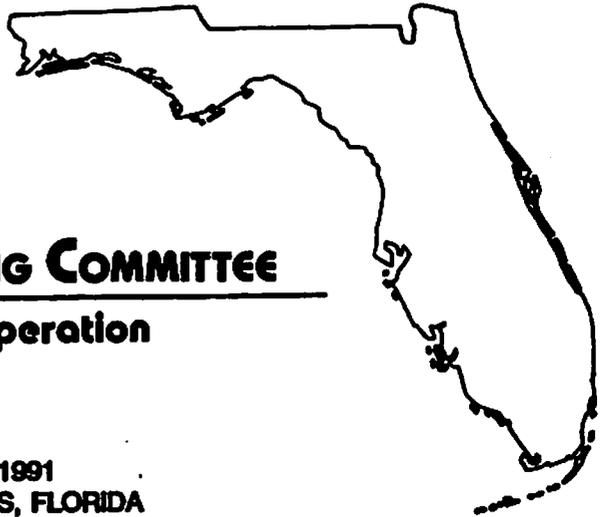


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FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Coordination Through Cooperation

**MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 1991
ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FLORIDA**

The Winter meeting of the Florida Utility Coordinating Committee was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Chairman Tom Duggar with 89 in attendance.

Chairman Duggar requested all those attending the meeting for the first time to complete a 'New Attendee Questionnaire' (attached), and return to Tom Kennedy.

Jeff Rodger offered the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Duggar offered a moment of silent prayer in memory of fellow FUCC member Mr. Vern Brown, who passed away in December.

At this time Chairman Duggar called for self-introductions.

Chairman Duggar asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Fall meeting of November 3, 1991, in West Palm Beach, Florida. There being none, motions were made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as submitted and to waive their reading.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

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

Fifty Years Ago - February 14, 1941, Tampa Florida. Attendance: Power 3, Phone 10, Telegraph 2, Railroad 1, SRD 1, FRRC 1, REA 4, total 22. Mr. Stanley Warth of Southern Bell was Chairman, and Mr. H. V. Street of Florida Power and Light was secretary. Mr. Linhart of the Florida Railroad Commission read a letter from the Bureau of Standards relative to the revision of the Safety Code for covering crossing specifications. The revision will be delayed, and the FUCC voted to give their full support to the commission on this endeavor.

Mr. Williams of Inter County Telephone and Telegraph complained the Lee County Cooperative had constructed a line from Ft. Myers to Pine Island that would materially affect his operations. A subcommittee was appointed to view the case and will report their findings at the next meeting.

Twenty-Five Years Ago - February 11, 1966, Tampa, Florida. Attendance: Power 15, Telephone 8, FSRD 4, Sewer 1, FPSC 1, Retired 1, total 29. W. V. Bottorff, Gulf Telephone was Chairman, H. D. Broome, Tampa Electric was Secretary, and J. M. Tinsley, GTE was Vice-Chairman. Hotel rates were \$10.00 single, and \$12.00 double. Beware of Pirates - it is Gasparilla week.

Mr. Broome and Mr. Salley reported on the proposed revisions to the Policy and Procedure Memorandum 30-4. Due to the complexity of the Accommodations Guide, the subcommittee has been increased in order to represent all utilities.

Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

Secretary

THOMAS J. DUGGAR

CARLOS SOLIS

MARK SWEET

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chairman Duggar called on Mr. Carlos Solis to give the Treasurer's Report:

Balance carried forward from November 3, 1990	\$967.05
Interest	3.50
Receipts	
November 3, 1990 meeting registration from 81 in attendance at \$5.00 each	405.00
Expenditures	
November 3, 1990 meeting room and audio equipment rental	(977.98)
Balance as of February 8, 1991	\$397.57

FDOT UPDATE

Chairman Duggar requested a FDOT Update from Mr. Paul Kaczorowski, who addressed the following items:

I. Training

Paul distributed a list of training courses (attached) and requested their inclusion in the minutes.

