

**askHRgreen.org | FOG Education Committee Meeting Summary**  
**Tuesday, April 21, 2015**  
**HRPDC Office - Chesapeake**

Katie Cullipher, HRPDC  
Sarah Crawford, HRSD  
Michael Coy, YK  
Ron Johnson, HRSD  
Tory Askew, SU

Brent Werlein, VB  
Jerry Hoddinott, CH  
Regina Duncan, HA  
Brian Wilson, NO

The summary for the meeting is as follows:

**1. Meeting Summary**

The March meeting summary was approved.

**ACTION:** None.

**2. Events and Promotions**

April 17 – CNU Farmers’ Market Event, Newport News  
April 18 – Earth Day at Virginia Living Museum, Newport News  
April 22 – TCC CARES Earth Day Celebration, Chesapeake  
April 24 – Booker T. Washington Middle School Go Green Program, Newport News  
April 25 – The Hampton Roads Green Breakfast, VWC (Norfolk)  
May 2 – EcoFest, Norfolk – Need volunteers to staff this event!!  
May 5-6 – VRA Conference, Virginia Beach  
May 8 – VB Public Utilities Dam Neck Event, Virginia Beach  
May 9 – Culpepper Landing Earth Day Event, Chesapeake  
May 21 – Sensible Seafood Festival, Virginia Beach  
May 29 – Blayton Elementary School, Williamsburg  
June 18 – NASA Langley Health & Wellness Fair, Hampton  
June 27 – Olden Days, Smithfield  
August 4 – National Night Out, Virginia Beach  
September 11-13 – Hampton Bay Days, Hampton  
September 16-21 – Isle of Wight County Fair, Windsor  
October 8-11 – Peanut Festival, Suffolk  
October 12 – Keep Hampton Roads Beautiful Golf Tournament, Chesapeake

**ACTION:** Volunteers still needed to help serve on the golf tournament executive committee. Committee members wishing to reserve the trailer for an event should submit ASAP.

**3. Printing & Promotional Items**

Down the Drain brochures (15,000) and What Not to Flush stickers (5,000) have arrived.

**ACTION:** Committee members should make arrangements to pick up supplies as needed.

**4. HRFOG.com Web Development Tasks**

The development tasks from the scope of work have been completed and released to production. There was an error that occurred with the all-users report after the code was released, but that has since been fixed. HRPDC staff requested the ability to add more than one hauler on a user profile and the developer is currently working on implementing this enhancement.

Our existing task order with AECOM (formerly URS) ends on June 30, 2015, at which time our existing continuing services agreement contract period ends. An RFP for a new contractor has been issued and maintenance and development of the HRFOG.com website will be part of this new contract once awarded.

**ACTION:** Committee members are reminded to send record edits/corrections to HRPDC staff to help improve quality of data in the database. Katie and Rebekah will follow up on the changes Brian Wilson submitted.

## 5. Grease Trap Demonstration

Brian Wilson conducted a grease trap demonstration using a plexiglass grease trap he had custom-made. The plexiglass trap shows how grease travels through a properly functioning trap and accumulates vs being dispersed into the sanitary sewer system.

## 6. Roundtable Discussion

Committee members shared information and current issues with their FOG programs.

- Norfolk – Working on addressing food trucks & portable vendor commissary – Brian has list of vendors licensed in Norfolk but registered with the health department in other cities. Developed graphic of sludge judge to give to both haulers and FSEs to illustrate measurements (will share with the group). Purchased a seesnake camera for lines. Some health facilities in Norfolk are using an enzyme to treat wastewater; however, Norfolk maintains that they must continue with their GCD cleaning schedule in spite of the enzyme treatment.
- Virginia Beach – Issued two civil summonses – one for FSE certification and one for cleaning frequency. Changing the VB utilities bill to add icons for the other services collected via the bill: sewer, stormwater, trash. Something for HRSD to investigate: at the Walmart at Redmill Commons, grease is bypassing the GCDs and backing up into their manholes (see attached photo).
- Hampton – Have a shopping center manhole that is nearly blocked – working with the local FSEs to increase educational visits and inform kitchen staff of BMPs.
- York – Currently in the process of hiring an inspector to get the program going.
- Suffolk – Working on building the profile of FOG in the city.
- Chesapeake – Have not yet progressed on passing a FOG ordinance.
- HRSD – Looking at flow monitoring at apartment complexes in Virginia Beach to examine the waste stream at multi-residential properties.

## 7. Staff Reports

- The Committee approved the budget as presented.
- Coastal Virginia Magazine supplement was published in late March/early April. Additional copies are available from HRPDC staff as needed.
- The RFP has been issued for the askHRgreen media & marketing services contract and four responses have been received for evaluation by the askHRgreen review committee.

Award decision will be made in mid-late May and approved by the HRPDC board in June.

- Katie will send out a draft regional letter to haulers for the Committee to review and provide input. The final letter will be submitted from the regional Directors of Utilities Committee.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday, **19, 2015** at **9:30 a.m.** in Newport News.