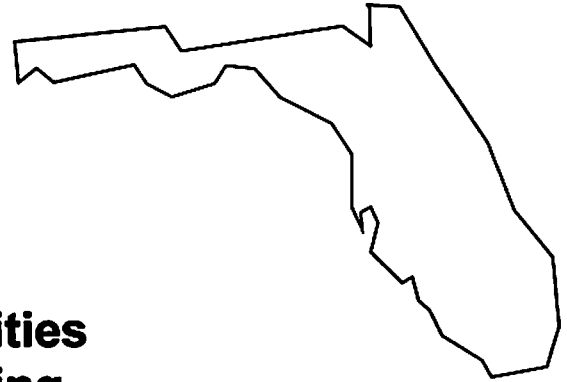


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MEETING MINUTES  
May 5, 2000  
Key Largo, Florida

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Tom Duggar  
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Chairman William (Bill) Hetherington gave the opening invocation and tribute to the flag. Chairman Bill Hetherington called the Spring Meeting of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee to order at 8:30 a.m. with 103 representatives/members and 24 spouses/visitors registered attendance.

Chairman Hetherington offered thanks for continuing support of: Osmose, No Cuts, T.B.E., Harding Lawson Associates, Softdig, and Sunshine State One-Call Center of Florida.

A special welcome to Key Largo was provided by Mia Perez, Chamber of Commerce, Division of Tourism. Thanks for choosing of Key Largo for one of your meetings. She handed out information packages with Key Largo information. She made sure that the dress code (no ties) was adhered to by cutting off Chuck Easterlings tie.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT – Janice Sands Ash**

A motion was made by John Jernigan to waive the reading of the minutes of the Fall Meeting held in Jacksonville, Florida, on November 7, 1999. The motion was seconded, and passed by a majority vote. There were 150 FUCC notices sent out

by e-mail, 100 by batch fax and 100 by regular mail. For efficiency and time, please make sure that you get your email address in to the registration table. We will be sending out notices by email that you don't want to miss.

## **HISTORIAN'S REPORT – Tom Duggar**

### **FIFTY YEARS AGO - MAY 12, 1950, HOTEL FLORIDAN, TALLAHASSEE, FL.**

**CHAIRMAN - V. R. PARRACK, FLORIDA POWER CORP  
VICE-CHAIRMAN – L. G. ZELENKA, AT&T COMPANY  
SECRETARY – ARTHUR M. BROWN, FLORIDA TELEPHONE CORPORATION.**

**ATTENDANCE: TELEPHONE 5, POWER 8, FLA. FOREST SERVICE 1,  
FDOT 2, FLA. RR & PUBLIC UTILITY COMM. A TOTAL OF 17.**

Mr. Ryan of the Florida Railroad Commission talked about a new published telephone operating territory map. Mr. Ryan began his talk by showing how situations develop where problems arise for telephone service to the public in various parts of the State. This problem of furnishing telephone service and determining which company is responsible for giving such telephone. The telephone companies agreed to prepare and submit maps of their facilities to the Florida Railroad Commission. The areas served by operating companies and prospective service areas were placed on a master map. There was no unclaimed territory. It was interesting to know that, of the 27 companies involved in this project, 21 are incorporated in the State of Florida. Three companies are incorporated in states other than Florida. One Railroad Company is operating a telephone system. One company operates on a strictly toll basis only. One telephone cooperative, not under the jurisdiction of the Florida Railroad Commission, operates at Cherry Lake, North of Madison, Florida. Today there are 10 traditional telephone companies and hundreds of other companies providing all sorts of services.

**New Business:** There was discussion about the construction program of the State Road Department with regard to giving notice to utility companies where modifications of highways and like matters drastically affected the operations of communications circuits in the event that contractors doing road work, begin work without previous notice to the utilities concerned.

### **TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO: MAY 1, 1975 – SHERATON HOTEL, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA**

**ATTENDANCE: TELEPHONE 9, POWER 11, FDOT 9, CONSULTANT 1,  
GAS 3. A TOTAL OF 33.**

**CHAIRMAN – H.V. GARDNER JR., ORLANDO UTILITIES COMMISSION  
VICE CHAIRMAN - W.J. HOPGOOD, FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT CO.  
SECRETARY - B.A. KEMPSON, GULF POWER COMPANY**

There are two members that attended that meeting who are still active with the FUCC. Dennis LaBelle and Rock DePrimo.

