

# FUCC Winter 2007 - Meeting Notes

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### WINTER MEETING

Sandpiper Inn, St Pete Beach, Florida, January 31- February 2, 2007

**Chairman**

Vincent Montgomery

**Vice Chairman**

Ron Popp  
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**Secretary**

Gary Monday  
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**Historian**

Tom Duggar  
850-599-1543

Chairman Vincent Montgomery called the meeting to order at 8:09 A.M on February 2, 2007. He gave his opening remarks that were followed by an Invocation and Tribute to the flag. Self-introductions of those in attendance found 65 at this Business Meeting.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Gary Monday reported that the minutes from the Mission Inn meeting are currently posted on the web site. Gary started to read the minutes and a motion was made by John Murphy and second by several members to approve and waive the reading of the Secretary's Minutes. They were approved as written posted on the web site. The group was reminded of the E-mail Group for the FUCC. To become a member of the group you should send an E-Mail to [FUCC@callsunshine.com](mailto:FUCC@callsunshine.com). In the subject line, type the word: subscribe, you will automatically be added to the group and will be receiving all future electronic mail outs. The FUCC web site is up and running at the old address: <http://www.fucc.org>.

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Historian Report- Tom Duggar

## FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE HISTORIAN'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2007

### FIFTY YEARS AGO – February, 1957

CHAIRMAN – Sam Gray, Florida Power Corp.

VICE CHAIRMAN – J. C. Clemens, Florida Power Corp.

SECRETARY – J. R. Henderson, Winter Park Telephone Company

NO MINUTES OF MEETING

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO: February 5, 1982, Harley Hotel, Orlando, FL.

ATTENDANCE: TELEPHONE 14, POWER 22, FDOT 11, GAS 4, COUNTIES 6, CATV 1, CITIES 2, ONE CALL CENTER 3, FLA PSC 1, Railroad 1, Consultants 3.  
A TOTAL OF 68.

CHAIRMAN – TED CARLSON, FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT CO

VICE CHAIRMAN – R. P. HALL, PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM

SECRETARY – Tom Priest, Sebring Utilities Commission

Members who attended that meeting that are still active in the FUCC are Dennis LaBelle, Rocky DePrimo, Eduardo Garcia, Jim Wright, Walt Childs and Tom Duggar.

Old Business: The Chairman, led a discussion on the charging of permit fees by some Municipals and Counties for right-of-way permits. There is a Bill (House Bill No. 612 ) in the Legislature now, authorizing Polk County to charge fees to occupy Right-of-Ways. It was reported that the Bill was dead in the House. Several Counties are already charging permit fees.

Mr. Ray Afeld, "Call Candy Center", reported on a letter to Fla. D.O.T., concerning the licensing of underground contractors in Florida. Discussion followed on Chapter 489-Florida Statutes concerning underground utilities. The Utilities are exempt from the Statutes when performing their own underground work.

The Vice-Chairman, introduced the first guest speaker who spoke on the subject of BREAK-A-Way Timber Poles. He presented a Slide presentation on the Market Trends and Facts concerning accidents on the Highway. He also presented alternate methods to eliminate the hazardous obstacles, such as; Reduce the number of poles – Go joint use; Lateral relocation of poles; use of break-a-way poles; slip base steel pole; staggered slot/shim concept of wood poles; and retrofit of wood poles by drilling holes in poles and filling with some type of substance. There is a possible need for further research and development by the various Utilities.

The second speaker, a Resident Engineer of Figg and Muller Engineers, Inc. He spoke on the subject of Segmental Bridge Construction in the Florida Keys (Long Key). This concept was developed in France by Mr., John Muller. He showed a slide presentation on the construction of the concrete segments to form the bridge. Each segment weighs approximately 60 tons. The Keys water line is to be installed inside the inner opening of each segment. Also, provisions are made for the installation of electric and communication lines inside the bridge. The bridge is designed to withstand 200 MPH winds.

Chairman, Ted Carlson, gave a brief dissertation on the Regulations and Procedures governing Quail Hunting.

