

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
 FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE HELD IN
 DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA, THURSDAY,

NOVEMBER 10, 1949

The meeting was called to order at about 10:00 A.M. Thursday, November 10, 1949, Chairman V. R. Parrack presiding.

The following were in attendance:

F.A. Seay	State Road Department	Tallahassee, Fla.
John S. Cadell	State Road Department	Orlando, Fla.
S.R. Ryan	Florida Railroad & Public Utilities Commission	Tallahassee, Fla.
J.G. Spencer, Jr.	Florida Power & Light Co.	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Ken Williams	Inter-County Tel. & Tel. Co.	Ft. Myers, Fla.
Stanley Warth	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.
Sam Williams	Florida Power & Light Co.	Daytona, Fla.
Ralph Smith	R.E.A. Field Engineer	Thomasville, Ga.
L.F. Jones	R.E.A. Field Engineer	Jacksonville, Fla.
B.E. Wilkerson	Seaboard Air Line Railroad Co.	Norfolk, Virginia
B.A. Galloway	Winter Park Telephone Co.	Winter Park, Fla.
H.L. McKinnon	St. Joseph Tel. & Tel. Co.	Port St. Joe, Fla.
J.L. McGehee	West Fla. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Marianna, Fla.
J.M. Rogers	Florida Railroad & Public Utilities Commission	Marianna, Fla.
R.S. Davis	Fla. Power & Light Co.	Sarasota, Fla.
B.N. Darlington	Peninsular Telephone Co.	Tampa, Florida
John P. Hanley, Jr.	Florida Power & Light Co.	West Palm Beach, Fla.
L.G. Zelenka	American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.
T.J. Rudd	Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Arthur M. Brown, Jr.	Florida Telephone Corporation	Ocala, Florida

The Chairman called to the attention of the Committee that the previous meeting was the normal date for annual election of officers but by motion at last meeting the election was postponed until today. It was pointed out by Mr. Parrack and Mr. Darlington that through precedence of past procedure the present Secretary would become Chairman and a Vice Chairman and Secretary would be elected for the succeeding year. The Chairman explained his idea in making the election of officers the first order of business, that in so doing the newly elected officers could preside at this meeting inasmuch as the election was postponed. Mr. Warth made a motion that the present officers continue in office for this meeting; the motion was seconded and passed.

The next order of business was for each member to stand and introduce himself to the group.

The Secretary read the minutes of the August 12 meeting. There was no discussion or corrections and the minutes stood approved as read.

The Chairman welcomed several infrequent attenders to our meeting. Mr. Ryan stated that he had brought three members over from the Florida Telephone Association Convention just concluded. The sentiment was expressed from the floor that the telephone people were falling down on advertising our meetings through personal contact within the industry. Mr. Smith stated that Mr. L. F. Jones was now the R.E.A. Field Engineer for Florida and would be a regular attender.

Unfinished business was called for by the Chairman, whereupon Mr. Ryan renewed the discussion of Power line crossings over railroads by reading a prepared memorandum. This memorandum has been reproduced and is attached hereto as a part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Wilkerson expressed the opinion that general satisfaction existed on the E.E.I. and A.A.R specifications and that the main point of differences between these and the code being in the application of loading areas, or more specifically as applied to Florida the A.A.R. considers the absence of ice as basis for light loading area classification, however, the high winds being considered would call for heavy loading. It was brought out that local conditions were always a factor and provisions for such modifications are covered in the Code.

Mr. Smith asked the question if a hearing would be held by the Railroad Commission to which Mr. Ryan replied that it did not so intend under present circumstances but might issue an order recognizing the National Electric Safety Code, the E.E.I. and A.A.R. codes and pointing out the differences. Mr. Smith asked if the E.E.I. and A.A.R. have been adopted as a joint practice. It was verified that they have been approved.

Some discussion ensued as to the probable procedure which would be followed in the Railroad Commission reconciling the differences in the two practices. Mr. Ryan clarified the point by stating that the Commission desires the adoption of both practices.