The Plant Protection Sub-committee reported that interest was increasing; however, the greatest problem was funding for the program. It was reported that in order to keep it alive, the members had to sell it to all the utilities who, in the long run, would be the benefactors of this program.

The guest speaker was Mr. Goff, Safety Officer of the FDOT. He began by stressing that the old practices of traffic safety control were no longer acceptable on Florida highways. After the manual became effective in 1972, it was discovered that there was considerable non-compliance. It was found that the manual was extremely complicated and hard to understand by many individuals. The manual is presently being re-written. Emphasis is being placed on the correct use of barricades, signals, and use of flagman at the proper time and place.

A sub-committee was formed to look at he proposed changes in the Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction and Maintenance for Streets and Highways.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT – Cheryl Ritter**

This is the average cost of the meeting when a Thursday Evening Reception is included in the meeting. After that meeting, the following is:

Bank Balance -	\$ 5266.50
May Registration-	\$ 2040.00 (103 registered @ \$20.00)
	\$ 240.00 (24 Spouses registered @ \$10.00)
Meeting Expens	<u>-\$ 5500.00</u>
Remaining Balance	\$ 2046.50

### **Special Announcements**

**John Jernigan -**

A merger that has just taken place between Bell Atlantic and GTE. The new organization is called Verizon. Verizon Wireless is a combination of AT&T Wireless and Primeco.

## **PROGRAM**

### **Panel Discussion — “Damage Prevention”**

BellSouth Representative – Linda Kavanagh

ACLS (formerly NoCuts) – Tom Lloyd, SE Director

BellSouth Representative – Lawrence Lane, BellSouth Network Manager

The purpose of the panel discussion was to discuss to Courtesy stops to review contractor performance and answer each contractors questions. The courtesy stop includes filling out a questionnaire that include all the vital information about the construction site, contractor and the compliance with the Damage Prevention Laws. There is a check about the ticket numbers with the One-Call Center. ACLS has done over 14,876 locates in one month in the Miami area. He has a program for return locates for high profile projects (600 pr or larger, Duct run, or Fiber Cable) that have prevented damage during construction. This program has reduced damages cuts up to 75% over the past 6 years.

**House Bill 2189 Update**

The current damage prevention law states that the excavator must have marks placed on the ground for the location of utilities. However, the law does not state a course of action the excavator is to take regarding the marks. The bill suggests that the excavator observe a 2 foot tolerance zone (horizontal and vertical) from the outer side of the marking, where he must do non-destructive excavation and exercise due diligence to take care to prevent damage of utility.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPDATE – Greg Williams**  
Passed out the "Explanation of Proposed Spec Documents" (see attached). There needs to be a response back to Ken Weldon By June 3, 2000. Comments will be integrated into the official draft that will go out for document before it goes to industry review.

**"Central Office Status Report of Utility Activities" (May 1, 2000) –**

1. The Specifications for the Directional Bore are available on the internet.
2. CADD training will be throughout the State. Please not the locations and numbers for registration.
3. Ken will be doing a presentation about the results of a survey about solutions to the removal of inactive poles in the ROW at the November FUCC.
4. Florida Fiber Network RFP is available on the Website.
5. All the forms on the FDOT website has the latest forms.

**UTILITY NOTIFICATION CENTER REPORT – Cheryl Ritter**

Sunshine State One-Call of Florida, Inc.  
11 Plantation Road, DeBary, FL 32713  
Phone (407) 575-2000 Fax (407) 575-2030

Current members total 576 with 93 associate members. Answer speed for the month of April was 15 seconds. The original goal was 30 seconds. The Sunshine One Call Golf Tournament will be May 19, 2000 at the DeBary Golf and Country Club.

**STATISTICS**

<b>April</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Inc/Dec</b>
Tickets	98,464	105,806	7,342
Transmissions	814,966	894,292	79,326
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Inc/Dec</b>
Tickets	368,445	446,453	78,008
Transmissions	3,015,070	3,808,551	793,481

## **BUSINESS SESSION**

### **FDOT DISTRICT REPORTS**

#### **District I (Bartow) – Sharon Luginsland for Walt Childs**

The Spring District 1 Liaison meeting was held March 22, 2000. The location was the Four Points Sheraton in Lakeland on South Florida Avenue. Attendance was over 90. Topics were: District Secretary Twiddy, Mobility 2000, Bryant Johnson 2012 Olympic Committee Report, and Tom Pridgen, FDOT Electronic File Transfer. The next meeting is September 2000 with the location to be announced.