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## Treasurers Report- Vinnie La Vallette

**Beginning Balance as of 12/31/06** \$ 14,725.88

### Income

Pre-Registration (@ \$50 each)	98	\$	4,900.00	
On-Site Registration (@ \$60 each)	11	\$	660.00	
Workshop Only (@ \$30 each)	4	\$	120.00	
Pre-Registration (@ \$50 each) by check	0	\$	0.00	
Spouse for Event (@ \$20 each)	0	\$	0.00	
Kid(s) for event (@ \$15 each)	0	\$	0.00	
Booth Rental (@ \$250 each)	1	\$	250.00	
Sponsorship Monies:		\$	6,050.00	
FDOT				
MacDriller				
OUC				
Southeastern Surveying & Mapping				
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		\$	11,980.00	

### Expenses

Acteva Fees:	\$	450.00	
Hotel Fee	\$	4,756.79	
Door			
Prizes (approximate)	\$	180.00	
Bank Fees	\$	3.00	
Hospitality	\$	253.20	
Hotel Deposit - Key Largo	\$	800.00	
Hotel Deposit - Howie-in-the-Hills	\$	500.00	
FedEx Expense	\$	9.52	
Meeting Booklet Ads	\$	1,800.00	
Gratuity	\$	40.00	
Meeting Planner Fee	\$	1,850.00	
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	\$	10,642.51	

**Ending Balance** \$ 16,063.37

Prepared  
by: Vinnie LaVallette  
2/8/2007

It is very important to the FUCC that everyone register via ACTEVA. Search word is "FUCC." When you reach the site, there will be four selections. If you have prepaid, please use the appropriate selection, there is No Charge, only the registration. With this electronic registrations, the Committee can plan for the meals and breaks at each meeting. Vinnie also suggested that anyone having trouble with the web site can simply send her a check for registration.

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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT REPORTS

### **District One** – Walter Childs, District Utility Administrator

We continue to have our monthly group meetings in the District. Our steering committee will be meeting within the next 30 days to plan our next District Liaison conference. This meeting will be held sometime within the next three months, probably in the Sarasota Area. If any of you have any good ideas for speakers please let me know as we will be looking for speakers for this meeting. Also, Jerrold Whitt will be serving as our new chairman for the District.

### **District Two** – Vince Camp – No Report

### **District Three** – –Bobby Ellis, (Traci Adkison)

Traci mentioned that they are working on the next Liaison conference and details will be forthcoming soon to the membership.

### **District Four** – Rocky DePrimo, District Utility Administrator

District Four continues to electronically provide a monthly status report of all projects in the production and letting cycle to the utilities within the district. The District encourages the exchange of electronic design files with all utilities.

### **District Five** – Gary Bass, 386-943-5254

The New District Secretary is Noranne Downs, formally Director of production, and the new District Director of Project Development is George Lovett.

District Five's annual Utility Liaison Conference will be held at the Radison Resort at the Port, Cape Canaveral, Florida. Working on the agenda now, call Jim Ferrell for speakers. Jim Ferrell in Liaison Chairman for 2007. Last years meeting was very successful and we are looking forward to another great year.

### **District Six** – No report Given

### **District Seven** – Sally Prescott

Spring Liaison conference is March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Pebble Creek Country Club in Northeast Tampa. Joint Construction Task Team has been developed that shares mobilization, restoration and other relocation costs. The development of the utility Adjustment Sheet task team will better depict actual field conditions on plans such as actual sizes of pipes, manholes (dimensions) and signal/ sign foundation locations, we also have implemented our quarterly Utility coordination training sessions and held our first session on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE DISTRICT** – James G. Kervin, Turnpike Utility Engineer

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#### FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE PROJECT UPDATE

**FPID 405270-1:** The Turnpike is conducting a PD&E Study for a new road corridor in Citrus County. The road will be an extension of the Suncoast Parkway. The Suncoast Parkway Phase II project will extend the Parkway from US98 in Brooksville north to US19 (Approximately 27 miles). Four possible corridors are being evaluated for impacts. Design will begin in early 2007 on segments of the parkway.

**FPIDs 403497-2, 403497-3, 403498-2 and 403498-3:** These projects extend the Western Beltway (SR 429) from Seidel Road in Orange County to I-4 in Osceola County, a distance of approximately 11 miles. SR429 is a joint project with OOCEA. The entire road is open to traffic with the exception of minor construction activities at the Mainline Toll Plaza north of US 192.

