

FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 1970 HILTON INN SOUTH
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

This quarterly Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee meeting was held in conjunction with the American Right-of-Way Association. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Verne Brown. Self introductions were made by those present at the meeting as follows:

W. L. Anderson	DOT	Bartow
J. M. Austin	DOT	Ft. Lauderdale
J. A. Bell	Fla. Gas Trans. Co.	Orlando
H. A. Bradford	SBT & T Co.	Miami
Ken L. Brown	Tampa Electric Co.	Tampa
Verne Brown	Gen. Tel. Co.	Tampa
John Cates	Southern Bell Tel	Melbourne
John Clark	United Tel. Co.	Avon Park
Glen Cock	Tampa Elec. Co.	Tampa
Bob Corn	Fla. Gas Co.	Orlando
Fred A. Dunkley, Jr.	Jax Elec. Auth.	Jacksonville
H. M. Erwin, Jr.	Fla. Power Corp.	St. Petersburg
Bob Foote	Winter Park Tel. Co.	Winter Park
John C. Funk	AT & T Co.	Jacksonville
H. V. Gardner, Jr.	Orlando Utilities Comm.	Orlando
Earl Garlotte	Orlando Utilities Comm.	Orlando
Marion W. Gilliam	Fla. Power Corp.	St. Petersburg
B. B. Godfrey	DOT	Deland
Earl R. Greene	Fla. Power Corp.	Lake Wales
John M. Gross, Jr.	Jax. Elec. Auth.	Jacksonville
Gene Harrell	Suwannee Valley Elec.	Live Oak
James Harrison	Fla. Power & Light	West Palm Beach
J. M. Haynie	DOT	Deland
Frank B. Hill	Tampa Electric Co.	Tampa
Walter Holmes	AT & T Co.	Orlando
L. D. Housel	J. E. Greiner Co.	Tampa
Jim Kellermann	Sumter Electric	Sumterville
B. A. Kempson, Jr.	Gulf Power Co.	Pensacola
B. F. Kickliter	Gulf Power Co.	Pensacola
W. W. King, Jr.	AT & T Co.	Jacksonville
Thomas E. Lewis	Clay Electric Co. Per.	Keystone Heights
Gary T. Mitchell	Fla. Power Corp	St. Petersburg
Doug Mullis	City of Tampa - Traff Planning	Tampa
Paul Mundy	General Tel. Co.	Tampa
E. R. McMath	United Tel. Co. of Fla.	Ft. Myers
Vince Nolan	Fla. Power & Light	Miami, Fla.
T. A. Palmer	Southern Bell Tel.	Jacksonville
Ben Prime	Fla. Power & Light	Daytona Beach
G. A. Reed	Clay Electric	Keystone Heights
E. M. Salley	DOT	Tallahassee
C. A. Sissons	United Tel. Co. of Fla.	Ft. Myers
Don Sterba	Fla. Gas Trans. Co.	Ft. Lauderdale
E. A. Thompson	DOT	Bartow
J. P. Vansant	City of Boca Raton	Boca Raton
Stanley Warth	SBT & T Co. (retired)	Jacksonville
E. M. Williams	SBT & T Co.	Miami
Clarence R. Wood	Clay Electric	Keystone Heights

Bob Corn read the minutes of the previous meeting held on May 1, 1970. These minutes were corrected by Glenn Cock who stated that the last sentence of the second paragraph on Page 3 should have read "Mr. Cock reported that a public hearing would be held in Tallahassee on May 4, 1970 and Verne Brown (rather than he) read a statement which they proposed to be read on behalf of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee at the hearing." The minutes were then approved as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

Verne then read a letter that he had written to Mr. Fred Vidzes, Director Land Management Division State of Florida Board of Trustee of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund dated May 11, 1970 outlining the resolution adopted by the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee at the May 1st meeting. The adopted resolution proposed that an Engineer of the Organization preparing a Trustee of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund Permit be authorized to prepare a map showing the project location rather than the present requirement of the Trustees, whereby the location drawing must be prepared by a Registered Land Surveyor or Engineer. Verne also read a letter from Dallas Gray dated May 14, 1970 which was in reply to his letter of May 11th. Mr. Gray outlined in his letter that our proposal was being reviewed by their legal council and that we would be notified if there were to be a change in policy relative to this requirement.

