



# FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

## Coordination Through Cooperation

### MINUTES FEBRUARY 14, 1992 TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The <sup>Winter</sup> ~~Spring~~ meeting of the Florida Utility Coordinating Committee was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Chairman Carlos Solis with 100 in attendance.

Larry Claxon offered the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Solis called for self-introductions and announced that the FUCC pins are available at the price of \$3.00.

Also thanks to Tri Duct Corp, Bill Stockton for the coffee and donuts.

Chairman Solis asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Fall meeting of November 8, 1991, in Tallahassee, Florida. Dennis Black, Secretary, acknowledged that changes have been made to the Treasures Report it was corrected to read Audio-visual \$751.22 new balance \$294.41. Also One Call Organization By Laws Subcommittee David Bixler and Denny Harris had been misspelled and corrections have been made. There being no further corrections to the minutes of August 2, 1991, motions were made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as corrected and to waive their reading.

#### HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Chairman Solis called on Mr. Bill Garrett to give the Historian's report.

**Fifty Years Ago** - February 20, 1942 Ridgewood Motel, Daytona Beach, Florida. Attendance: 13 Members. Chairman, H.V. Street, Florida Power and Light, B. E. Wilkerson, of Seaboard Airline Railroad was Vice Chairman and B. A. Galloway of Winter Park Telephone was Secretary.

Mr. Faraon gave a report from the committee appointed to investigate the telephone terminal boxes mounted five feet above the ground on power poles. The committee made no definite decision. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed the phone company and power company should reach a mutual agreement in the territory where this construction was being used.

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Mr. Green went over the proposed revisions on railroad crossing specifications. It was suggested that a meeting be held in Tallahassee for members to make comments before these new regulations go to print.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch, provided by Florida Power and Light.

**Twenty-Five Years Ago** - February 3, 1967, Causeway Inn, Tampa, Florida.  
Attendance: Power 22, Phone 8, Water & Sewer 3, SRD 2, and Public Service Commission 3, total 38.

Mr. Warth reported on his investigation into the safety aspects of buried utilities. The National Safety Committee is undergoing revision and will probably include safety of buried power and joint buried at their next meeting in March.

Chairman Broome read a letter from Florida Power Corporation concerning the problems created when the SRD issues house moving permits without the signed consent of the utilities involved.

Doug Cullifer (Gulf Coast Co-Op) brought up the problem of the theft of copper wire. Florida Chapter 822.10 (past in 1922 and never amended) now has an amendment expected to come before the legislature in April. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously in April. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously for the fcc to go on record as strongly supporting the amendment.

A excellent luncheon was sponsored by General Telephone.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Chairman Solis called on Vice-Chairman Mark Sweet to give the Treasurer's Report:

Balance carried forward from August 2, 1991	\$294.41
Receipts	
August 2, 1991, meeting registration 80 in attendance at \$5.00 each.	370.00
Expenditures	
August 2, 1991 Audiovisual Equipment, coffee & danish	523.61
Balance as of February 14, 1992	\$140.80

#### FDOT UPDATE

Chairman Solis requested a FDOT Update from Mr. Paul Kaczorowski. Paul deferred his report and introduced Director of Design for F.D.O.T., Bill Deyo.

Mr. Deyo went over policies, procedures, and accommodation guide for the F.D.O.T. The main objective in the next six years is to try and develop new policies and procedures to accommodate the new spending levels that congress has so graciously given us.

He discussed the departments needs to fine tune and re-evaluate programs and priorities, such as the status for the accommodation guide and the Utility Manual update. Those will be priorities at the department over the next few months. The most recent change with utilities in Tallahassee is part of the Federal guidelines that they decided that the department go metrics.

Bill Deyo introduced Jerry Sasser who is the new State Utility Engineer. He has previously worked in the DOT prior to accepting the District Utility Engineer's position with the Turnpike office.

Paul Kaczorowski commented the following reasons for the creation of the new position for the State Utilities Engineer. It was a result of the Department's commitment to the conversation to the metric system. He has taken on this assignment and will no longer be able to devote his time to the Utility Office. He will be maintaining the Base Map Advisory Committee position and continue with the development of the Roadside Hazard Safety Program. Paul advised department personnel to always keep involved in every aspect of the utility business such as; committees, permits, Utility Accommodation Guide, policies, procedures, etc. This business is very complex and without constant communication and involvement we will not be able to perform our jobs with efficiency.

#### **SPEAKERS**

Chairman Solis called on Mark Sweet to introduce the first guest speaker.

Mark introduced Maryann Koos, Department of Natural Resource Division of Recreation and Parks. She has been with the department of DNR for three years administrating the status of recreational trails program which includes trails for biking, hiking, horse back riding, and canoeing. Prior to working at DNR she worked for the City of Gainesville in the Traffic/Engineer Department. Also worked for the U.S. Forest Service. Graduated from the University of Wisconsin in College of Agriculture, Masters Degree form University of Florida in Population. She discussed permitting procedures in the State of Florida's Rail-Trail Program.

