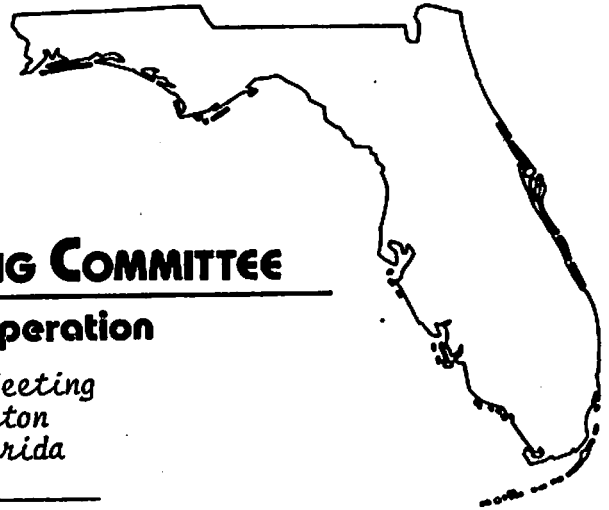


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FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Coordination Through Cooperation

50th. Anniversary Meeting
Tallahassee Hilton
Tallahassee, Florida
May 7, 1982

In the absence of Chairman E. T. "Ted" Carlson, who was awaiting the arrival of the Governor, Vice-Chairman R. P. "Dick" Hall called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with 71 members present. (See attached list). Following the invocation by Walter C. Holmes and the tribute to the Flag, self-introductions were made.

The minutes of February 5, 1982 were read and approved.

Vice-Chairman Dick Hall called for reports from the Districts. All Districts were represented.

Chairman E. T. "Ted" Carlson escorted the Honorable Bob Graham, Governor of the State of Florida into the room and introduced him to the members and visitors.

The Governor congratulated the F.U.C.C. on its 50th. Anniversary Meeting and for the many contributions the group has made to the State of Florida. He cited an example in which approximately 3 million dollars were saved through the cooperation and planning on a certain project by the local utilities, contractors, and F.D.O.T. personnel located on the lower east coast.

The Governor gave a short talk on the financing and scheduling of the interstate roadway systems as set forth by Congress. Florida has more International Financial Institutions than any State in the U.S. Florida, also, is the number one state in which new businesses desire to locate. We need to continue to move forward in providing the basic services, such as transportation, education, law enforcement, etc., to maintain this position.

The Governor responded to questions from the group concerning the 1¢ gas tax, high speed transportation systems, the role of railroad companies in the systems, and the role of the mono-rail system at Disney World.

The Governor commented on the proposed gambling casino laws and he is against these proposals. In answer to other questions, the Governor expressed his views on the States Evacuation Plans in case of enormous disasters; also, on the subject of generation of power by coal plants versus nuclear plants.

Chairman
Elis T. "Ted" Carlson

Vice-Chairman
R. P. "Dick" Hall

Secretary
Tom Priest

The Governor's speech to the group was covered by local television stations.

Coffee Break: 9:50 A.M. (Tom Duggar, Central Telephone Co., host).

New Business:

Standing Committee Report - Vice-Chairman Dick Hall read letter from Tom Lewis, F.D.O.T., concerning procedures for billing on reimbursable projects. Consensus of Standing Committee favors the mailing of invoices directly to the District Engineers with copy of cover letter to F.D.O.T. in Tallahassee. The contracts should include the address of the District to which the invoices should be mailed. Some of the Districts are already following these procedures. Also discussed the new Federal National Safety Code governing the gas pipe lines, which becomes effective in 1983. (Copy of law attached).

Curt Roane commented briefly on the activities of the bike-path committee.

Chairman Ted Carlson appointed Dennis LaBelle and Paul Mundy as Co-chairmen of the Federal Highway Safety Committee. Dennis LaBelle commented on the safety hazards to be explored in the program - to set up programs to define safety hazards to the various utilities, and design engineers involved on relocation projects and to establish guide lines for these projects.

Chairman Ted Carlson stated that the new Standards on Road and Bridge Construction, 1982 Edition, were available by ordering from Mr. Huey S. White, Documents Division, F.D.O.T., Mail Station 12, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

Chairman Ted Carlson read letter of April 12, 1982 he had written to Mr. W. M. Hilliard, Director of Maintenance, F.D.O.T. concerning clarification of permitting procedures. Read letter from Mr. Hilliard, answering the questions raised by the chairman's letter.

Chairman Ted Carlson read letter stating that Mr. Chuck Hanle's duties had been changed and he would no longer be with the group. Chuck is past-chairman of the F.U.C.C. Chairman Ted expressed his thanks to Chuck for his contributions to the group during his tenure as a member.