**FPID 406150-1:** This project will widen the Turnpike mainline from 6 to 8 lanes in north Broward County. The

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project starts just south of Atlantic Boulevard and goes to the Palm Beach County line a distance of roughly 7 miles. Final design is underway. Major utility impacts are expected.

**FPID 406146-1:** This project will widen the Turnpike mainline from 4 to 8 lanes from Beulah Road to SR50 in Orange County. The project is roughly 4 miles in length. Design and utility coordination are underway.

**FPID 406148-1:** This project will widen the Turnpike mainline from 4 to 8 lanes from I-4 to Gotha Road in Orange County. The project is roughly 4 miles in length. Final plans were submitted in January. Letting is scheduled for February 2007. A separate project to widen from Gotha Road to Beulah Road is under Final Design for letting later this year.

**FPIDs 406094-1 and 406097-1:** These projects will widen the Southbound lanes of the Turnpike Mainline from 6 to 8 and 10 lanes in Broward County between Griffin Road and Atlantic Blvd. Approximately twelve miles of the Turnpike will be upgraded. Construction on both projects is underway. There will be extensive utility involvement on both projects. The projects will be constructed in a sequence to allow utilities to relocate their lines. Both projects will take three years to construct.

**FPID 406092-1:** This project will widen the Turnpike Mainline from Atlantic Avenue to the Lantana mainline toll plaza in Palm Beach County from 4 to 6 lanes and ultimately to 8 lanes. Construction is underway and is scheduled for completion in 2008. A separate project to make improvements to the toll facilities at the Atlantic Avenue interchange is also under construction.

**FPID 406095-1 and 406095-4:** These two projects will widen the Turnpike mainline from six to eight lanes from the HEFT to Griffin Road in Broward County, a distance of approximately 6 miles. Ninety percent plans are complete and utility coordination is underway. Plans production is scheduled for completion in early 2007.

**FPID 406090-1:** The existing Mainline Toll Plaza on the Beachline will be upgraded with express lanes and is scheduled to begin construction in March 2007. The project to widen the Beeline Expressway, SR 528, in Orange County from 4 to 6 lanes, a distance of approximately 4 miles, from the Turnpike Interchange to Boggy Creek Road is being designed as a separate project for letting in 2008. The widening from I-4 to the Turnpike will also be designed and constructed at a later date.

**FPID 406091-1:** This project will widen the Turnpike Mainline in Orange County from 4 to 8 lanes from I-4 to SR528, a distance of approximately 6 miles. The project is under construction. Construction will be complete in 2008.

**FPID 406096-1:** This project will widen the HEFT in Dade County from 4 to 8 lanes from SW 117<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Kendall Drive with a reconfiguration of the existing SR 874 Interchange. Forty-five percent plans are complete and utility coordination is underway. Plans production is scheduled for completion in mid 2009..

**FPID 406112-1:** This project will add a new interchange at Jog Road and the Turnpike in Palm Beach County. The project will relieve crowding at the existing West Palm Beach Interchange at Okeechobee Boulevard. Construction is underway with completion scheduled for mid 2007. This is a Sunpass only interchange.

**FPID 406104-1 and 415905-1:** This project will add a new interchange at NW 74<sup>th</sup> Street and the HEFT in Miami-Dade County and include additional toll plaza lanes with SunPass Express Lanes at the existing Okeechobee Mainline Plaza. This project has just started construction this month.

**FPID 411237-1:** This project will add a new interchange on the Turnpike at Kissimmee Park Road in Osceola County. The interchange will give residents in the St. Cloud area better access to the Turnpike. Construction is complete, and the ramps are open for traffic. This is a Sunpass only interchange.

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**FPID 415462-2:** This project will relocate the existing Golden Glades Toll Plaza in Dade County, north to the Miami Gardens Drive overpass. Utility Coordination is under way and sixty percent plans are under review. Project calls for a late 2007 plans production.

**FPIDs 418976-1, 418977-1 and 418978-1:** The construction of Canal Protection Systems for canals within Turnpike LAROW in Dade, Palm Beach and St. Lucie County's is underway. The systems will include standard guardrail and cable type systems.

