson Area. MDWFP has on its staff Fisheries Biologists with aquatic plant taxonomic experience and experience managing state fishing lakes and fisheries, with vegetation similar to that found in the Reservoir, who are qualified to maintain and/or control aquatic vegetation in public waters such as water supply reservoirs.

MDWFP and PRVWSD agree that it would be mutually beneficial and financially prudent for the MDWFP to manage the aquatic vegetation at the Reservoir, on behalf of PRVWSD.

AGREEMENT

Now therefore, in consideration of the mutual benefits to be realized by the parties hereto and in furtherance of public health, safety and welfare, PRVWSD and MDWFP agree that the MDWFP shall manage the aquatic vegetation at the Reservoir in a manner consistent with the operation of a water supply reservoir and/or recreational lake and a major fishing reservoir in the State.

(1) Duration. This Agreement shall continue for a period of two (2) years from the latest date of execution unless earlier terminated by either party and shall automatically renew for consecutive periods of two (2) years each unless either party should vote not to renew, and provide no less than ninety (90) days' notice, in writing, of its intent to terminate. This Agreement hereby supersedes and replaces the Agreement between PRVWSD and MDWFP dated October 28, 2019.

(2) Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to document the agreement of two state agencies to pool technical and financial resources by cooperating in the management of the fishery of the Ross Barnett Reservoir through aquatic plant maintenance, in a cost effective and efficient manner.

(3) Payment. PRV will compensate WFP for aquatic plant maintenance in accordance with the payment schedule attached hereto as "Payment Schedule." Going forward, each year that the Agreement is in full force and effect, the parties shall prepare an annual Payment Schedule to be in effect for the upcoming year of this agreement.

(4) Administration and Termination. This Agreement shall be administered through the joint efforts of the Executive Director of PRVWSD and the Director of the Fisheries Bureau of the MDWFP. This Agreement will terminate in accordance with Section 1 above unless earlier terminated by either party upon not less than 90 days prior written notice. This Agreement may not be terminated until the payment credit provided in Schedule 1 has been fully applied and the initial advance fully credited. Nothing in this Agreement constitutes an indebtedness of either party.

(5) Scope. MDWFP shall furnish all necessary management, personnel, materials, chemicals and supplies, GPS receiver, tools, equipment and vehicles, and PRVWSD will cooperate as necessary, to perform aquatic plant maintenance control.

(a) MDWFP shall collect and maintain accurate geo-referenced locations of all herbicide applications, including where applications are made, how much herbicide is applied, depth and target plants and communicate this information to PRVWSD and Mississippi State University Geosystems Research Institute ("MSU"), if applicable. MDWFP will follow PRVWSD's Management Plan for the Pesticides General Permit through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. All herbicide applications will be a combination of either aerial spraying or a boat spraying at the determination of PRVWSD. All coordination of spraying activities under this Interlocal Agreement shall be done by MDWFP and MSU. All aerial spraying applications shall be paid from PRVWSD Operation and Maintenance Account and will be subject to separate contracts with the aerial spraying vendors. Payment for aerial spraying applications shall not be deducted or taken from the funds detailed in the payment schedule attached hereto.

(b) MDWFP shall complete an annual littoral zone survey to catalogue aquatic plant species. MDWFP shall furnish all necessary personnel, materials, GPS receiver, tools, equipment and vehicles, and PRVWSD will cooperate as necessary, to perform the littoral zone aquatic vegetation survey. Presence and distribution of aquatic plants will be completed by using a point-intercept survey in the littoral zone with water depths of ≤ 10 ft. on a 300 meter grid as per Madsen (1999). This survey will be completed annually during June and July, and it will conform to earlier work conducted by Mississippi State University GeoResources Institute staff (Turnage and Madsen, 2014) and MDWFP (Skains and Henke, 2015). MDWFP shall collect and maintain accurate geo-referenced locations of all samples including depth and plant community data and communicate this information to PRVWSD in the form of an annual report, submitted prior December 15 each calendar year.

(c) When needed, the MDWFP shall initiate efforts to eradicate invasive plant species, at the earliest opportunity following discovery of same.

(d) PRVWSD payments according to the Payment Schedule shall be used to obtain chemicals and related supplies and services for aquatic plant control, at the bulk rates available to the MDWFP based upon the MDWFP's use of the same chemicals, supplies, and services for the management of state fishing lakes and other public waters and fisheries across the state.

(6) Amendment. This Agreement may be amended only by an agreement in writing approved by the respective governing authorities of the parties hereto.

In witness whereof, the undersigned have caused this Agreement to be executed with full authority so to do.

**Mississippi Department of Wildlife,
Fisheries, and Parks**

Pearl River Valley Water Supply District

By: _____
Lynn Posey
Executive Director

By: _____
John G. Sigman
General Manager

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

WFP will invoice monthly for reimbursement for services at the rate of \$125.00 per hour (inclusive of labor and chemicals), not to exceed at total of \$200,000.00 per year. The annual littoral zone survey will not be included in the \$200,000.00 for aquatic plant maintenance, but will be a separate expense charged at the rate of \$45.00 (inclusive of labor, fuel and materials) per hour not to exceed \$10,000.00 per year. Reimbursement will be made by PRVWSD upon approval of the respective expense docket by the Board of Directors. Reimbursement for the annual littoral zone survey to catalogue aquatic plant species will be made by PRVWSD following receipt of the final report and approval of the respective expense docket by the Board of Directors. PRVWSD will provide an initial advance to MDWFP of \$50,000.00 within 30 days after final contract approval by both parties for acquisition by MDWFP, on behalf of PRVWSD, of supplies and equipment. Each monthly invoice will provide a 15% credit of the total invoice amount until the initial advance is fully credited.

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