

MINUTES OF MEETING
FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Jacksonville, Florida
May 8, 1959

The regular meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee was held on May 8, 1959, at the Roosevelt Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida. The following members were in attendance:

A. P. McIntosh	Florida Industrial Commission	Tallahassee
Ken Williams	Route 2, Box 424	Ft. Myers
L. M. McLean	Comm. Inspector, A.C.L.R.R.	Savannah, Ga.
J. T. Bayer	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville
L. G. Zelenka	American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville
J. A. Vickers	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville
R. P. Hulbert	Winter Park Telephone Co.	Winter Park
R. E. Raymond	Florida Power Corporation	St. Petersburg
B. L. Griffin	Florida Power Corporation	Monticello
C. R. Mayhew	Southeastern Telephone Co.	Tallahassee
W. B. Crays	Inter-County Tel. & Tel. Co.	Ft. Myers
Wilkins Linhart	Florida R.R. & P.U. Comm.	Fruitland Park
Sam Charleck	Inter-County Tel. & Tel. Co.	Ft. Myers
Stanley Warth	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville
Ben Darlington	General Telephone Company	Tampa
Jack Swaine	State Road Department	Tallahassee
M. N. Yancey	State Road Department	Tallahassee
A. L. Taylor	Tri-County Elec. Coop.	Madison
Homer T. Welch, Jr.	Lee County Elec. Coop.	Ft. Myers
Angelo Tabanelli	Southeastern Telephone Co.	Tallahassee

Mr. Homer T. Welch, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Chairman requested Mr. Tabanelli to give a report on the Notices of Intent. Several members outlined the purpose of the gas company to submit an intent of construction to the State Road Department and the utilities involved. Discussion and action from the committee was endorsed for a proposed recommendation to the gas company concerning a standard location for the gas utilities along state roads. Mr. Raymond proposed that a gas line should not follow a pole line so that the pole line could not be extended at a future date.

Mr. Yancey, of the State Road Department, stated some of the problems and advantages of buried construction for telephone and power lines. Many problems, such as commercial area survey, hazard, and safety, were brought up and discussed with fervent enthusiasm. Many members, who had the privilege to attend meetings on buried construction, expressed their ideas regarding advantages and difficulties that any utility could encounter by using this type of construction. The climax of the subject was reached when Mr. Taylor, of the Tri-County Electric Cooperative, pointed out that buried construction is a coming thing which will be standardized throughout the United States. Most of the program was very inspiring and stimulating. Mr. Stanley Warth and Mr. Ben Darlington couldn't hold their seats any longer and both had to express their opinions and ideas on the progress and complexity of utility means to serve the public.

Several types of switchings were verbally introduced to the membership. These transistorized magnetic switches have the capacity to reciprocate a call at 93,000,000 miles in eight minutes. It was also mentioned that under testing is a new machine called the "Brain Wave Amplifier", which has the ability to transmit and receive thoughts. Mr. McIntosh, of the Florida Industrial Commission, pointed out that man is

now what he was 2,000 years ago. The reflexes of a man mind are slow and compatible to what they were yesterday. He pointed out some facts and figures that industrial accidents and injuries shown pessimistic results. The State of Florida alone reported 17,000 accidents. In 1947, there were 32,000 policy holders; today, there are 73,000. That is due to the growth of the State, which has brought up many problems for the utilities.

Mr. Welch pointed out some of the growth problems that the power facilities encountered at rural residences. It seems that in the new subdivision at Ft. Myers, water softeners have been installed in the water system and connect with a transite water pipe. Needless saying, this will not have a ground continuity on the circuit.

Mr. Welch and Mr. Raymond outlined conditions found along pole lines in South Florida where woodpeckers are damaging the pole lines at a high rate. They discussed the use of concrete poles which have been proven very satisfactory.

An announcement was made that a sub-committee of transmission and protection has been formed by the Florida Telephone Association. Messrs. Stanley Warth, as Chairman, B. N. Darlington, W. H. Hawkins, and Angelo Tabanelli are members of this committee.

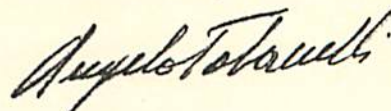
The climax of the meeting, being one of the outstanding as Mr. Herbert stated, took place when Mr. Hulbert read the following quotation:

"God, grant me the Serenity to accept the things
I cannot change, the Courage to change the things
I can, and the Wisdom to know the difference."

Through the courtesy of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Mr. Stanley Warth presented a film entitled "The Arctic Mission". For us today, life is an age of machines, atom bombs, hydrogen bombs, and guided missiles, and the question of "How did all of this begin?" was very well presented in this film. We discovered many answers of how mankind, through coordination and hardships, have built one of our outstanding defense lines called the "DEW LINE". From the quiet stillness of the Arctic, the rumbling of machines and tools, and the steady pulse of man dedicated to progress, kept the membership engrossed to see the exciting drama of defense achievements that are revolutionizing the Western civilization.

The next meeting will be held in Winter Park at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, August 14, and the Winter Park Telephone Company will be host. Mr. Herbert stated that he would be more than glad to have members come to Winter Park a day prior to the meeting so that a trip to the Chain of Lakes can be planned.

Respectfully submitted,



ANGELO TABANELLI
Secretary

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