**FPID 406147-1 and 406151-1:** These are Design/Build projects to widen the Sawgrass Expressway from 4 to 6 lanes between Atlantic Blvd and the Turnpike. Construction is underway with a completion schedule of late 2007.

**FPID 420289-1 and 420289-6:** These are Design/Build projects to convert the existing Toll Plazas at Sunrise and Deerfield on the Sawgrass Expressway to Express lanes. Construction is underway and is scheduled for completion in mid 2009.

James G. Kervin, Turnpike Utility Engineer  
Lawrence R. Hayduk, Turnpike Utility Manager  
Rodney Little, Turnpike Utility Coordinator  
Vince Krepps, Construction Utility Coordinator  
Nick Vitani, Utility Project Coordinator  
Lee Davis, Sr. Program Assistant

## **CENTRAL OFFICE (C/O) Gordon Wheeler**

During the FUCC Business meeting on Friday, Feb 2, 2007, the following statements were made:

- 1) FDOT is going to contract a consultant to reorganize the Utility Accommodation Manual (UAM). There will not be changes to the regulations, the task is to make the UAM easier to use. As part of the contract, the consultant will conduct a survey of the users to identify their concerns and suggestions to make the UAM easier to use. Please participate in the survey if you are selected.
- 2) The UAM is scheduled to go to the rulemaking process on or around Friday, Feb 9, 2007.

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## **SUNSHINE STATE ONE CALL CENTER Mark Sweet**

### **Sunshine State One-Call of Florida, Inc. Report to the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee *February 2, 2007***

Call center operating statistics for the seven month period of June 2006 through December 2006:

- Incoming ticket volume was down 4% from last year with 1.1 million tickets received.
- Outbound ticket volume was down 2% with 7.8 million tickets transmitted to member operators.

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- The call center's average answer speed was 16 seconds.
- 60% of all incoming notices were received over the internet and 40% over the telephone.
- SSOCOF membership stands at 762 primary members and 236 associate members.

The implementation of 811, the new national Call Before You Dig three digit dial code, is moving ahead in Florida. SSOCOF has accepted the terms for provision of 811 service filed with the FPSC by BellSouth and Verizon. Final negotiations are pending with Embarq. SSOCOF estimates its total cost to implement 811 in Florida at approximately \$200,000 and is hopeful that 811 will be operational for all callers in Florida by the FCC deadline of April 13, 2007. SSOCOF extends a special thank you to BrightHouse Networks for its early implementation of 811 for all of its subscribers at no charge.

SSOCOF has filed its *No-Facility Zone Feasibility Study* with the Florida Legislature. One of the amendments to Chapter 556, the *Underground Facility Damage Prevention & Safety Act*, F.S., approved during the 2006 Florida Legislative session required SSOCOF to study the feasibility of the establishment or recognition of zones for the purpose of allowing excavation within such zones without notice to the system: (1) in areas within which no underground facilities are located; (2) where permanent markings, permit and mapping systems and structural protection for underwater crossing are required or in place; and (3) for previously marked utilities on construction of one or two family dwellings where the contractor remains in custody and control of the building site for the duration of the building permit. SSOCOF concluded its study with the recommendation that no action be taken now or in the future by the Florida Legislature to amend Chapter 556, the *Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act*, to provide for the establishment or recognition of zones for the purpose of allowing excavation within such zones to be undertaken without notice to the system as now required by the act.

With respect to the 2007 Florida Legislative Session, SSOCOF is seeking an amendment to Chapter 556, the *Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act*, to maintain the confidentiality of its members' proprietary business information that may be entered into the SSOCOF IRTM Net Member Ticket Management System or reported to the national CGA Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT) program.

SSOCOF has approved a new ticket definition to include excavation work to be performed on an area of undeveloped land of up to one (1) square mile. SSOCOF will revise its Excavation Guide and the January 2007 edition to include the following ticket definitions. (see paragraph 4 for the new definition).