Mr. Ryan asked Mr. Wilkerson that, in his opinion, would the Railroads accept the Handbook as the abiding regulation. Mr. Wilkerson stated that he feels they would accept it since only minor differences were involved.

Mr. Ryan emphasized that the Railroad Commission is standing firm on the acceptance of requirements as laid down in the Handbook, such ruling being publicized in the form of a telegram authorizing use of the Handbook specifications which was transmitted to the Power Companies some time in the past. Copies of this telegram may be obtained by writing Mr. Ryan. In the event of conflict between the power companies and the railroad companies involving the application or differences in specifications the proper procedure would be to write the Railroad Commission for a ruling, as pointed out by Mr. Ryan.

Copies of H32 Safety for Utilities published by United States Department of Commerce are obtainable by ordering from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, 25, D. C. - Price \$1.00. However, Mr. Warth suggested that the combined book U32 of the National Electric Safety Code be ordered.

Notices of intent to construct, received since the last meeting were read by the Secretary. Mr. Farrack asked for comments from the committee in regard to eliminating some of the intent notice which were limited in scope and of routine nature. It was the feeling of the committee that we cannot receive too many notices of intent to construct and pleasure was expressed at the cooperation displayed by the numerous letters.

Mr. Darlington reported to the Committee the results of his attendance on November 8 at a meeting of the Florida Voluntary Roadside Improvement Association held in Orlando. Mr. Darlington asked the State Road Department representatives for any enlightenment on the purpose and functioning of this organization. State Road Department members present were unaware of such an organization. The Chairman appointed Mr. Darlington as a committee of one to pursue this committee and if possible determine their purpose and intent. Mr. Darlington reported that the utilities were not involved in the discussion at the Tuesday meeting and that the main topic centered around highway sign boards.

Copies of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Florida Voluntary Roadside Improvement Association are now available and may be obtained by writing to the Secretary of the Utilities Coordinating Committee.

Mr. Parrack reviewed the election procedure as covered in the earlier part of our meeting adding that the precedence established was that the Secretary would be elected alternately from the telephone companies then from the power companies and that the railroads were considered as communication.

Nominations were opened for Secretary and Mr. Ken Williams nominated Mr. Jones, nomination seconded. Mr. Jones stated his reluctance to accept the job since he had not been attending the meetings in the past and was not well enough founded in the committee work. Mr. Darlington and Mr. Warth expressed the thought that it would be an injustice to Mr. Jones to place that responsibility on him for reasons he himself had stated.

Mr. Warth nominated Mr. Sam Williams which was duly seconded. Mr. Ken Williams withdrew his nomination of Mr. Jones and the nominations were closed. Mr. Sam Williams thus was elected Secretary.

For Vice Chairman, Mr. Zelenka nominated Mr. Ryan, who was duly elected.


Officers elected are as follows:

Arthur M. Brown, Jr., Chairman Fla. Telephone Corp. Ocala, Fla.
S. R. Ryan, Vice Chairman, Florida Railroad & Public Utilities Commission,
Tallahassee, Fla.
Mr. Sam Williams, Secretary, Florida Power & Light Co., Daytona Beach, Fla.

Mr. Zelenka expressed the desirability of this committee receiving newspaper publicity on a state wide basis by releasing an article following each of our meetings. The idea received unanimous approval through discussion which followed. Mr. Ryan made a motion that the Chairman be responsible for press releases following each future meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

The place for the next meeting was discussed. Mr. Sam Williams suggested Sarasota and Mr. Parrack made a blanket invitation to meet at any place in the Florida Power Corporation system. Tallahassee was discussed. Motion made and carried that the next meeting be held at Sarasota, Florida.

Following our business session, the group was entertained at the Ormond Beach Hotel by the Florida Power & Light Company. After a gourmet's lunch, we were conducted on an interesting tour of the hotel and its many facilities which were in the process of being completely redecorated. Everyone enjoyed it and we are looking forward to being invited back to Daytona Beach again.



ARTHUR M. BROWN, JR.
SECRETARY

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