Ken Brown, Chairman, Roadway Lighting and Signal Installations Utility/DOT Joint Use Pole Agreements Sub-Committee, gave a report outlining the work done by this committee. Ken outlined that a third draft of the proposed Joint Use Agreement was now being reviewed by the members of the Sub-Committee and that it is hoped that this proposal can be submitted to the Department Of Transportation in the near future. Ken then handed out copies of a letter dated May 22, 1970 from E. M. Salley relative to the Sub-Committee work and the minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held on May 19, 1970 in Tampa. Verne then gave a brief outline of why a joint use agreement with the Department Of Transportation is required.

Kemp Kempson gave a report on the Signs Overhanging Right-of-Way Sub-Committee. Kemp stated that a meeting with representatives of the Department Of Transportation, the Executive Director of the Florida Sign Industry, and the representatives of the committee had been held in Tallahassee on July 21st. At the meeting, Mr. Bill Gardner requested that the Utility Representatives and the Executive Director of Florida Sign Industry, present a joint recommendation to the Department Of Transportation within 90 days. Kemp stated that one consideration of the Sub-Committee was to propose a corridor from 30 to 45 feet in the air where no signs would be permitted. Gene McMath and Chuck Sissons, of United Telephone Company both objected that the proposed corridor would not benefit the Telephone Companies. Gene Vansant, City of Boca Raton, outlined the zoning procedures in Boca Raton where a 10 foot set back is provided and a 10 foot utility corridor on front lot lines. Also the City of Boca Raton, has adopted ordinances, which for asthetic and safety reasons, eliminated blinking signs within 10 feet of the right-of-way.

Ernest Salley gave a report on the Utility Accommodations Guide. Ernest stated that contrary to the rumors which had spread throughout the State, the Accommodations Guide had not been officially disapproved by the Bureau of Public Roads. The Guide has been reviewed by the Florida Division of the Bureau of Public Roads which recommended that the Guide not be approved. The Regional office of the Bureau of Public Roads then reviewed the Guide and like wise recommended the Guide not be approved. The Guide is now being reviewed by the Bureau of Public Roads in Washington, which has not as yet given its approval or disapproval.

Ken Brown reported that in a new County Subdivision Ordinances Hillsborough County Planning Board will include a portion of the Utility Plan in New Subdivisions, as recommended by the Greater Tampa Utility Group. This group is doing an outstanding job in working with the City and County officials to solve Utility problems.

Chuck Sissons stated that United Telephone of Florida would sponsor the May meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee in Fort Myers.

Verne then outlined the procedure of succession of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee whereby the Secretary succeeds the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman succeeds the Secretary. Verne stated that Bob Corn, the new Chairman and Marion Gilliam the new Secretary had served as a nominating Committee and chose to place the name of Larry Housel, who is the Utility Coordinator with J. E. Greiner Company, as the new Vice-Chairman. Since no other names were placed in nomination Larry was unanimously approved as the new Vice-Chairman.

Glenn Cock stated that on May 4th, he and Verne attended the Department Of Transportation Secretary's meeting. At his meeting they outlined to the Secretary the appreciation of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee relative to the cooperation received from the Department in the adoption of the Utility Accommodations Guide. It was outlined to the Secretary however, that the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee still objected to the Set Back Criteria as outlined in the Guide.

NEW BUSINESS

As the new Chairman of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee, Bob Corn expressed the appreciation of every member of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee for the outstanding job done by Verne Brown as Chairman of Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee.

Bob then read a letter to C. J. Schenck, Deputy State Highway Engineer, from A. L. McKnight, Army Corps of Engineers outlining changes in the Corps permit form. Ben Prime outlined the Corps procedure relative to requiring permits from the Trustees of Internal Improvement Trust Fund, prior to submitting a permit to the Corps. It was suggested by Verne Brown that the Chairman write Mr. McKnight offering the cooperation of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee in reviewing and possibly revising the permit procedure.

The Utility Calendar for the remainder of the year were distributed, and there being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was followed by a luncheon hosted by Florida Gas Transmission Company. Appreciation was expressed by Verne Brown on behalf of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee, to Bob Corn for the excellent arrangements made for our meeting and luncheon.

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "K. L. Brown".

K. L. Brown
Secretary

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