SSOCOF Excavation Guide, January 2007, pages 24-25  
Locate Ticket Parameters

1. A locate ticket is valid for 30 calendar days. Day one begins the day after the ticket is requested. When a job lasts longer than 30 days, a new ticket is necessary. Avoid working on an expired ticket by requesting a new ticket two full business days before the current ticket expires. Remember, the business day after you request the ticket is day one. When requesting the new ticket, reference the previous ticket number so the information can be easily accessed.
2. One locate ticket may cover a total linear distance of up to one mile on any single street including the right-of-way and contiguous parallel easements, and up to 150 feet in either direction along crossing streets identified in the ticket.
3. One locate ticket may cover up to five individual addresses when work is done on individual properties rather than in the easement or right-of-way.
4. One locate ticket may cover an area of undeveloped land of no more than one square mile, provided that the boundaries of the undeveloped land area where the work is to be performed are described on the ticket. This ticket may also include work to be performed on any single street or right-of-way (as described in paragraph 2 above) bordering the area of undeveloped land. Work to be performed on any additional bordering street or right-of-way will require a separate ticket.

SSOCOF is entering into an alliance with the U.S Occupational Health & Safety Administration (OSHA). The purpose of the alliance will be to cooperate in educating excavators in Florida on both the federal worker

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safety requirements for trenching excavation and the State of Florida requirements of Chapter 556 to: (1) call before you dig; (2) wait the required time; (3) respect the marks; and (4) dig safely.

SSOCOF is entering into a Regional Partnership with the Common Ground Alliance (CGA). The CGA is a nonprofit organization dedicated the promotion of shared responsibility and implementation of the “best practices” in damage prevention. As a CGA Regional Partner, SSOCOF will be required to include all damage prevention stakeholders (excavators, underground facility owners, the public, etc.) in its meetings (as it does presently) and to promote the CGA’s best practices. SSOCOF will hold its first CGA Regional Partnership meeting on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 in conjunction with the CGA Expo at the Caribe Royale Hotel in Orlando, FL. For more information on the CGA, visit their website at: [www.commongroundalliance.com](http://www.commongroundalliance.com)

SSOCOF has issued two Requests For Proposals (RFP’s) from qualified technical vendors for development of a new Damage Prevention Management System and a Chapter 556 Enforcement Management System. Additional information for both RFP’s is posted on SSOCOF’s website at: [www.callsunshine.com](http://www.callsunshine.com)

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Sweet  
Executive Director

## FUCC MEETING PRESENTATION

### FUCC- “How we got to where we are today ! “ Dennis La Belle

Dennis presented a historic view of the past proceedings of the FUCC that provided much information to the new membership.

## INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

### JOINT USE – Roni McClinton- Chair

FUCC Joint Use Meeting  
2/1/07  
Tradewinds Resort, St Pete Beach, Fl.  
19 Attendees

- 1) Fall Presentation:
  - a. Don Anthony with Brighthouse, and others (TBD), will do a presentation during the Fall Meeting on the joint project going on in St Pete between Brighthouse, Verizon & Progress Energy.
- 2) Gordon Wheeler with FDOT stated that the FDOT 30 day removal notices are being looked at for changes.
- 3) Steve Nunnery with FDOT requested that the Joint Use agreements be reviewed and updated. The FDOT has been refused attachment permission recently due to clearance issues and other utilities.
- 4) Pole transfers have become a major issue due to the overturn of personnel in recent years. Joint Use attendees will bring in a list of contacts for their company for pole attachments. The list will be compiled and shared with the group to help update contact information at each company.
- 5) NJUNS – Attendees would like a presentation on NJUNS by a current user to better understand the benefits/downfalls of the system.
- 6) Pole Hardening – Attendees would like to know what the plans of the Power Companies are so they can start planning for the changes. Some are concerned that the changes may force other utilities into an underground situation due to increased spans, concrete poles, etc...



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POWER INTEREST GROUP: Tameka Holton, Chair

Power Interest Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2007

27 in attendance

- I. Update on hardening Efforts
  - A. FPL System
    1. Pole setting depth is 5' deeper
    2. Different pole class size changes
    3. Wind Loading Tools used- design for wind speeds of 150 mph
    4. Use of more concrete spun poles
    5. Using storm guys
  - B. Other Utilities