#### **District II (Lake City) – Vince Kreps for Vince Kamp**

The District II Utility Liaison meeting will be held the second week in August at the Holiday Inn in Lake City. The agenda and topics are being finalized. A meeting notice will be mailed to all District II utility agency/owners currently on file with the District Utility Office in Lake City. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mr. Vince Camp at 904-758-3732 or email your address to [vince.camp@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:vince.camp@dot.state.fl.us).

The District Utility office continues to provide a 12-18 month let list to all the area local group meetings around the District. There are four group meeting locations; Jacksonville, Gainesville, Lake City, Palatka, and St. Augustine. Each location, except Jacksonville, is held monthly. Contact Vince Camp for time and specific locations.

#### **District III (Tallahassee) – Eddy Gooden for Donna Nichols**

The Third District Utility Liaison Committee meeting was held 3/10/2000. Each utility coordinating committee for Jefferson, Leon, Gadsden, Bay, Walton, Okaloosa and Santa Rosa/Escambia counties reported their local meeting date, place and time. The speakers were Mr. Malcolm Minchin, FDOT NTDES Engineer was scheduled to give a presentation regarding permitting. Mr. Edward Prescott, District Three Secretary, gave a presentation on "Mobility 2000" which is currently one of the largest initiatives in Florida. There was a brief discussion regarding the extension of I-110 in Escambia County, S.R. 87 from I-10 to S.R. 10 (U.S. 90) in Santa Rosa County, a connector road from Panama City to Dothan in Bay County, and Highway 98 six lane from Okaloosa to Escambia County. Mr. Tommy Barfield, FDOT Production Engineer, gave a brief summary of FDOT's Five Year Work plan in place of Mr. Gene Martin, FDOT Director of Production. Mr. Brad Martin of Sunshine State One Call (SSOC) reported they would be holding a full more extensive workshop at the next FUCC meeting in Key Largo and needed input from the utility companies. Their board of directors meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday/Friday of every other month. Mr.

Brian Blanchard gave a brief presentation on phase submittal and discussed the FDOT's survey on how plans are submitted. He explained the use of CADD file submittals. D3 is starting to meet on a quarterly basis with their maintenance department.

**District IV (Ft. Lauderdale) – Ann Ensley for Rocko DePrimo**

District 4 continues to mail out the district has a monthly mailing of it's production and letting report to utility owners within the district. This report is collated by County.

**District V (Deland)—Bill Richards**

No Report

**District VI (Miami) – Jim McKetrick**

Our next Liaison Meeting will be sometime in November in Miami. Our monthly Dade County meetings are being held in the mornings for better attendance. I would like to compliment Cheryl Ritter (chair) and Linda Kavanaugh (vice chair) for their work in trying to increase the membership of this group. The next monthly meeting will be May 31, at 9:15. For more info call Cheryl at 954-389-7328.

**District VII (Tampa) – Armando Hernandez**

The Spring District 7 Liaison meeting was held March 24, 2000. The location was Pappas Restaurant in Tarpon Springs. Attendance was over 100. Topics were: District Secretary Twiddy, Mobility 2000, Bryant Johnson 2012 Olympic Committee Report, and FDOT District projects on 3-D. The next meeting is September 29,2000 at Plantation Inn at Crystal River with a Golf Tournament to follow.

**TURNPIKE UPDATE – Larry Hayduk for Jim Haynie**

- Work continues on the new district headquarters complex at the Turkey Lake Service Plaza. Construction of the administration building will be complete in July, ready for move in August.
- Seminole Greenways E SR 417 – construction activity is underway on Project 2, Sections 1 & 2. Section 3, which is the I-4 link, will bid in June.
- Polk Parkway – all construction is complete. The 25 mile limited access toll road is now open to traffic.
- Western Beltway Project – the west bypass around Orlando is in design, 30% plan review is complete with 60% due in August. The project is a 22 mile project. Joint project with OOCEA. The turnpike south 11 miles with the I-4 link, OOCEA, north 11 miles with the turnpike link.
- Suncoast Parkway is a 44 mile Limited Access toll road north of Tampa. Seven sections are under construction with the first section expected to open late summer.
- Many projects are underway on the turnpike mainline including: general widening projects ready to bid. In the planning stage on a new high level bridge across St. Lucie canal.