II. Utility Accommodation Guide

Paul stated that the work on the guide was complete and that the new guide, with the changes noted in the commentary distributed after the series of seminars, will go forward into rule making. Paul specifically stated that the issues of asbestos and abandonment were omitted from the revision to the guide for industry/FDOT study and future resolution.

III. Changes in Forms and Procedures

Paul stated that these items were currently under legal review. Paul further stated that although the waiver of corporate seal issue may remain unresolved, the responsibility lies with industry to set forth any initiative for amendment which his department would support. Paul stated that in the meantime, the FDOT will proceed with publication of a new directory incorporating those waivers of corporate seal received over the past six months together with waivers already on file. The new directory will be distributed to all FDOT operating offices.

IV. Utility Pole Safety Program

Paul briefly explained the shift that is occurring within the Federal Highway Administration away from interstate highway construction, towards increased highway safety, specifically the new Federal Highway Administration safety initiative for reduction of utility pole hazards within the Right-of-Way. Paul stated further that under Federal Highway Program Manual 6332, FDOT is obligated to actively pursue a program for reduction of utility pole hazards and must respond in writing to the Federal Highway Administration office by March 1, 1991. In this regard Paul distributed a utility pole safety program outline setting forth three potential areas currently under review by FDOT for reduction of utility pole safety hazards in compliance with the Federal mandate. The three elements are: accident clusters, project development scoping, and non-project hazard cure (see attached program outline). This data will be used in the development of a probabilistic model to prioritize safety hazards, allocate budget resources, and defend FDOT in liability lawsuits.

At this time Paul invited questions from the group. Larry Claxon, TECO, stated that current Right-of-Way acquisition policies drive designers to meet only minimum design standards and inquired as to whether additional Right-of-Way

could be acquired to fix Right-of-Way hazards. Paul responded that this was doubtful given the number of other alternatives available to mitigate Right-of-Way hazards which would have to be exhausted before additional Right-of-Way could be purchased. Paul estimated that the FDOT utility pole safety program was a year or more away from definition, however he felt that Fucc member utilities, and their legal departments in particular, would be interested in knowing that this program is under way.

SPEAKERS

Carlos Solis introduced to the group Mr. Jim Taylor, Vice President, Maglev Transit, Inc. Mr. Taylor is a thirty-three year old native of Orange County Florida, an International Affairs Graduate of Florida State University, and an Economics Graduate of the University of Basil, Switzerland. Mr. Taylor presented a brief history of the Maglev project in Orlando, an overview of the Maglev Technology and a video on the development of Maglev Technology in Germany. In 1988, the Florida legislature enacted the Magnetic Levitation Demonstration Act, which solicited proposals from companies for provision of the first commercially operated magnetic levitation rail system in the state of Florida. State certification is anticipated by March, 1991, with construction to begin in January, 1992, and final project completion by early to mid-1995. The proposed route will extend 13.2 miles from Orlando International Airport to International Drive. Each train will have a maximum capacity of 400 passengers, and will complete the one-way trip in about five minutes, traveling at a maximum operational speed of 250 miles per hour. The fare is projected at \$15.00 per person. Total project cost is estimated at \$600 million, with all funding to be obtained through private investment, principally foreign, (German and Japanese) sources.

Carlos introduced the second speaker, Mr. Scott Sidney, Lee County Electric Co-Operative, who presented a video on the Transfer of Joint Use Attachments. The ten minute video was produced by Lee County Electric Co-op, in cooperation with United Telephone and Cablevision Industries, for purposes of training Lee County Co-op line crews in the proper transfer of telephone and CATV facilities. Lee County Electric Co-op will use the video internally as a training aid and United Telephone will distribute the video to other power companies with which it has transfer agreements to assist them in instructing their line crews in the proper transfer of United Telephone Company attachments. Utilities interested in obtaining a copy of the training video may do so by contacting Mr. Scott Sidney of Lee County Electric Co-operative. There will be a \$15.00 - \$20.00 charge per video to cover duplication costs and postage and handling.