#### **BREAK**

Mark introduced the second speaker, Eve Rainey, Eve is the Community Program Administrator for Hazards Material Planning Section for the Department of Community Affairs Division of Emergency Management. Eve has been with Hazards Materials Section for over two years and at the Division over six. She has prepared numerous emergency plans at state and local levels and participated in variety of exercise programs regarding natural and manmade disasters. Eve gave a general overview of the Division of the local emergency program and the types of things that they do and the interaction between utility groups.

#### **BUSINESS SECTION**

Chairman Solis announced that there is going to be a National Highway and Utility Conference held on October 14, 15, & 16, 1992 in St. Louis, Missouri, Sherton Westport Inn. Early registration before August 1 is \$140.00 after August 1 it will be \$165.00.

Thanks to Tom Dugger for the help at the registration desk.

**District I** - Average attendance 80-85 people at the semi-annual meeting. Encouraging more participants in the local groups.

**District II** - Buddy Dees. Utility Liaison Committee was held February 8. Decided to have district meeting on April 24, at the Holiday Inn in Lake City. Jimmy Allbritton, Chairman, N.E. Fla. Tel., Beth Young, Vice Chairman, Gainesville Radional Utilities, and Bob Daniels, Secretary/Treasurer, Gulf Telephone.

**District III** - Tom Duggar. Meeting held February 26, 1992, at Chipley, Florida, at the Chuck Wagon House Restaurant. The program was on safety work zone traffic control and safety for short duration maintenance activity.

We are beginning to see more of the local groups get involved with local issues. In some of the counties they are not coordinating the design and construction of projects with the utility companies. the committees are writing letters and going direct to the counties to let them know what the problems are.

The local groups need to be assured that if they need help they can go to the district liaison committee they are in or to the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee.

I feel like one way to help this process is to have the local groups give reports at the District Liaison Committee meetings to keep them informed. I know some of the District Liaison committees do this now.

The education process we started in 1991 needs to continue.

**District IV** - No report

**District V** - Richard Taylor . Meeting held January 28, 1992 with approximately 140 present. Speakers were Mr. Bob Ellison who spoke on the role of the roadway contractor and some of the things that they face daily regarding utilities. He addressed that the idea that having the utility work included in the FDOT's projects is one of the best tools available to the utility industry and benefits that all can receive as a result. Our other speaker was Ms. Pat Blizzard with Florida Power Corporation with their Environmental Services Department. She was very entertaining and being a past attorney in Colorado which added to her good mix of discussion topics.

**District VII** - Ray Afeld. Meeting held September 27, 117 present at the Holiday Inn Surfside on Clearwater Beach. Our next meeting will be held on Friday April 3, 1992 at Innsbrook Tennis and Golf Resort in Tarpon Springs. Our guest speakers will be: Nick Zembillas, District 7, Utility Engineer, Bill McDaniels, District 7, Secretary of Transportation, Mary Figgs, State Representative, She is chairman of Transportation Board, and Jerry Poston, Federal Highway Administration. Luncheon to follow. Ray introduced his committee: Vice Chairman, Arlene McGee from TECO, Secretary, Bob Tittesington from City of Brooksville.

**Florida Turnpike Authority - Jim Haynie.** Florida Turnpike meeting was held in Ft. Lauderdale with 50-55 people in attendance. Molly Gibson was main speaker. She gave presentation on what the Florida Turnpike is all about and what the future goals are. Questions and answer period followed.

Another meeting was held in the Orlando area with 70 people in attendance. These meetings will probably be held at the same locations in the future.

**Announcements - Carlos Solis** welcomed Jerry Sasser to the group as a representative of the FDOT Utility Engineer. The group is looking forward to working with him.

#### **INTEREST GROUP REPORTS**

**Underground - Wayne Darden.** 12 present. The topics that were covered 1. Abandonment of utilities in DOT right-of-way specifically asbestos/concrete pipe and conduits. 2. Corrosion protection from pipelines that are to be crossed by gas pipeline that have induced cathodic protection. 3. Color coding of cables and conduits - I thank John Bergacker. 4. Lightning and the problems it causes with PVC pipe which uses tracer wire.

**Power - Larry Claxon.** 22 present. Had a wide range of topics. Discussed were: 1. 16' longitude clearance on DOT Right-of-way. 2. Current court suits involving fiber optics concerning rates on pole attachments. 3. Dennis Labelle gave an update on Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991. 4. Discussed standardize relocation agreements. 5. The need to have a consensus for the 3R Manual, green book, and the DOT Accommodation Guide. 6. Discussed maintenance of traffic plans and permitting. 7. Update on underground study. 8. Discussion on CSX Railroad Agreements, and 8. Discussed County Utility Guide.