- All of the service plazas are in planning & design phase of traffic and safety improvements.

## **INTEREST GROUP REPORTS**

### **Power – Mark Sweet for Rosemary Gruenbaum**

Twenty One (21) members were in attendance

Topics of discussion:

- FDOT Utility Subordination Agreement – Utility Task Team Status Update
- National Electrical Safety Code (NECS) – Proposed Change to Rule 354A “Spacing between Gas and Electric Lines”,
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC) CS Docket No. 97-98 Report and Order on Pole Attachment Cost Components,
- US Circuit Court of Appeals Ruing – FCC has no authority to regulate wireless attachments to Utility poles, nor attachments used for internet access.
- Unmetered electrical load on FDOT streetlighting projects,
- Restructuring FPSC Electric and Gas departments,
- NECS loadings and structural change proposals for 2002,
- Proposed Fucc website service center locator
- Proposed amendments to FS 556 – the damage prevention act
- Issue of SSOCOF Design ticket locate cost
- Proposed Fucc meeting format changes

### **Telecommunications – John Pugh**

Twenty four (24) were in attendance.

Topics for Discussion:

- Subordination Agreements – FDOT looking at taking of easement and changing forms to bring all up to date. Modifications seem to be minor, mostly verbage changes. The work is still in progress.
- Discussed Bill 556.105 & 556.108. Bill 556.105 talks about a 2 foot tolerance zone (horizontal & vertical) where the contractor must do non evasive digging. Bill 556.108 discussed service drops into private property.
- Educational Seminar – Covering fiber optics, how it works and how to splice back together after damage. Live Demo
- Discussion about cable ID tags. Put contact information or some possible codes. With all the mergers and new facilities being placed. There needs to be some way of identifying utility owners. Maybe tie this into Joint Use Group.

### **Underground – Steve Tidwell**

Twenty-six members were in attendance. There was a discussion about the following topics:

- The House Bill sponsored by BellSouth and Miami/Dade,
- New FDOT JPA Agreement,
- Design Tickets,

- Cheryl Ritter gave a Sunshine One-call Update,

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Subordination – Arlene Brown**

The Subordination Subcommittee consists of the following people: Sharon Liebman(BellSouth), Jean Howard (FPL), Rosemary Gruenbaum (FPC), Mark Sweet (FPC), Willie Jackson (Sprint), Ken Weldon (FDOT), Fred Loose (FDOT), Jerrold Whitt (FDOT).

The subcommittee has met for two days. The subcommittee revised the agreement and took it back to their individual companies for their approval. There has been some minor revisions again by some utilities, we are sending it back out to all subcommittee members. We will probably have one more meeting before the August Fucc meeting.

### **Steering –Chuck Easterling**

- A questionnaire has been developed for feedback from the membership regarding the amenities provided by the Fucc.
- The Steering Committee is looking at restructuring the meeting to serve the needs of the membership better.
- Motion was passed to establish a Website Development SubCommittee. David Appler (FPL) is the Chairman.

### **UAM/ Standards – Carlos Solis**

The goals of the Utility Accommodation sub-committee was to:

1. Develop standards that describe protective measures that have to be used by contractors/excavators when working around utility facilities.
2. Develop accommodation guidelines that describe optimum or preferred locations within the ROW. "Who goes where?"

The committee met for the first time on Wednesday May 3 and the following issues were discussed:

1. Discussed goals for the committee and developed a meeting schedule (next meeting July 12 in Tampa)
2. First phase between now and July meeting will be to perform research on all types of utilities and their individual preferences regarding working around them and what may be their safety envelope around their facilities.
  - a. Water/Sewer – Carlos
  - b. Storm Sewer for FDOT – Rocky DePrimo
  - c. Power – Art Gilmore and Dennis LaBelle
  - d. Telephone – Rich Mindrum
  - e. Gas – Dave Crum
  - f. CATV – Dennis Black
3. Describe current practice for ROW accommodation based on State, Local and Federal or Nationwide standards.
4. Develop a limitation matrix for each utility that will include:



- a. Regulatory restrictions – min. separations
  - b. Operational: new services, environmental, maintenance
  - c. Technical: min separations
- 5. Construction Issues – horizontal & vertical alignments to accommodate for such envelopes
- 6. Joint Trench issues
- 7. Issues brought up at the subcommittee meeting outside of initial scope that need to be addressed by the FUCC
  - a. Standardization of Relocation filing
    - i. Develop guidelines for style unification
    - ii. Issue is that each district – each reviewer has its own requirements regarding style and content
    - iii. Develop a “strong style” for each utility type
  - b. JPA Manual
    - i. Either update or rewrite to comply with current practices.

**Joint Use – Mark Sweet**  
No report.

**Electronic Permitting – Bill Hetherington**  
No report

**FDOT Pay Items – Carlos Solis**  
No report.

**CADD Transfer – Jan Ash**

CADD Utility Database – Per response to Ken Weldon request, the taskforce will investigate platforms for GIS and statewide database and make recommendations for a standard for a future Master Utility Location Plans that will be maintained by the FDOT. The platform will be maintained by FDOT and compile information from utility ROW use permits. The taskforce will make recommendations for the platform (GPS, GIS, NGVD) and the guidelines for information provided on the permit applications electronically. Team has been assembled. We are still looking for volunteers to assist in evaluation of various GIS platforms. We are in the process of gathering information about various GIS systems. We have commitment from CADD Development group to assist in provide demonstration software and a location for group hands-on testing. Over the summer, we will be doing much of our coordination by email and then performing a single meeting at CADD development.

CADD Transfer – There are classes being held throughout the state by FDOT for developing CADD standards for Utilities. This class information is highlighted in the FDOT Central Office Report.

**Membership – Janice Sands Ash (813) 221-2300**

Just finalizing the Newsletter. Format will be a one page tri-fold format suitable for mailing. It is set up for each meeting. There are segments for Chairman's

comments, District Utility Engineers column, Contributed Articles. We are looking for writers to contribute 250 - 500 word articles that will be reviewed and placed in the newsletter. At this time, the newsletter is a function of the FUCC. There is no advertising, but that will be addressed later if needed. The newsletter will be used as an outreach tool. Our first contributor will be Billy Hattaway, who will be writing an article about what the FUCC means to the FDOT.

Dennis LaBelle and Cheryl Ritter put out extra notices to Florida Keys Chamber of Commerce and the database utilities from the Sunshine one-Call. Our next meeting will be St. Petersburg, please email me your membership lists for extra mail outs.. With email and batch fax, we can cost effectively send out additional notices. So please send us mailing lists for the upcoming meeting.

There is a questionnaire being passed out as to the better ways to output information to the community and value of the amenities of the conference. We are looking for ways to provide better information in the booklet and newsletter. Please fill out and turn in before you leave.

#### **Conference Planning – Eddy Garcia**

- The conference planning contract will be extended to M&T Consultants for the next two years.
- Suggestion for next May here at Key Largo. The Summer meeting will be held in St. Petersburg.

#### **Program Planning – Dennis LaBelle (305) 279-8614**

National Highway Convention in Louisville KY: Two speakers from our group did presentations about the work currently being done by Florida. Arlene McGee spoke about relocation schedule and Jan Ash did presentations on Electronic Permitting and CADD Transfer.

August meeting at Sirata Beach Resort, St. Petersburg – Full Week of meetings. Value Engineering Conference meets Monday and Tuesday. TRB meeting is held Tuesday and Wednesday. The workshop is for "Permitting Made Easy". There is a golf tournament (miniature) get teams together, hot dogs, drinks etc.

Program Book – ideas for the Book, Things have been added. Please let us know. Agenda will try to break up for networking and longer lunch

#### **Awards and Nominations – John Jernigan, 813-664-6161**

The awards and nomination committee is actively looking at our new secretary nominations and potential candidates for the Malcolm Yancy award.

With no further discussions or comments, Chairman Hetherington adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.

The next meeting will be held August 2-4 at the Sirata Beach Resort in St. Pete Beach, FL. Please register prior to July 11 by calling (727) 367-2771. The room rate is \$89 plus 11.5% tax. Workshop Only is \$10.00 and \$20.00 for the full meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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