BUSINESS SECTION

Chairman Duggar called the Fucc to order for the business portion of the meeting. Speaking for Dennis LaBelle, Chairman Duggar referenced distribution of the review of ASHTO Guide for Accommodation of Utilities on Highway Right-of-Way, and requested that utility members review and forward any comments for revision to Dennis LaBelle by March 1. At this time, Chairman Duggar asked for reports from the seven FDOT districts.

District I - Bob Mewes

The District I Steering Committee met on January 9, 1991 to make the preparations for the up and coming District Meeting.

The District Meeting will be held on March 14, 1991, 700 Haben Blvd., Palmetto, Florida. Registration will begin at 8:30. Speakers are available to give presentations on: 1) asbestos, 2) flight recording instrumentation, and 3) the legacy of District I. I would like to extend an invitation to anyone that would like to attend. If you are interested please contact the Secretary, Larry Hammond at (813) 656-2181. We are expecting a turn out of eighty members and guests.

District II - Buddy Dees

District II Steering Committee will meet the last week in February. District II Liaison Meeting will be in April.

A proclamation was signed by Mayor Tommy Hazouri declaring the week of February 20 through 26 as utility awareness week (see attached). The utility awareness week was brought about by the Jacksonville Area Utility Coordinating Committee. The JAUCC will have a booth at the Home and Patio Show on February 21 through 24. There will be a "Contractor's Night" scheduled by the JAUCC on the 19th. A panel discussion consisting of utility contractor personnel will be on the program. The purpose of the Awareness Week is to encourage all citizens to become aware of the underground utilities which serve them and how to prevent digging disasters.

District III - Tom Duggar

Tom announced that the Steering Committee had met the previous week, and that the next meeting will be held on February 27 or 28, at the Chuck Wagon Restaurant in Chipley, Florida.

District IV - Jim Wright

Jim announced that the Steering Committee would be held in mid-February. A full meeting would be held at the end of March or early April.

District V - No Report

District VI - Paul Kaczorowski for Dennis LaBelle

The next meeting will be held March 28, 1991, with an extended session from noon until 4:00 p.m. for review of Utility Accommodation Guide revisions.

District VII - Tom Kennedy

The next District meeting will be held on Friday March 1, 1991 at the Bahia Beach Resort on Tampa Bay. The theme of the meeting will be the "Open Trench Safety Act Within Public Rights-of-Ways and its Effect on the Utility Industry." Speakers will include representatives from OSHA, FDOT Legal Counsel, and the shoring industry. There will be a technical session with field demonstrations in the afternoon. District VII is also sponsoring a Golf Tournament on Saturday, March 2, at Apollo Beach, a short distance from Bahia Beach. Anyone interested in attending the District VII meeting should call Bob Perkins at (813) 462-6795 or the Golf Tournament, call Steve Tidwell at (813) 871-7727.

Florida Turnpike Authority - Jim Haynie

Chairman Duggar requested a Florida Turnpike Authority update from Mr. Jim Haynie, who gave the following report. Paul Boria, Turnpike Maintenance Engineer, and Katy Petrokowski, Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Inc. Turnpike Permit Engineer, attended the Thursday segment and the first part of the Friday segment. They also attended the FDOT Group Meeting. PBS&J is working with the FDOT District II people on Bronnea Field/Choffee Expressway. We are involved with the N.W. Hillsborough Expressway Authority. Bill Anderson, HNTB General Consultant, is handling Utility Coordination with Turnpike review. We are managing the Design of the Seminole County Expressway from Alamo Ave. to US 17 and 92 in Sanford. The first project is anticipated to start construction in June or July, 1991. Utility coordination is being handled by Jim Haynie. The Turnpike Utility Accommodation Guide is in draft stage and will be sent to the proper person for review and comments when draft is complete.

INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

Telephone/Telecommunications Interest Group - Doug Kettles

There were 27 members in attendance. Pole Ownership Identification - All owners of poles are requested to submit their pole identification criteria. 1991 NESC - Discussed status of the 1990 NESC for communications companies. It may be approved in February, 1991. Also, several power companies, cities, counties and FDOT are requiring a minimum of 18 foot clearance across streets. Asbestos and Abandoned Facilities - Gene McMath reviewed the presentation made by Mr. Edward Palagyi, State Asbestos Coordinator, Bureau of Air Regulation in our morning meeting. CSX Railroad Subcommittee - Tom Duggar advised that Tallahassee has completed a written draft of permit procedures. They are also preparing an inventory of existing Railroad Right-of-Way users. CSX Railroad Permits - Ray Afeld advised that CSX has attempted to substantially raise fees for parallel permits.

Power - Lew Garfield

The group met February 7, 1991, with 28 in attendance. Topics of discussion included the work of the Joint Use Subcommittee, the status of the UAG and Maintenance of Traffic Plan, proposed NESC changes regarding power-owned fiber optic and communication cable clearances, the 1991 NESC, proposed FDOT mandatory pole identification requirements, standardized color coding of underground utility conduit, FDOT policy on payment for correction permits via company checks, status of ASHTO "Guide for Accommodation of Utilities on Highway Right-of-Way", FDOT "Waiver of Corporate Seal" policy, FDOT utility relocation directives and responsibility for coordination of conflicts with other utilities and utility clearance questions.

Underground - Scott Boggs

Scott announced that 21 attended the meeting of the previous day. Items of discussion included the AC pipe problem and Jeff Rodger presented an update of "One-Call" legislation.

PSC - Carlton Gray

Carlton announced that a request had been before the Florida House of Representatives for legislation requiring all utilities to bury their facilities underground in steel pipes. Carlton recommended that the FUCC give further consideration to developing standard guidelines for color coding all underground utility conduit facilities for safety reasons. He further reported that the Florida League of Cities had refused to sponsor legislation requiring utilities to place all facilities underground, as this requirement was not considered to be cost effective.

At this time Chairman Duggar requested a round of applause for retiring member Carlton Gray, in recognition of his hard work and many contributions to the FUCC. Carlton received a standing ovation from the membership.

Utility Notification Center - Chuck Sprouse

During the last quarter, two new members joined our utility notification center:

1. Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority - provides water service throughout the Keys to Key West - from their plant in Florida City.
2. Escambia County Utility Authority - provides water/sewer throughout the county and some gas service.

Combination Interest Group - Doug Kettles

Doug stated that all items of discussion had been covered in previous Interest Group Reports and had no additional information to add at this time. Chairman Dugger stated that the Combination Interest Group meeting was stimulating much interesting discussion between the various interest groups and that the next Combination Interest Group meeting would be chaired by Lew Garfield, Power Interest Group Chairman.

FDOT Interest Group - Paul Kaczorowski

Paul announced that the Interest Group met briefly the previous day with 15 in attendance. Some of the attendees included representatives from the underground survey industry and representatives from the Turnpike Authority. In addition Paul introduced Mr. Gerald Vickery, District III Utility Engineer.

At this time, Chairman Dugger requested a round of applause for retiring members Karl Froling and Bob Merrell of Southern Bell and Marilyn Pineau of United Telephone Company, in recognition of their contributions to the Fucc.

STEERING COMMITTEE

At this time Chairman Dugger requested Carlos Solis give the Steering Committee report. Carlos reported that the Steering Committee had established the 1992 meeting schedule as follows:

February - Tallahassee
May - Tampa
August - St. Augustine
November - Miami

Carlos reminded the group that 1991 meetings will be as follows:

May - Pensacola
August - Daytona
November - Ft. Lauderdale

Chairman Dugger brought the following Steering Committee recommendations to the floor of the Fucc for consideration:

1. A recommendation that a letter be sent from the Fucc to Paul Kaczorowski of the FDOT requesting the FDOT to revise the Waiver of Corporate Seal procedures to provide for FDOT recognition of incumbency and authority by corporate representative position or title rather than name. Motion made and seconded to approve recommendation as presented, motion passed.
2. A recommendation that a letter be sent from the Fucc to Mr. Gary Sokolow, FDOT, recommending that the Florida Administrative Code 14-96.006 governing fees and performance bonds to the FDOT, be revised to include the acceptance of company/personal checks for connection permits. Motion made and seconded to approve recommendation as read, motion passed.