No defined hardening guidelines at this time. Hardening of facilities are not required at this time so other facilities are building to the local area standards.
- II. FAA Permits/Reimbursable Rights
  1. At this time relocation jobs done by other facilities have not been reimbursed
  2. FAA has a "No Notice Required Policy" meaning they do not have to give notice when there is a potential utility conflict with FAA regulations.
  3. Tools used to determine possible conflicts: Glide Slope calculations, Aeronautical Maps- shows utility facilities located within the airport
- III. Utility Company/Policy for Covering OH Primary Lines for construction
  - A. FPL, Progress Energy, SECO, and OUC do not cover OH lines
    1. These utility companies do not cover because this gives crew false sense of security.
    2. These utilities also do not cover due to liability reasons.
  - B. TECO Does Cover OH Primary Lines- Relocation jobs only
    1. Covers when asked by FDOT, contractor, subcontractor
    2. Requires 48 hours notice
    3. Sometimes TECO crew will assist
  - C. Clay Electric covers OH Primary
    1. Requires 48 hrs notice
    2. Clay crews sometimes assist, set poles, and spread conductor
- IV. Annual Education Seminar Presentation
  - A. Possible Topics for discussion
    1. Mast Arm Design & Installation
    2. FPL Hardening Guidelines
    3. FAA Permits
    4. Low Profile Drilling
- V. Possible Presenters
  1. Signal Technologies
  2. GBF
  3. FPL Representative from the hardening
  4. Spencer Barnes- OUC splicing
- VI. Power Interest Chair Position
  1. Darlene Calendar from SECO has volunteered
  2. T.K. Christie from Progress Energy has volunteered
  3. A vote will be taken at the next FUCC conference.

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## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS: Henry Bowlin, Chair**

The following are the minutes of the Telecommunications Group Meeting:

We had 28 in attendance representing Telecommunications, Florida Department of Transportation, Consulting Engineers, and Electric Companies. John Murphy, Gai Consultants, Inc. provided an overview of the process Pole owners should follow when preparing a FDOT work schedule, relocating poles with joint users attached. These same procedures should be used for conduit owners with joint users/facilities when relocating/replacing the conduit. Also, the FDOT utility coordinator should have a list of all the joint users and coordinate their dependent activities with the other joint users.

The latest Florida Public Service Commissions rule changes for Pole Inspections and Electric Plant Hardening were discussed. All of the Telecommunication providers are waiting to see the Power Companies plans and the impact on providing services.

The group discussed the annual educational seminar presentation that we will be presenting. Providing the volunteers and the materials come together, we will have a fiber optic cable splicing demonstration; a presentation on fiber optic cable in the telecommunications industry; fiber optic cable in the cable TV industry; fiber optic cable role in traffic control and emergency information.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

*Henry Bowlin*

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## **UNDERGROUND: M. Muller, Chair**

### **F.U.C.C. WINTER MEETING - UNDERGROUND INTEREST GROUP**

February 1, 2007

#### **Meeting Minutes:**

- 1.) Discussion about coordination with designers on FDOT Road Projects
  - a. Early notification - by utilizing the locate ticket for that purpose
  - b. During surveying - share as-built information to get as much information to surveyors to help them know what facilities are in the area.
- 2.) Discussion about bridge widening issues
  - a. Sit down with Bridge Designers to review pile locations, amount of area needed to driving propose piles.
  - b. Bridge painting projects over body of water –UAOs & Department need to review anchoring of Painter's barge
  - c. Discussed methods of isolation of a system and requesting a time sensitive windows for reconnections
- 3.) Discussion on Joint data base of Underground utilities
  - a. Pilot program underway two other districts
  - b. To follow up with progress of program
- 4.) Mark Sweet gave Update from One Call
  - a. Damage Prevention
  - b. 811 activation information
  - c. earth net software
- 5.) 31 was in attendance

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**UAM COMMITTEE- James Lormann, Chair**

Committee:

Please review the attached e mail received from Tom Bane, FDOT, referencing the Proposed Changes to the UAM to be submitted for rules changes. Return any comments or corrections to me by February 12, 2007, so I can forward to Tom prior to his sending to rules on February 14, 2007. If I do not receive any comments or corrections, I will assume The Proposed Changes are acceptable.