Chairman Ted Carlson read letter from Mr. Bill Hopgood, F.P.L., stating that his duties had been changed and that he would not be able to participate in the F.U.C.C. any longer. Bill introduced Mr. Bob Holstein who would take his place on the Committee.

Chairman Ted Carlson led discussion concerning the permitting of private air strips before the utilities are notified. Asked and received comments from the members on this subject.

New Business (continued):

Mr. Ed Williams, Southern Bell, commented on the Safety Standards' Booklet from California. Several companies have reviewed the manual and it does not include enough information contained in it to meet Florida Law. Several companies have initiated their own handbooks. The Manual of Uniform Traffic Safety Devices is very complicated and we are trying to simplify the rules into a smaller manual and still remain in compliance with the laws.

Vice-Chairman Dick Hall introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Ted Forsgren, Chief, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Forsgren gave a brief explanation of the set up of the Land Management Division of D.N.R. He explained the requirements for easements on submerged lands, upland lands, and the use of environmental endangered lands. He also covered the manner in which permit fees are charged for these easements on the various types of State owned lands. He requested input from the utilities on the formation of easement leases and will hold public hearings in different areas of the State to receive and discuss the various ideas from the people involved.

State owned lands are managed by a Board of Trustees as a trust for the people. The fees from permits, etc., go into a trust fund to finance the management of these lands. Maps are not available which show all of the State owned lands. The draft of the new proposal will be completed in the next 2 months. He wants 3 basic requirements to be put into the leases; the first is that it should be fair and reasonable, 2nd. should be a differential value for different uses, and 3rd., it has to be easy to administer. He stated that an original easement is an exclusive easement and D.N.R. will issue new permits without prior approval from original permittee. The fees will not be retroactive on existing easements.

Mr. Bob Ethridge, Seaboard Coastline Railroad, announced their promotion of a program called Operation Lifesaver. It is a free program sponsored by the Railroad and is endorsed by the Governor and other State Agencies. The film is available on a loan basis. The program is an effort to educate the public on safety at railroad crossings.

Chairman Ted Carlson introduced Mr. Larry Hand, representing Southern Bell of Georgia from Atlanta.

Chairman Ted Carlson announced that the next meeting will be at the Ponce De Leon Country Club, St. Augustine, Florida, on August 5, 1982. It will be held jointly with the I.R.W.A.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Tom Priest

PROCEDURES

State of Florida Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Utilities - Liaison

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Effective: 1 Jan. 1980 Distribution: F

Approved:

UTILITY

PURPOSE:

To establish a uniform procedure for Liaison between the Department and public, quasi-public or private Utility and Railroad Agencies operating in the State of Florida.

DEFINITION:

Liaison is the intercommunication between agencies so as to bring about the proper advance planning, cooperation and coordination of their activities.

POLICY:

1. All Agencies serving the public have a common obligation to provide their services at the lowest possible cost. Highway, Railroad and Utility people should be anxious to coordinate their respective advance planning, with the objective of eliminating costly construction delays which are bound to result from unresolved right of way problems. Conflicts, problems and past disagreements stem from lack of lead time. The adoption of agreeable procedure will permit sufficient lead time to largely eliminate these difficulties. There is no conflict of interest in this area between the Department of Transportation and other affected agencies because they are all public service agents. The public they serve are both taxpayers and ratepayers who should not be obligated to pay, as taxpayers or as ratepayers, any unnecessary costs.

2. All Utilities personnel of the Department will be charged with the responsibility of adequate and effective liaison practices between the Department and the Railroad/Utility Agencies.

3. To effectively coordinate the advanced planning of the Department and that of the railroad/utility agencies, the Department will apply the following practices:

A. Furnish annually to these Agencies, preferably on a Department District basis, a tentative construction program covering a period longer than heretofore available, at least five (5) years if possible. Program data will include route, location, nature of improvements and probable dates of construction.

B. At the time that highway corridors are under study, contact these Agencies and review any possibilities of serious conflict.

C. Notify all affected agencies of scheduled highway public hearings.

D. When a corridor has been selected, supply the affected agencies with preliminary plans as soon as possible.

E. When determining route and design, in fulfillment of our common obligation to accomplish the improvement without unnecessary cost to the public either as taxpayers or ratepayers, to consider the cost of Railroad and Utility work, whether or not reimbursable, along with traffic volume, traffic generators, cost of right of way and construction, etc. During the preliminary design period, to consult with the affected Railroads and Utilities and ascertain whether reasonable and acceptable changes are feasible in order to eliminate or reduce Railroad and Utility relocation costs.

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