Emergency Directory - It was requested that all companies supply the following information to be used in an emergency directory: (1) contact names, (2) phone numbers, (3) areas of responsibility, (4) addresses, (5) who to contact for engineering problems, and (6) who to contact for emergency problems.

Carton Gray of the PSC was contacted by phone to determine if and when the telephone companies would be updated from the 1983 NESG to the 1990 code. Mr. Gray did not have any information at this time as to when or if they would be updated.

A discussion was held concerning code violations. The pole owner is responsible for any attachments to their poles meeting all codes. There needs to be a post attachment inspection to determine if codes are being met. Some things to look for are clearance between cables, the bonding of guys to pole grounds and guy slack. The clearance over roads by the NESG is 15 ft. 6 in. and by the FDOT is 18 ft. Most companies require 18 ft. There needs to be a clarification of the NESG clearance of 15 ft. 6 in. at 120 deg F.

Pole Identification - A discussion was held concerning the identification of poles showing pole ownership. Mark Sweet, passed out a cursheet showing how FPC identifies their poles. Mark agreed to assemble a package of different companies pole identification specifications. Several companies had specifications to give Mark at this meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am with eight members and two guest in attendance. Monica Dunneho, Coordinator and Jim Evans, Inspector from the Orange County Cable T.V. Office attended the meeting as guests. Self introductions were given for the benefit of our guest. According to Monica Dunneho, Orange County is requiring cablevision companies to tag their facilities for easy identification. They are also checking for code and safety violations. Presently Orange County requires a tag on every third pole. The committee expressed a desire that Orange County would change and accept the tagging recommendations as adopted by the F.U.C.C.

Joint Use Subcommittee - Tom Sanders

Tom stated that Dennis had advised him earlier that he had no further information to report at this time.

Utility Accommodation Guide - Tom Dugger for Dennis Labelle

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Dugger appointed Dave Hall, United Telephone, to replace retiring member Karl Froling as Chairman of the Telephone/Telecommunications Interest Group.

- Chairman - John Bergacker, City of North Miami Beach
- Members: Jim Bates, GTE of Florida
- Gary Woods, City of Lakeland
- Jeff Rodger, Peoples Gas
- Carlos Solis, Pinellas County Water System
- Buddy Bowyer, Florida Power Corporation
- Scott Boggs, City of St. Petersburg
- Betsy Becker, Telesat Cablevision

Chairman Dugger appointed the following members to a new subcommittee to develop recommendations for color-coding of underground utility conduits.

Standardization - The committee agreed there should be a coordination of new jobs and relocations of facilities instead of standardization. It was suggested there be periodic county wide meetings involving all utilities to discuss new jobs and relocations.

CSX/FDOT Subcommittee - Tom Duggar

Tom Duggar met with Scott Allbritton on December 20, 1990. He said that a draft of the Acquisition Procedures has been sent to the head of the Right-of-Way Department for his comments; then he will send us a copy for our review. One item that Scott did talk about was the Railroad to notify the users of the Right-of-Way 30 days before the transfer and the FDOT to notify the Right-of-Way users 30 days after the transfer. Also has an inventory procedure for correcting the existing problems.

Tom told Scott that Mr. Mickerson was a big help for us at the West Palm Beach meeting. Also, the contact that he provided about the CSX billing problems was a help.

City/County Participation Subcommittee - Tom Kennedy

Presentations to Local and District committees on the State Liaison structure are taking place. The data base of Public Works Directors of municipalities with populations over 5,000 and of counties within the state was updated and invitations to attend the Fucc meetings as well as Local and District meetings were sent in early January. Copies of this list will be given to the Fucc secretary for future reference. District Chairmen were sent copies of the invitations to Public Works Directors. Also sent was the mailing list for their respective District so that they could include the Directors in notices of District and Local group meetings. etc. Data on the officers of District and Local groups has been updated. We suggest that the Secretary of the Fucc maintain this list and include District and Local chairpersons of all Fucc notices and announcements.