**Telephone/Telecommunications - Doug Kettles.** Seven topics were discussed 1. Asbestos duct on how to dispose/relocate transit asbestos duct. 2. Utility Accommodation Guide, 16'-120 degree rule. 3. Color Code Conduit. 4. FDOT Metric Conversion, President Bush signed and Executive Order requiring all Federal agencies to convert to the metric system. 5. One Call 6. Environmental and 7. Relocation Agreements - A subcommittee has been formed to standardize these agreements.

**Utility Notification Center - John Shelton.** During the last quarter 2 new members joined the utility notification center: Cablevision Industries, Inc. - Winter Garden - Orange County, Indiantown Telephone Systems, Inc. - Martin County. There are other contracts in the formulative stage and will be reported on at the next quarterly meeting.

Since 1985 we have come along way from 4 one call systems providing coverage in 18 counties and no data base to a statewide coverage, computerized system and a statewide data base. Membership continues to grow -- 2 additional members since our last quarterly meeting and several additional in the developmental stage.

There is a lot of activity at this time in organization and legislative. More and more discussion is taking place on these matters our current plans in the existing system includes a redundant computerized system and many

enhancements to insure that we have one of the most modern systems in the country.

Projected call volume in 1992 is expected to exceed 300,000. A full cooperative and coordinated effort is essential for project growth.

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Utility Accommodation Guide - Dennis LaBelle.** The guide has some changes, Dennis will advise at the next meeting in May.

#### **Joint Use Subcommittee - No Report**

**CSX/DOT Right-of-way Subcommittee - Tom Duggar -** On October 17, 1991 C. J. Blanton got a copy of the new Florida DOT Rail Corridor Acquisition, Management and Development procedure from Scott Allbritton and sent, which I then received and gave out copies at the November 8, 1991 meeting in Ft. Lauderdale.

I talked with Scott on January 30 about the procedure. He said that when the procedure got to the DOT Legal Department they said since the procedure will deal with third parties they would need to write a rule to support the procedure. The rule is in development at the DOT Legal office. It should be in the Florida weekly in the next three to four weeks. The rule # is 14-105. Scott is looking at a May, 1992 date to implement.

I tried to line up a field trip with D.N.R. people to see a pipe bore and other construction in progress but the weather messed things up. The field trip has been rescheduled to later in February.

**Abandonment of Utilities and Disposition of Asbestos Subcommittee Report - Dick McConville.** The committee met to discuss problem concerning asbestos underground pipe regulations. The object of the committee is to encourage legislation on state and national level to separate asbestos used in building from asbestos used in underground pipes.

**Underground Utility Color Coding Subcommittee - John Bergacker.** See attached.

**Utility Pole Record Keeping - Larry Claxon -** Meeting was held Thursday February 13 in Tallahassee most of the members were present. Reviewed the 1984 New York States Department of Transportation's War on Utility Pole Accidents, also looking into various claim departments with various utilities for their input. Final recommendations will be brought forward at the spring meeting.

**One Call Organization By Law Subcommittee -** See attached remarks Chairman Dexler. Need feed back sheets - see attached. Please send in with comments.

**STEERING COMMITTEE -** See attached minutes from Mark Sweet

Chairman Solis disbanded the City/County Participation Subcommittee.

Chairman Solis formed two Subcommittees

**1. Joint Use and Relocation Agreement Subcommittee**

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Nick Zembillas - FDOT		813-871-7728
Bob Mewes - GTE		813-952-5689

**2. Standards Subcommittee**

Tom Kennedy - FPC	813-444-4628
Dennis Labelle - FPL	305-552-4438
Abby Dasher - FPL	?????

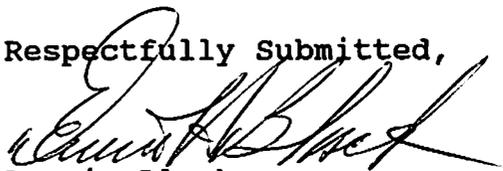
Paul Kaczorowski commented on the Standards Subcommittee. The December statewide District Design Engineering meeting, Ray Risner State Road Way Design Engineer discussed conflicts between the various set back requirements. Paul suggested that the Standards Subcommittee and Ray Risner should get together.

Paul introduced three new members of the DOT staff: 1. District VI Tonni Soto - Asst. to the Utility Eng. in Miami, 2. Lake City Dist. - Vince Creps - works for Buddy Dees and 3. Dist V - Tom White - Utility Coordinator.

Chairman Solis reminded everyone to please be prepared to discuss the Color Code and One Call proposals at the next meeting in May and be ready for voting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Solis at 11:46 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Dennis Black  
Secretary