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*Jim,*

*The 8th bullet about the paragraph on the utility work schedule should have further said that the paragraph would be removed. I stated this in my presentation at the FUCC meeting.*

*Thomas R. Bane P.E.*

*Florida Department of Transportation*

*State Utilities Engineer*

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*Thomas R Bane/CO/FDOT*

To 02/06/2007 11:01 AM james.r.lormann@embarq.com

cc David O'Hagan/CO/FDOT@FDOT, Ananth Prasad/CO/FDOT@FDOT,  
Gordon Wheeler/CO/FDOT@FDOT

Subject FUCC comments on proposed changes in UAM

*Mr. James Lormann*

*Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee*

*Subcommittee Chair for the UAM*

*555 Lake Border Drive*

*Apopka, Florida 32703*

*Subject: FUCC comments on proposed changes in UAM*

*Dear Mr. Lormann:*

*The Department has reviewed all your concerns and hope that our responses resolves all outstanding issues as we prepare to go to rule making. You will find that we have made changes that deliver the results both the FUCC and FDOT desires.*

- In Section 8.4, First Paragraph, Second Sentence: we will add "it may wish to include," as you indicated.*
- In the Specification 102-1 we will add the following note at the end of the specification "Note: The Utility will construct and maintain detours, and provide pavement markings when called for in the Traffic Control Plan or when necessary to provide safe and expeditious movement of traffic."*
- Section 557-2.1 will be removed. Please note that notification is now covered in the Spec. book in Section 7-1.1*

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paragraph 10.)

· The revision note on Index 700 will be changed to “Should the provisions of this Index conflict with any other section of the UAM, the provisions of this Index will be superseded by the requirements found within the other sections of the UAM.”

- Index 600, Sheet 11 of 11, has been posted on the Utilities website.
- Index 613, Sheet 1 of 2 will retain references that signs may be omitted (for short duration work with other specified caveats).
- On Index 515, sheet 2 of 6, “crocking” will be changed to “crossing”.
- On the Utility Work Schedule the paragraph which reads “In accordance with Rule 14-46.001 Utility Accommodation Manual and the Utility Permit, for any excavation, construction, maintenance, or support activities performed by or on the behalf of the FDOT, within its R/W, the Permittee may be required by the FDOT or its agents to perform the following activities with respect to a Permittee's facilities; physically expose or direct the exposure of underground facilities, provide any necessary support to facilities and/or cover aerial facilities as deemed necessary.”

There are only two issues that could not be fully accommodated. One was revising the note on Index 307 requiring water supply lines in storm drain structures be submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Administrator For Drinking Water in Tallahassee. This requirement is for tracking purposes. The suggested revision would not achieve this; therefore, no change will be made. The other issue was the suggestion to limit revision notes by using the latest indexes even if they have not been “officially” adopted. Presently, due to the different time for updating our various manuals, the best method for incorporating indexes into the UAM is the present system. Improvements in this area will be worked on in the future.

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## NOTES from the FDOT FORM.

Gary Bass reinforced that page two on the Utility Work Schedules must be project specific. Don't contradict existing UAM and FDOT guidelines, be more job specific with all special conditions, examples given were , Storm restorations, splicing of cables, departmental approval to proceed dates, among others. Gary felt that the utilities should be able to use this special condition section to their advantage and not be redundant of existing procedures and rules that are already in place.

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

### STEERING COMMITTEE Ron Popp- Chair

Ron Popp conducted the Steering Committee Meeting; there were 16 present at the meeting. The following topics were discussed at this meeting.

1. The Committee will review FUCC By Laws dated May 8, 1998 and bring any changes to the body for approval.
2. Website update needed (colors, agenda's, committees, membership update), GAI will look into this matter, Vinnie Lavellette will get with John at GAI to combine the contact lists of new members.
3. Sub Committees also will be asked to provide topic information at our meetings. Each Sub Committee should come up with one presentation per year to be presented to the body at the meeting.
4. Meeting agenda's should be sent to John Murphy and copied to Dennis Labelle.
5. FUCC sponsorship already has over \$20,000. in commitments to the FUCC for this year, new Emertis for 2007 are Brighthouse and Embarq.
6. All hotel contracts for future FUCC meetings have been signed for 2007 and are in place.
7. The Steering Committee will present the landscape guidelines within the DOT R/W to the general body for recommendation to approve at the general meeting.
8. Need more meeting rooms or time allocation for all the sub committees to meet at conference, referred

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to Dennis Labelle.