For the most part, the above activities finalize the initial direction of the City/County Participation Subcommittee. I would like to thank those who have helped in these endeavors over the past year including: Gary Wools, Dick McConville, Carlos Solis, Tom Duggar, Bob Perkins, Walt Childs, Bob Mews, Bill Stockton, Howard Goode, Mike Fahnestock, Don Schofield, Gene McMath, Jerry Butts, Jim Wright, Jack Ridella, Richard Taylor, Billy Lewis, John Farkas, Jeff Rodger, Karl Froling, Bill Garrett and Juan Lopez. Remaining activities include completion of the presentations to Local and District groups, establishing communication with city and county utility engineers or coordinators and implementation of a Fucc newsletter. Also, Mike Fahnestock's task force is continuing to study driveway permitting procedures.

A natural shift in direction for the Subcommittee is to emphasize continued communication and coordination with cities and municipalities and as such the subcommittee is renamed the City/County Coordination Subcommittee.

Tom presented a recommendation that a new Subcommittee be established to publish a quarterly newsletter. Chairman Duggar brought this recommendation before the membership and the motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation as presented, motion passed. Chairman Duggar appointed Carlos Solis as chairman of the new Subcommittee. Carlos will select from among the membership volunteers interested in participating on this Subcommittee.

Abandonment of Utilities and Disposition of Asbestos Subcommittee Report - Gene McMath

The Subcommittee met on January 10, 1991 at the United Telephone Company of Florida General Office Building in Apopka. The committee reviewed the proposed asbestos rules set forth by the Florida Department of Environmental Regulations' air resources management division and the affects they will have on the utilities. The committee suggested that Edward Palagyi, State Asbestos Coordinator be contacted to address the committee prior to the Fucc meeting on February 7, 1991. This was arranged and the committee will meet on February 7, 1991. There were 16 at the meeting.

The Subcommittee met on February 7, 1991, at the Winter Meeting of the Fucc. There were 15 in attendance. Mr. Edward Palagyi, State Asbestos Coordinator for the Bureau of Air Regulation, addressed the NESHAP asbestos regulation and the proposed rule for removal fee and application to be paid to the Bureau of Air Regulation. The group then discussed every aspect of the removal of transite duct. The committee after the discussion felt that there are three areas to be addressed in regards to asbestos: environmental, safety, and abandonment. The next meeting will be in March.

One-Call Legislation - Jeff Rodger

Jeff reports that One-Call Legislation is "up in the air" at present. A draft bill has been circulated by the Science and Industry Committee, but has not been recorded. The only significant changes at present are that the matter has not been assigned to a government department and there is no governing board. Action is expected on this legislation in the near future and Jeff advises all member utilities to keep in contact with their lobbyists on this issue.

OTHER BUSINESS

On behalf of the Fucc, Chairman Duggar thanked Mr. Gene McMath for United Telephone's hospitality in hosting the Winter Meeting of the Fucc in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

Chairman Duggar requested whether that there was any other business to be brought before the Fucc at this time..

Larry Claxon, TECO, inquired as to the status of the Fucc recommendation that a letter be sent to FDOT requesting a change in driveway permit procedures. Chairman Duggar responded that a letter had been sent to Mr. Gary Sokolow, FDOT, February 20, to which Mr. Sokolow had replied that Administrative Code 14-96.006 was being rewritten and a draft would be forwarded to the Fucc for review.

Next Meeting

Chairman Duggar announced that the Spring Meeting of the Florida Utility Coordinating Committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 2 and Friday May 3, 1991, at the Pensacola Hilton in Pensacola, Florida. Chairman Duggar further announced that Mr. Don Schofield is hosting a tour of the Gulf Power Complex on Thursday, May 2. Those interested in participating should plan to meet in the Hotel lobby at 10:00 am.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Duggar at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Sweet
Secretary