

askHRgreen.org Fats, Oils, and Grease Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Zoom video conferencing or conference call

Attendance:

Amanda Albright, HRSD

Chad Krejcarek, PQ

Brent Werlein, VB

Jason Lee, CH

Lacie Wever, HRSD

Mike Martin, HRSD

Regina Duncan, HA

Jerry Hoddinott, CH

Tom Fauber, JCSA

Lindsay, Dierks, NO

Randy Estness, YK

Amy Ziemann, YK

Katie Cullipher, HRPDC

Rebekah Eastep, HRPDC

The meeting summary was as follows:

Meeting Summary

The Committee reviewed and approved the March meeting summary.

Action: None.

Roundtable & Events

Roundtable

- HRSD - HRSD FOG BMP for small localities updated, HRSD website updated (P3 website broken down into several categories including individual BMP page), pilot drug take back program moving forward (RFP for service providers, limited to five pilot locations), public education/outreach virtually
- Chesapeake – continuing to work on ordinance approval, MOA will be adopted in concert with the ordinance
- Norfolk - working remotely, virtual inspections and site plan review, would welcome feedback on FSE locations requesting food waste disposers
- Virginia Beach - published regional line flushing outreach as well as [GCD cleaning graphic for restaurants](#), no longer requiring 25 percent rule for high efficiency devices (using manufacturer recommendations), inspections continue, some FSEs have had to increase cleanings after COVID-19 menu changes, some push back from FSEs about using Swift Comply software, national hauler contracts utilizing local haulers for cleanings
- James City County - Pretty much business as usual, a Seafood restaurant was discovered to have heavy discharge and required to take action despite COVID-19.

Events

Busy spring schedule sidelined by COVID-19 closures. No decision at this time for many fall events, volunteer requests will be sent as needed. Virtual outreach through lesson plans posted on social media.

9/12	Go Green Market	Yorktown
9/17-9/20	Isle of Wight County Fair	Windsor
10/3	Virginia Beach Master Gardeners Fall Gardening Festival*	Virginia Beach
10/3	Arlo's Shed Radio Promotion	Chesapeake
10/8-10/11	Suffolk Peanut Festival	Suffolk
10/10	Lynnhaven River Now Fall Festival*	Virginia Beach
10/16-10/18	Poquoson Seafood Festival	Poquoson
11/10	Sensible Seafood Fest - Rescheduled	Virginia Beach
TBD	SEVA CAI Community Association Day	Virginia Beach

Action: None.

Printing & Promotional Materials

HRPDC staff were instructed to suspend purchases for a time due to coronavirus but have since been cleared to resume procurement as usual. The Committee approved the artwork and agreed to continue with the purchase of No Grease signs. The Committee also discussed and approved the purchase of six-foot extensions for the eight localities that participated in the order of Dip Stick Pro sludge judges.

The Committee discussed the What Not to Flush magnet game. The purchase could come from the reserve fund or be reimbursed from the FY21 budget (by spending less next year)

- Estimate for purchasing 20 games would be:
 - 20 sets of 19 magnets (game pieces and headings) - \$450
 - 20 game boards - \$677

HRPDC staff will send an email gauging interest from localities in receiving a WNTF games and plan to order two additional games for regional use.

The Committee discussed the FOG coloring books recommended by HRSD. HRSD has previously used the vendor for SWIFT coloring books which were very well received. The Committee would be interested in ordering but would like to make some content changes (FOG v. FOGs) and cobrand with askHRgreen.org brand. The Committee would also like right to host the coloring book digitally on the website.

Action: The Committee approved purchasing No Grease signs and Dip Stick Pro extensions. HRSD will reach out to get more information about customizing the coloring book. HRPDC staff will follow up with localities to gauge interest in receiving a WNTF game.

Regional FOG Contacts

The Committee reviewed the list of FOG contacts. Additional FOG information needed for Poquoson and Suffolk.

Action: HRSD will reach out to Poquoson and Suffolk to confirm additional information.

FOG Certification Site & Commercial Outreach

The Committee reviewed the FSE and Hauler Certification trainings. The Committee is encouraged to review comments and suggestions from Amanda:

- Need trapzilla picture as example for high capacity GCD.
- The Committee discussed removing cleaning steps for GCDs under 50 gpm from the hauler training. Virginia Beach does have small plumbing businesses who offer cleanings.
- Hydro-jetting graphic on slides 14 and 19 need to be changed from mop and bucket to something more representative of pressure washing like a hose.
- The Committee asked HRPDC staff to lengthen the Ts in the interceptor graphic included in the training.

Action: HRPDC staff will resend training and testing documents. The Committee is encouraged to do a final review of all training documents and tests before they are finalized for the website.

MOA Update

There were no updates on additional localities adopting the MOA with HRSD. HRPDC staff will continue to follow up with the Directors of Utilities until all localities have adopted the MOA.

Action: None.

Staff Reports

Budget – The Committee reviewed the budget. HRPDC indicated that reserve funds were used to cover overages for printing and promotional items.

Digital Marketing Report - HRPDC staff provided the Digital Marketing Report for review.

Virtual meetings - HRPDC now has access to a WebEx account so future meetings will likely utilize this platform.

Help 2 Others - The water/wastewater assistance program saw an increase in donations in March/April. Customer assistance/usage not yet available but HRPDC staff have been working with Salvation Army to ensure program funds were easily available for customers.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2020 via video conferencing.