## **E-BUSINESS / WEB PAGE**

Discussion was present on this topic at the Steering Committee meeting (Please refer to steering committee notes)

## **MEMBERSHIP** John Pugh –Chair

No Report

## **CONFERENCE PLANNING** Dennis Labelle –Chair

Dennis asked that to be copied two months prior to meetings to get all agenda's on web site for all meetings, and to make sure we have satisfied all sub committee's with time slots at conference.

Our next workshop will be on Safety Zones, along with an Ed Garcia presentation and also a presentation from The Kenton Group. Dennis said first module of Utility Coordination Certificate Program coming out and should be out by our August Meeting in Marco Island. All conferences have been set for this year and Dennis mentioned the additional allocation reimbursement costs from the FDOT has helped in his booking of hotels.

## **BANQUET COMMITTEE – Marilyn Pineau - Chair**

Marco Island will be our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary Banquet. The committee met and has assigned various areas dealing with theme, entertainment, program booklets and collection of items... Reports are to be made back to the Chairman at the May Meeting in order to finalize the August Event.

## **AWARD COMMITTEE- John Murphy Chair**

More details to come at next meeting. Just a reminder, all past recipients of FUCC Awards are members of this committee.

## **Strategic Planning Sub Committee- Jan Ash- Chair**

Strategic Planning Subcommittee Minutes from FUCC Meeting 2/1/07

Jan opened meeting at 8:10AM with 21 in attendance.....

Jan discussed the last two telecommunicating calls made within last two months and asked how the people liked it. All said they liked the telecommuting and asked that it continue.

Jan passed out our goals.....,

1. Develop Five year plan for FUCC
2. Submit Plan to the Steering Committee of the FUCC for approval
3. Seek FUCC direction and Focus to commit to the plan
4. Look at new and innovative ideas to create new membership, speakers, meeting agendas.

Jan passed out a handout at the meeting and reviewed the handout...

Discussed items included

1. Develop Plan
2. Submit to Steering Committee a five year plan
3. Vote at Steering committee to present plan to membership

Mark Sweet from SSOC asked that the FUCC consider his organization as a key component in their next by laws review....This would bring more awareness to the FUCC by emphasizing on the SSOC protection issue.

Web site needs updating....

1. Need agendas for upcoming meeting on website early
2. Can the Web site be used to pass on Strategic Subcommittee information to members?

We need to recognize that there is a changing environment and people need to know.... THE GOALS AND

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## OBJECTIVES OF THE FUCC FOR THE COMING YEARS.

Topics brought up at meeting (round table)

1. What is the focus of our group?
2. We need Structure in the FUCC to communicate
3. Need more Cohesiveness
4. Membership needs to set up meeting agendas for speakers not by Planner of conference.
5. Need a Legislative update form at our meetings
6. Need a strong education and speaker pool to draw from for meetings, not just fill up the time slots.
7. Make recommendations to Steering committee at each meeting
8. Review Bylaws

Each Sub committee meeting at the FUCC should specifically identify their topics

- Pole Hardening Issue
- Legislative Laws
- Publication issues
- New Underground protection laws
- Be more professional specific

Finally.....Promote a better relationship in the FUCC by working together.....

Vision..... It's Easy to work with people you know than with people you don't know.....Join the FUCC today

Jan will have another Telecommunication conference call prior to next meeting.

## **BUSINESS MEETING – New Business**

Ron Popp, Vice Chair explained FUCC voting procedures at the meetings to the membership as set forward by the BY LAWS.

Ron Popp presented to the membership a recommendation from the Steering Committee to adopt Landscape Guideline legislation as a working reference within the DOT Right-of-Way, in the State Of Florida. These guidelines were first presented to the FUCC at the winter meeting at Mission Inn. Ron Popp presented to the membership for final vote on adoption. The Guidelines are available on the FUCC Website.

Vote For adoption of guidelines 6

Vote against adoption 1

## **Adoption of Landscape Guidelines as a working reference within DOT R/W..... Passed**

The Spring meeting will be held at the Key Largo Grande Resort (formally Sheraton)

We encourage everyone to register on-line early to get hotel reservations

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11:00 am, to reconvene on May 4, 2007

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Respectfully submitted by:

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